

## **HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

**February 2016**

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### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 72 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 67 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

### **Pam Aze (Peter Edwards)**

Unfortunately Pam passed away a week or so ago. We all remember her and her huge fluffy dogs! I have no further information at present.

### **Martin Needle (Gill Needle)**

Gill, Jayne, Rachel and families would like to thank everyone who attended Martin's "Celebration of his Life". It was lovely to see the Church so full and looking so wonderful. Many thanks to Sue Goodman for the flower arrangements, Maureen and Margaret for decorating the windows, Peter for playing the Organ, Val and Jeannette for their Church duties, Debbie, Lynda, Lyn, John, Graham and Stuart for organising the Village Hall and Bar, SO Catering for the food. Thanks also to the very kind people who supported me with meals, flowers, cards and letters – I was overwhelmed! All the ladies who brought their favourite cakes. Lovely to see you all. Everyone who spoke about him, thought about him, everyone who gave to the named Charities (Water Aid & Cancer Research) which raised £700. Also thanks to the piper – you all made a sad day very special.

### **Martin Needle (John Toogood)**

On Friday 15th January Hints said goodbye to a great man. Martin provided incredible service and much amusement to our Village and Village Hall and throughout the day many tributes and amusing stories reminded us all of what a supportive and charismatic figure he was. He could be very opinionated but touched the hearts of everyone he met more than once! We'll miss you mate.

### **Mobile Library (Janet Clarke)**

The mobile library visits the village every three weeks. The next visits are on **Wednesday 17th February, 9th March and 30th March**. It stays in the service road, Watling Street, for fifteen minutes from 10.45 a.m. To prevent this service from being cancelled more people are needed to support it.

### **Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

We have raised £2000 for the church so far. It's only £1 a week to play and you don't have to know anything about football or pontoon to play! Let me know if you want to play by sending me an e-mail and I will do the rest. [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

The two defibrillators and cabinets have been delivered and we are now in the process of getting them installed. I have been in touch with Keith Dawson in readiness to arrange instruction sessions on how to use them. At the Parish meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January members of the public asked if it was possible to request Lichfield planning to relax their strict restrictions on development in the Parish. Also the provision of dog bins was considered. The councils response to both these request are set out in more detail in the minutes which are on the village web site. Please note that the next Parish Council meeting will be on **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH** at Hints. This is a one off change of date to our regular bi monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.

### **Trissie Bratt (Roy and Janet Clarke)**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Trissie Bratt. She passed away just after Christmas aged 96. Along with her husband, Doug (who died in 2011), they had been very active and well thought of members of the village community here in Hints, for over fifty years. They had lived in Hints until a few years ago, when they moved to Lichfield. We shall remember them as very good friends.

### **Mr & Mrs (Graham Whittaker)**

This year's Mr & Mrs contest is on 20 February in the Village Hall and includes tapas nibbles. Please contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) or phone 01543 480090.

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

On 14th January members gathered in the Village Hall for the first of our meeting for 2016. The meeting was well attended and we also had several visitors. Our speaker was Derek Crawley of the Staffordshire Mammal Group. An interesting but rather short talk with slides on Hedgehogs and their habitat. Our February meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th February. Our speaker on this occasion will be Byron Lewis of Lichfield Garden Centre with a presentation of seasonal plants and also the opportunity to purchase plants at discounted prices, and we will look forward to planting our purchases ready for blossoming and brightening our gardens in spring and summer.

### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

The breakfast club is the last Sunday of the month, this month it is on 28 February. It is still only £5 for a full English breakfast and a chance for a catch up at the village hall. Please contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) or phone 01543 480090.

### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

The first walk was held on January 8 and there were 18 walkers. Everyone had a good time and a good chat over a coffee after we finished. The walks start from the village hall fortnightly on a Friday starting at 9.30. The February walks are on the 5th and 19th. It is free to participate and it is open to all ages. Please contact Deb Whittaker on [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com) or 01543 480090 for details; no booking required.

### **Pilates (Deb Whittaker)**

Wednesdays at 7.00 in the Village Hall - £7.50, Please bring your mat.

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

We are continuing to look at German art and we are now well into the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. £3 per session, refreshments included, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. New members always welcome.

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### **St. Bartholomew's Church Services February 2016**

**Note the extra service this month!**

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| Wed 10 February (Ash Wednesday) | 19:00 | Eucharist and imposition of ashes                                  |
| Readings                        |       | Jason Phillips<br>Isiah 58 1-12<br>2 Cor 5:20b 6-10<br>John 8:1-11 |
| Sun 14 February                 | 10:30 | Holy Communion   |
| Readings:                       |       | Jason Phillips<br>Deu 26:1-11<br>Rom 10:8b-13<br>Luke 4-13         |
| Sun 20 February                 | 18:30 | Parish Eucharist   |
| Readings:                       |       | Jason Phillips<br>Isiah 55:1-9<br>1 Cor 10:1-13<br>Luke 13-19      |