

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 92 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 36 takers.

Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)

It has been good to see more people in the village hall on a Friday evening. Please come along and support the village. Look out for events on the "Big Screen". All ideas for events are more than welcome!

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The first event was a great success with over 30 people attending. The July Breakfast will be on Sunday 28th. Reserve a place on 01543 480090 or send me an e-mail.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

All funds raised go to St Bartholomew's. The competition will be starting at the beginning of the Premier League in August. We currently have 26 players and have raised £650 to date. New players are welcome; you do not need to do anything, except pay £1 a week! Details are on the notice boards around the village.

Hats and Handbags (Angela Warner)

Thanks to all the generous donations from all in Hints, our Hats & Handbag stall at Whittington Church Fete was another great success. We have earned ourselves a good reputation and many ladies make a beeline for our stall. We widened the selection by including jewellery, which proved very popular. After an enjoyable afternoon, if a little chilly, Gill, Gilly, Val and Angela made a profit of £252 all for St Bartholomew's Church funds. We were given a very pretty silver chain (16 in) and amethyst pendant, which was not sold on the day. It has been valued at around £20 but we are looking for offers in the region of £15. Anyone interested in seeing this please call Angela (480124).

Bird Update (Janet Clarke)

We heard the cuckoo in May when we were away in Lincolnshire for a few days but sadly haven't heard one in this part of the world for many years. All our regular birds, adults and babies, have returned in great numbers to the feeding stations and the three seed containers are being refilled every day. The birds are selective - out of around every six seeds they pick at least five are thrown on to the ground but the pheasants, pigeons and jackdaws soon clear them up. We have traced the hen pheasant's nest and what a stupid place she has chosen. We hope some of the twelve eggs will hatch, but we're not very hopeful. The swallows have returned for a **second** time but there's no nesting activity, so 'what has happened to them this year'? The blue tits are also down in numbers and the few around didn't take advantage of our new nest boxes. Dennis our cat can venture outside this year without being dive-bombed by swallows. We've had two woodpeckers on the bird table at one time (haven't seen two before) and they are extremely scruffy - they should take advantage of the bird bath, or at least get in the queue! We've seen several birds collecting nesting material, which indicates that they are breeding for a second time, or carrying out repair work.

Boules Evening (Gerald Blackburn)

I'm sure you have already been informed, but the 'annual' Boules Evening is to be held at the Hall on Saturday 20th July starting at 7.00p.m. (Honest)! I am told, reliably, that Aston is bringing a few 'ringers' from Birmingham University to try and avoid the usual defeat (from what I've seen of them they are even more decrepit than the Aston lot). It will be nice to catch up on the local gossip and, oh yes, if anyone is interested I quickly sobered up after JF's funeral and there is a chance that the burnt skin on my scalp may return - well, I left my cap in the sheep's car park; who expects sun in April?).

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

It's all Greek to me! Mondays at 7:30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome, £3 per evening including refreshments, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. Contact Val Edwards 01543 480088 or just drop in.

Wimbledon Men's Final (Tracey Reely)

Come and enjoy the Wimbledon Men's Final on Sunday 7th July on the big screen. Bar opens at 1pm with the match starting at 2pm. Tickets £5 each which includes a glass of Champagne or non-alcoholic punch and a bowl of Manor Farm Strawberries and Cream. For tickets please contact either Lynn Turton on 01543 481162 or Tracey Reeley on 01543 480272.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

An excellent meeting on Thursday 13th June. The weather was kind although we had had several wet days previously and so we were well advised to wear wellies or boots for our visit to Manor Farm, courtesy of Janet, Roy, Elaine and Simon. We met at 7pm for our guided walk and although we were mainly members of the GG we were joined by a few visitors and it was good to make them welcome and hope that some may wish to join us in the future. The charge for our visit was £5.00 per head and although we tried not to be tempted to try the strawberries as we walked around. it was so, so tempting and I remember the old adage - stolen fruits are always the sweetest - this was certainly true on this occasion. We heard all the names but each variety was delicious, and we had a good laugh at the dog as strawberryed (not bones) we picked and buried. Simon and Elaine opened our eyes to the process of harvesting, cooling and many details and we were delighted to hear that it is Asda where we can watch out for our local produce as well as local farmers markets. The evening was closed with delightful refreshments and, of course a strawberry 'test' and the chance to purchase and take home a punnet. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th July at 7pm at Chris and Anne Meadows home in Brockhurst Lane where we hope to enjoy their lovely garden.

Race for life (Jessica Ross)

My race went really well. There were 6 of us in our group, two of my friends walked, two jogged in 32 minutes and me and my friend got round in 35 minutes. We aimed for 30 minutes so we were pleased with our time, especially as it was so hot but we never stopped all the way round, and only walked for a little bit twice to have a drink and catch our breath! It was an amazing and inspirational atmosphere, I am sure you will know this if you have been already, it is honestly a day I will never forget, such a team atmosphere in the fight against cancer, it was an amazing day! A big thank-you to everyone that sponsored me, especially mum, dad, sister, Jonathan and Rehanna, Graham, Deb, Kevin, Helen and all from Hints village. I raised £150 which is more than I expected to raise, a tribute to the generosity and support of the village. Hopefully the money will go a long way to help cancer sufferers and their families that need it. I have attached some pictures of me and my friends at the event in case you wanted to include them as well, (Editor's note - sorry, no space for the pics but Kevin has put them on the website.)

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES July 2013**

14th July	6.30pm	Holy Communion Rev. Fiona Haskett	
Readings:	Gill Needle	Colossians 1:1=14	
	Val Edwards	Luke 10:25-37	
Sideperson:	Gill Needle		
28th July	6.30pm	Evening Worship Rev. Fiona Haskett	
Readings:	Roy Clarke	Colossians 2:6-15	
	Janet Clarke	Luke 11:1-13	
Sideperson:	Val Edwards		

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Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

Hints Golf Society travelled to Bromsgrove Golf Club for the game in June. Although the weather for the first few holes was mixed, it soon brightened up and turned out to be a glorious afternoon. The course was undulating and in excellent condition and with several water features, made for a very interesting game and offered extremely good value for money. The course suited Simon Hancox who won with a fantastic score of 41 points. Jez Holloway was second with 36 followed by Ged Henson in third. Nearest the pin was also won by Ged. The next game will be on July 15th, venue to be confirmed. New members welcome, please contact Simon via email – simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk