

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
January 2016

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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 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!

For information, the Newsletter used to be funded by 4 organisations – Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Village Hall and Social Club. After I took over, Robin & Dan Petford offered to print the newsletter at no cost to the village, saying, "Donate the cost to charity" so I decided that we would not request donations from the four organisations but would make it self-funding. That's why I would like more people to have it by e-mail so Robin and Dan don't have to print so many and also the distributors have less legwork!

It's the time of year for thanks – to all contributors (keep them coming), to our distributors (Roy Clarke, Kevin Caine, Val and me). Especially to Robin and Dan Petford who do the printing at no cost to the village. Thanks to all!

New Vicar!!! (Peter Edwards)

We at last have a new Vicar – Revd Dr Jason Paul Benedict Blezard Phillips. I understand he likes to be called Jason! At present he has no telephone number but his e-mail is on the back page.

Martin Needle (Peter Edwards)

We all mourn the loss of Martin who was Treasurer of the Village Hall for many years. The details of his funeral on Friday 15th January are:

St Bartholomews 9:30

Fradley Crematorium 10:30

Hints Village Hall after the Cremation.

Please try to attend.

New Year's Eve at the Village Hall (Gilly Fifield)

New Year's Eve saw a large gathering at the village hall with everyone in festive mood, posh gear or inventive fancy dress. The tables, each decorated by their occupants, looked great, food was delicious and a good time was had by all. A huge 'thankyou' is due to Deb for all of her organisation from advertising, through collecting money, sorting table plans, ordering/buying food and so much more. And of course thanks must go to Graham for all his support and input, and all others who helped in so many ways from setting up, stocking and manning the bar, providing music, clearing up etc etc. There are too many to mention by name but, as always, it's the few who do the bulk of the work & we are very appreciative of their efforts which resulted in a great end to 2015 and a happy start to 2016.

Logs and Eggs (Daniel Petford)

Nets of Seasoned split logs are available roadside at Botley House £3.00 per net or 2 for £5.00. Also a few eggs will become available again in the New Year £2.00 / Doz. Many thanks and Happy Christmas!

Beetle Drive in aid of St Bartholomew's (Peter Edwards)

There will be a Beetle Drive to fund raise for St Bartholomew's on Saturday 30th January, 7:00 for a prompt start at 7:30. Fish & Chip supper. Contact Jeannette White (480066), Sally Shepherd (07974 955719) or Val Edwards (480088) for tickets. £7 adults, £5 children under 12.

Hints Golf Society (Elaine Clarke)

HGS Christmas Party - Sunday, 13th December 2015 to round off our golfing year, the annual HGS Christmas Party proved a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon! With food supplied by So Catering, over 50 people (golfers, friends and villagers) enjoyed a few drinks, some friendly banter and a lovely festive buffet. This year's winner of the 'Order of Merit', Simon Clarke was then presented with his trophy and all had a good time! The golf for 2016 will commence again in March with the HGS Spring Tour and although not finalised, this is likely to be held in North Wales. As ever, if anyone is interested in playing golf with us, please do get in touch - new members are very welcome! Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Induction of Rev. Jason Phillips (Simon Clarke)

The Induction Service of Rev. Jason Phillips was held on Sunday December 13th at St. Giles Church Whittington. This service included the formal proceedings where the new Vicar is given the keys to the churches of Hints, Whittington and Weeford. The Bishop of Wolverhampton, standing in for the Bishop of Lichfield, along with the Archdeacon of Lichfield took the service, which was attended by Jason's family and friends, as well as friends from his former parishes and many people from his new parishes. We wish Jason every success as our new Vicar.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Due to the change of parish clerk, installation of the defibrillators has been slower than we would have liked. The bank took over three weeks to sort out our new mandate. This has now been completed, accepted and recorded. All separate processes that took weeks to complete. Consequently the defibrillator cabinets could not be ordered until the mandate had been sorted. This has now been done and we hope to take delivery of them in January. We then have to organise and advertise a village training session in conjunction with West Midland Ambulance Service.

A villager has requested some dog litter bins. This would involve an initial cost to the Parish with ongoing emptying charges. This is to be discussed at our next meeting in Hints Village Hall at 7.30pm on 12th January. Members of the public are allowed to attend and 15 minutes are set aside at the start of the meeting for public participation. Come and have your say.

Christingle/Carol Service Sunday 20th December (Simon Clarke)

This was Jason's first service at Hints and it certainly proved to be very popular as over 60 people attended the service to make their own Christingle (a German custom adopted in the UK in 1968) and sing a carefully chosen selection of Carols. Afterwards most of the congregation moved to the Village Hall for a Shepherd's Pie supper kindly cooked by Elaine and Jez. It was also a great chance for people to meet and get to know Jason over some fantastic food and drink.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Another excellent meeting of members on 10th December as we gathered together in the Village Hall to enjoy a social evening with drinks and nibbles, Something different this year was offered which proved to be a good change from the Christmas quiz, pass the parcel or carol singing we have enjoyed in past years.

At the last committee meeting it was mentioned that some members had pictures of the past coach trips to many different locations and we enjoyed re-visiting in our minds the happy times we had spent in various places and looking at excellent gardens and displays and so the conversations between us were... do you remember.... and so we begin to look forward to the next place we will be visiting in 2016.

The next meeting of members will be on Thursday 14th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Derek Crawley who will share his knowledge of Hedgehogs. Everyone welcome.

Members of Garden Guild send Blessings for New Year 2016 to all readers of the newsletter and warmly invite everyone to come and join our meetings which are always informative and enjoyable.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club is on 31 January – contact Graham – his contact details are in the box on the back page or grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

First Hints Walk (Debbie Whittaker)

The first Hints Walk will be on Friday 8th January – meet at the Village Hall at 9:15

Pilates taster class (Debbie Whittaker)

Not for beginners, intermediates & sports only. Meet on Wednesday 7:00 in the Village hall. Cost is £8, contact Debbie on 480090 or debwhittaker@btinternet.com

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St. Bartholomew's CHURCH SERVICES January 2016

10 January	10:30 am	Holy Communion Jason Phillips Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
24 January	6:30 pm	Holy Communion Jason Phillips & Clair Kirk 1 Cor 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

Happy New Year! After the December recess, we will recommence on January 11 2016, courtesy of the Village Hall. We are continuing to look at German art and will start the New Year with 19th century German landscape painters such as Caspar David Friedrich. 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.