

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

January 2017

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 67 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 71 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs! Sorry it's a bit late this month! I've delayed the newsletter a bit this month so I can include a report on the New Year's Eve party.

It's also time to thank all contributors, all deliverers (Roy, Kevin and me), and particularly our printers, Robin & Dan Petford.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will be reconvening on 16th January 2017 to continue British Art where we have now reached the 18th century. The format will be as usual, meeting at the Village Hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, £3 per session to include refreshments, all proceeds to St Bart's.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

New players welcome It's £1 a week and all proceeds go to the Church. Contact Graham Whittaker for details.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club is on 29 January - contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Now is the time to start the beginners PILATES with Emma Wollaston on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 Starting the 4th January. For more information contact ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Start your new year fitness regime with the Hints walking Group. We will be meeting on Friday the 6th and 20th This month. Meet at

the village hall 10.00 good walking shoes required. Any more information please contact me on debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Party (Peter Edwards)

Over 50 people attended this event and we all had a great time! Many thanks to Debbie and her team for organising it. I was hoping for a picture here, but it hasn't happened!

Beetle Drive (Val Edwards)

There will be a Beetle Drive in aid of the Church on Saturday 28th January, 7pm for 7:30 prompt start. Fish & Chip supper and the Bar will be open.

Tickets £8 adults, £4 children from:

Jeannette White 01543 480066

Sally Shepherd 07974 855719

Val Edwards 01543 480088

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

The Hints Golf Society's conclusion of the season and also of the "Race to Whittington" is the final game of the season at the November game at Whittington Heath. The standings in the Order of Merit after the October game left Stu Turton tied at the top with Jonny Shaw - however Stu had the edge due to his more consistent play throughout the season. All to play for in the final game of the season! Unfortunately, the game at Whittington in November had to be abandoned due to heavy rain the day before and also on the day. This was the first time in the Society's 10-year history that the final game has had to be called off. This left the Order of Merit unchanged from October with Stu Turton claiming the title for the first time. Stu who has played some very consistent golf over the last 3 seasons only just missed out on winning the title in the previous 2 years so him winning the title this year is well deserved. The presentation of the "President's Plate" to Stu will take place later this month at the Society's Christmas meal. Thanks to all those who have played this year and for making it such an exciting end to the season. The season will start again in March with the Spring Tour. More details from our tour organizer Elaine to follow. Anyone interested in playing in the Society please email me. simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Now that we have had confirmation that our grant application for a disability ramp for Quinney hall has been approved, we have placed an order with our preferred builder. Work will commence when suitable weather conditions prevail. At our next meeting, we will be asking for quotes from contractors with suitable machinery to maintain the parish playing field behind the old school in Slade Road Canwell. We shall also be setting our precept for the coming financial year. County and District councils are requesting us to take on more financial responsibilities to help them reduce their current round of cutbacks. In other words, they want the Parish Council to increase our precept to subsidise some of their commitments. Should anyone have an opinion on this or any other topic we allow a fifteen-minute period at the start of every meeting for the public to have a say. Our next meeting will be in Quinney Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th January 2017.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

As 2016 draws to a close we held the Christmas Party in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th December. A time to chat together as we enjoyed our excellent refreshments and a tippie of wine or fruit juice and then listened to the Cherrywood Singers (two ladies with a guitar) who kept us entertained with Christmas songs and stories.

We look forward to our next meeting on 12th January and our speaker will be Roger Hailwood who will be giving us an insight of the trees of the Arboretum which is so local to us.

Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

Help! Can we revive the Flower Rota? Over the last couple of years the rota for flowers and cleaning in the Church has fallen into abeyance. The cleaning is now being done professionally, but it would be lovely if there could be volunteers to provide altar flower arrangements for the 2 monthly services – at present there are just 2 or 3 providers and it would be invigorating to see other people's ideas on arrangements! If you can help please contact Val on 01543 480088.

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St. Bartholomew's Church Services January 2017

**Please note that in future the service on the 2nd Sunday is
changing from 10:30 to 10:00**

Sun 8 January	08:00	Morning Worship Clair Kirk
Readings:		Isiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:3-43 Matthew 3:13-end
Sun 22 January	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
Readings:		Isiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23