HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER February 2018

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 65 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 76 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Also the next new Monday session is on Monday 26 Feb at 10:30. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

The dates for February are Friday 2nd and Friday 16th. Meet at the Village Hall. Walk starts 10.00. All ages welcome. For more information please contact <u>Debwhittaker@gmail.com</u>

Line dancing (Deb Whittaker)

The line dancing class seems to be a great success. Please come along and join the fun on Tuesdays at 10.30. Contact Daphne – neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club is on 25 February. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We have just started our new topic, but the sessions are not necessarily cumulative so if anyone else wants to join in, please do! We meet every Monday at 7.30 in the Village Hall. £4 per session (£3 for St Bart's church, £1 for the Pathway Project) to include refreshments. For further details contact me on 01543 480088.

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

SULLY - The Miracle of the Hudson, starring Tom Hanks is your Hints Film Club film for *7th April*. Book your place now! Steve.bourne@me.com

Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)

The village hall is now on facebook. The calendar of events for 2018 is being finalised. Look out for John's e-mail and the facebook updates. Please let me know if you have a particular event you would like to see in the hall. 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. We are always looking for more people to join the social committee and the village hall committee. Social committee members are responsible for the bar. Training will be given to any budding bar staff. The village hall committee are responsible for the running of the hall and the events. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com if you want to be involved.

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)

At our January meeting it was confirmed that parking problems in Hints Lane had been reported to County Councillor David Smith. The blocked gullies in London Road Canwell and Watling Street by Lichfield Lodge have still not been cleared in spite of several requests to highways. Potholes in Rookery Lane and Bangley Lane are being reported as needing urgent attention. Lichfield are currently doing a consultation on mobile libraries. Next parish council meeting Tuesday 13th March in Hints Village Hall.

Auction (Rose Woodward)

Charity Auction in aid of the Church and Village Hall. We are having a auction at the end of June. Each lot will need to be a minimum value of £10. Items may be donated or sold subject to a commission. For more details to follow. Valuations contact Rose 01543483589

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our January meeting went well but wasn't exactly what we had planned which should have been – The past beneath our feet - but due to unforeseen circumstances we had a change of speaker and and everyone enjoyed the change with beautiful slides and we will look forward to hearing Jim Wall when he is re-booked. Our next meeting is on 8th February and we will be looking forward to hearing all about – Well Dressing – and on this occasion our speaker will be Robert

Barlow who will enlighten us on the history and techniques involved in the production of the beautiful displays.

Beetle Drive (Sally Shepherd)

We had a great turn out for this year's Beetle Drive - a big thank you to all who supported this event held at The Village Hall. The feedback from fellow players was very positive and we managed to raise just over £300 which is a fantastic achievement and will help towards the annual running costs of the church. The Adult 2018 Beetle Champion was **Ian Reeley** and the Junior 2018 Beetle Champion was **Jessica Web**. **Emma Barber** won the Best Drawn Beetle and **Gill Needle** came runner up in the Beetle Drive!

Thank you to all members of the PCC and villagers that helped/organise sell tickets etc. Lloyd did a fantastic job of being "The Beetle" MC/adjudicator and kept everyone under control. By popular demand we shall be putting another Beetle Drive on this Autumn. Again many thanks to all who helped out and donated raffle prizes. A great team effort which led to a most enjoyable evening.

Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

The last Sunday service before Lent is Sunday 4 February: Nikki Smith has kindly agreed to provide altar flowers for then. Thereafter there will be no flowers during Lent, until Easter Sunday, 1 April when it would be lovely if we could have some volunteers to decorate the whole church. If anyone is able to provide flowers for a window on 1 April, please contact me on 01543 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services February 2018

Sun 4 February 18:30 Parish Eucharist

Fr. Jason

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

Colossus 1: 15-20

John 1: 1-14

Sun 18 February 10:00 Parish Eucharist

Fr. Jason

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17

1 Peter 3: 18-end

Mark 1:9-15