

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER February 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 67 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 71 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs

Diary dates (Peter Edwards)

By popular request, I've summarised the diary dates as follows (unless otherwise stated, in the Village Hall). Refer to the individual entries for details.

Every Monday – Art For St Bart's

Every Wednesday – Pilates

Every Thursday am – Art Group

Fri 3 Feb – Walking Group

Thu 9 Feb – Garden Guild

Sat 11 Feb – Film Night

Fri 17 Feb – Walking Group

Sat 18 Feb – Mr & Mrs Quiz with Tapas

Sun 25 Feb – Breakfast club

Tue 14 Mar – Parish Council

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Now is the time to start the beginners PILATES with Emma Wollaston on Wednesday evenings at 6.30. For more information contact ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Meet this month of Friday the 3rd and Friday the 17th. Walks between 4 to 5 miles. Must be able to climb stiles. All ages welcome. Walk starts 10.00 at the Village Hall

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At our last council meeting on 10th January we agreed to donate grants to both churches for the maintenance of the church yards. Confirmation of acceptance has been received from our preferred contractor to install a disability ramp at Quinney Hall. Quotations have been requested from suitable contractors for the mowing of the parish field at Canwell. We set our precept at a 5% increase on last year. Because of central government austerity this will appear on your community charge bill as about an 8% increase. A decision was made, at this meeting, that appears to have upset a council member and has unfortunately had repercussions not connected with Parish matters. Just a reminder that there is a fifteen-minute section at the start of each meeting for the public to have a say on any parish matters that they wish to raise. The parish web site is now operating and is updated regularly. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th March in Hints Hall at 7.30. This will be preceded by our annual meeting at 7.15. usually a very short meeting.

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

The Hints Golf Society held their Presentation Evening on Monday, 16th January at The Fox Inn, Hopwas. It was a change to the usual Christmas Party as several members were away before Christmas but it was a great turnout with 17 of us enjoying the food and drink at The Fox. HGS President, Simon Clarke, gave a brief summary of the 2016 golfing season, the closest competition yet in the Society! The President's Plate was then presented to Stuart Turton for winning the Order of Merit (see photo) who had narrowly beaten Johnny Shaw on count back after playing consistent golf throughout the year. Well done Stu - very well deserved!!



Elaine then gave an overview of the courses that the Society is planning to play this season and confirmed details of The Spring Tour (19th/20th March 2017) to Northampton, which is the start of the HGS golfing year. Thanks must go to Chris Meadows for his hard work looking after the handicaps for the last 4 years. The Society is now moving into the 21st Century with their own golf society web page which Stu Turton has found and is going to look after. However, we really would like some new members so if you play golf and would like to join us for a game, please do get in touch. HGS is a very friendly group with a wide range of golfing abilities and you don't have to commit to playing every month. It's a great way to play local courses and have a good laugh and we'd love to see some new faces!

So, if you fancy joining us, please do get in touch to find out more - email Simon: simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk or Elaine: elaine@manorfarmfruits.co.uk

Mr & Mrs Quiz (Debbie Whittaker)

On Saturday 18th February, with a TAPAS evening with Gilly Needle and Graham Whittaker as the Quiz masters. Please book before the 12th February. Contact Debbie at Debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Beetle Drive (Sally Shepherd)

A big thank you to all who supported this event held at The Village Hall. There were 63 people who played and we raised **£372** which is a fantastic achievement and will help towards the annual running costs of the church. The Adult 2017 Beetle Champion was Emily Hatch and the Junior 2017 Beetle Champion was Jack Webb. It was a most enjoyable evening and was a great opportunity to socialise with friends, villagers (old and new) and visitors. Thank you to all members of the PCC and villagers that helped, organise, sell tickets etc. Also to Gill Needle for organising the delicious Fish and Chips, Lloyd for running the Raffle, David Fifield for being "The Beetle" MC and adjudicator, John Toogood for stocking the bar and Sue Petford for delivering us all with much needed Liquid Refreshments.

We are currently in the process of arranging "**A Concert in the Church**" this July with **The Tamworth Male Voice Choir**". Dates etc. to follow.



Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Progressing through the 18th 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, all proceeds to St Bart's.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club is on 25 February - contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

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St. Bartholomew's Church Services February 2017

Sun 12 February	10:00	Parish Eucharist
Readings:		Fr Jason Deut 30:15-end 1Cor 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
Sun 26 February	18:30	Evening Worship
Readings:		Diana Hill Exodus 24:12-end 2 Peter 1:16-end Matthew 17:1-9

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our January meeting was enjoyable as we learned more about the trees of the Arboretum which is so close to us but we sometimes overlook the things almost on our doorstep. The speaker on this occasion was Roger Hailwood who showed us slides of many places that are dedicated to a particular place or event. One of the roads has the title of The Mall and as a reminder of the guards who so regularly line the route the trees planted along the sides of the road are alternately London Plain and Cherry Trees with the red of the cherries being a reminder of the guards tunics. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th February and the speakers will be Alan and Sylvia Wilson who will be enlightening us about Barn Owls. This couple have created a nature reserve in Staffordshire and have appeared on BBC Countryfile so we will be looking forward to their talk with interest. Why not come along and join us, everyone is welcome.