

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
February 2015

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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 about 80 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 54 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th Jan we had three members of the public in attendance. Main items discussed were the precept for 2015/16 which is to remain the same as last year. Objection raised to the proposed banning of right hand turn at junction of A453/B4151. Highways have acknowledged and advised that they are reviewing their options. Flooding in Lady Walk was brought to the Council's attention by David Drury. The council have agreed to contact Severn Trent on the residents behalf. Also to try to get highways to clear the gullies in School Lane. Full minutes of the meetings should be available on the village web site. Next meeting on 10th April at Hints Village Hall at the earlier time of 7 o'clock.

Clothes Party (Anna Jackson)

Sunday 8th March 2015 - designer clothes party (men's & ladies' garments), to be held at Hints Village Hall. 11am - 3pm. designer brands include: Joseph Ribkoff, Monsoon Wolford, Gina Bacconi, Billabong, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein...to name just a few. Many, many more at a fraction of the original price! For further details contact Anna Jackson email: aj750@tiscali.co.uk. And watch out for the flyers coming next month!!

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club will be on 22nd February. Contact Graham Whittaker to book (see the back page).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We have a new topic "Alternatives to the New - Alma Tadema and Frederic Leighton, Royal Academy Artists of The Victorian *Arrière Garde*". Monday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Village Hall, by courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. £3 per session which includes refreshments. All proceeds towards the cost of running St Bartholomew's church. For further information contact Val Edwards on 480088 or val@weardrive.demon.co.uk, or just turn up on the night.

Red Van (Ruth Petford)

Thought it would be worth mentioning that there was a suspicious vehicle spotted parked up outside our house earlier today (Botley House). It was a red medium size van, parked for a long period, with the engine running and driver sat in the vehicle smoking, looking nervous. Spotted at approx 3.30pm. Partial registration number :- FD_1 PHY ? When approached, the driver acted suspiciously and ignored me, and drove off shortly after. Anyone any information?

Social Club (Kevin Caine)

There will be a Social Club committee meeting on Tuesday 24th Feb at 7.30 in the Hall. We are always looking for willing hands to dispense pick me ups from behind the bar so please come along if you would like to help.

Hints Beetle Drive and Fish & Chip Supper (Sally Shepherd)

What a wonderfully, successful, profitable evening and fabulous send off for Fiona. We all send her our best wishes and hope she and Graham will be very happy in their new Parish. They will be greatly missed by all. The evening started with a dummy run of "Beetle" so everyone knew what they were doing !!!!! We had 3 winners. The Junior Prize went to Annie Hargens. The winning Lady was Tracy Reeley and winning Gentleman John Cooper. Wooden spoon to Katie MacDonald, newcomer in the village, not quite sure what she made of it all. The raffle was a huge success (thanks to Lloyd) and it made in excess of £200, Lloyd also organised a silent Golf Four Ball Auction which raised £108 - Simon Clarke was the winner. All proceeds going to St Barts'. Last but definitely not least many, many thanks go to Peter and Val for organising the Beetle Drive. Thanks also to Martin Needle for organising the Fish & Chips! Watch out for the next one!! We raised £529 on the evening!



Rugby 6 Nations (John Toogood)

Here's the schedule for the 6 Nations Rugby. These will be shown at the Village Hall, opening 30 minutes before kick-off. The normal liquid and solid refreshments will be provided (book for food in advance with John Toogood or Stuart Turton!)

- Fri 6 Feb – Wales v England (20:05)
- Sat 14 Feb - England v Italy (14:30)
- Sat 28 Feb – France v Wales (17:00)
- Sun 1 Mar – Ireland v England (15:00)
- Sat 14 Mar – England v Scotland (17:00)
- Sat 21 Mar – England v France (17:00)

Valentines Night Mr & Mrs Competition (Graham Whittaker)

Saturday 14 February Village Hall 7.30

It's time to demonstrate how much, or little, you know about your partner. Last year's winners, Stuart and Lynne will be looking to retain their title in the Mr & Mrs competition. There will be Tapas snacks, the cost is £5 a head.

Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com or phone 01543 480090 to book your places. Final numbers by 7 February please.

Village Hall Social Club (Stuart Turton)

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of The Village Social club committee for their help and assistance throughout 2014. There are regular volunteers carrying out bar duty and hopefully we can get some more regulars to assist this year.

A very special thank you from me, is to John Toogood who has been a valuable asset to the committee as Vice Chairman. His enthusiasm and effort has been invaluable in progressing the social activities this past year. Also to Ian in his first year as our treasurer, he has worked hard to stop John and me spending!

I would also like to thank all those not on the social club committee who have helped out in the planning, setting up and running of some of the social events that took place last year.

Special thanks to Linda Toogood, Elaine Clarke, Lynn Turton, Jenny Clarke and Jez Holloway for his culinary skills.

To those who have volunteered to do the food at the film nights- thank you.

To all those who come down and put out tables, clean up and put them away- thank you and a special thank you to those who always end in the kitchen with the washing up.

We have just about completed a quiet January but let's hope that we can all help the village hall to improve again during 2015 and keep your village hall as the valuable social asset it is.

Eggs (Ruth Petford)

'A few Eggs available again - £2 per dozen There is an honesty box outside Botley House, first come first served!'

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Hints History Book (Eddie & Val Shaw)

This book has been written by Eddie & Val Shaw to document the history of Hints. We already have their wonderful displays in the Village Hall Lounge. They have kindly donated three copies of the book for Villagers to view (to take out on a "library loan" basis. If you would like to borrow one to read, please contact Janet Clarke (481214), Paul Blackmore (481791) or Val Edwards (480088).

St. Bartholomew's **CHURCH SERVICES February 2015**

8 th February	10:30 am	Morning Service Trevor James
Readings:	Col 1:15-20 John 1:1-14	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
22 nd February	18:30 pm	Evening Prayer Claire Kirke
Readings:	1 Pet 3:18-end Mark 1:9-15	tba tba
Sides person:		tba