

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. I need to print about 90 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 40 takers. Please help by saving postage and printing costs! I've delayed this newsletter by a few days so I could put details of the New Year's Eve party.

Thanks to all (Peter Edwards)

Having just completed my first year as Editor, I would like to thank all those who have contributed, as well as those that distribute it around the village (Roy & Janet Clarke, Kevin Caine and Val Edwards). A very special thanks to Robin and Dan Petford who do the printing for us!

Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you to everyone who has helped with village hall matters throughout the year.

We will be organising events in the New Year but are keen to know your ideas for events. Contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

The draw for the next game will be on Wednesday January 8 at 9:00 in the village hall. New players are welcome and all proceeds go to the church.

Breakfast in the Village Hall (Debbie Whittaker)

The village hall will be open for breakfast on Sunday the 26th January. Breakfast served between 9.30am and 10.45am, booking essential by 23rd January. Contact Deb on 01543 480090 or email info@interiorsforkids.co.uk

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are taking a break and hope to reconvene in the Village Hall on Monday 13th January 2014, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee. We are working our way through northern European artists from Van Eyck to Vermeer and still have a long way to go so if you are new to Art History please feel free to come and join in. Monday evenings 7:30 to 9:30, £3 per session including refreshments, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. Apart from thanking the Village Hall for allowing us to use the Hall for these sessions, I would like to thank all who attended making it not only a lively and friendly discussion group, but also a money raiser for the Church- we raised just short of £800 in 2013.

Sunday Social Club openings (John Toogood)

Thanks to Stuart and his team for the trial Sunday opening which, from what I remember, was a big success - perhaps this can become a regular (monthly?) feature of the Village Hall calendar. Also thanks for the Christmas Eve opening, which again was a huge success. I think the regular emails are encouraging greater use of this fabulous facility and I hope that, in accordance with Stuart's request in his recent email, between us we can come up with some more great ideas to help finance the upkeep.

For sale signs (Peter Edwards)

In the last week or so, someone has been uprooting all the "for sale" signs on Watling Street. Puzzling, but I note that the only one left standing is Mick & Sue Hartland. Possibly they are trying to remove the competition? (I joke!)

Carols and Christingle (Ian Reely & Val Edwards)

As usual, an excellent Carol Service and Christingle was held (this time on the same evening). However, nothing about the service was usual". It was a marvellous mixture of Christingle, Carols and Nativity Play, the latter crafted by Gilly Fifield and Gill Needle with a cast of impressive adult and junior Thespians (and a very life-like donkey!). It was wonderful to see St Bart's packed with an enthusiastic and festive congregation enjoying the drama, the carols and the candlelit ambience.

The first Communion of Christmas Service on Christmas Eve had a more modest congregation for the final seasonal celebration before Christmas.

A goodly crop of Christmas presents was donated to the Pathway Project Christmas appeal, for which all donors are heartily thanked. These were delivered to the Project in time for Christmas.



New Year's Eve in the Village Hall (Peter Edwards)

Many thanks to Debbie and the "team" for organising the New Year's Eve party! It was a great success. Photo inserted here...



Bridge at the Village Hall (David Fifield)

A small group of people from the Village have been meeting at the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening to learn to play duplicate Bridge. The proceeds from weekly subs are donated to St Barts, and to date over £150 has been raised. We have had a lot of fun and will start again in the New Year. Whether or not you have any previous knowledge of the game, if you think you might be interested in coming along to our friendly group, ring David Fifield, 482042, for more information.

**St. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES JANUARY 2014**

12th January	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	tba	tba
	tba	tba
Sides person:	tba	
26th January	6:30 pm	Evening Worship Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	tba	tba
	tba	tba
Sides person:	tba	

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Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

The December meeting of members was sadly not well attended but we enjoyed the quiz that Val arranged with many aspects of gardens and gardening in general with anagrams and even the contents of mulled wine, not that we had any on the evening, but we do say thank you to Val. we had a taste of festive brain teasers, and enjoyed time to chat.

We thank the Village Hall committee for making the hall festive for our Christmas Party and we did enjoy our festive drinks and nibbles, and a big thanks to all who have provided tea/ coffee and biscuits at our meetings.

Sadly many of our members are not enjoying good health at present and we wish them well and a return to full health in 2014 and look forward to their return and (hopefully) new members being recruited from around the village as with declining numbers it is becoming difficult to see our way ahead for the future so why not make a date to come and join us on the second Thursday evening in January, everyone welcome. To all readers may you enjoy a festive Christmas and a blessed New Year from all members of Garden Guild.

Diary date 9th January, 2014 - 7.30pm Village Hall - speaker Peter Coxhead - Sutton Park Habitats.