

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
July 2014

Hints web site www.hints-village.com

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. I need to print about 82 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 51 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

I'm a bit short of copy for this month so I'm considering contributing for the next issues!

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next breakfast club will be on Sunday 27th July. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book a place.

Tombola (Graham Whittaker)

Please start to look out prizes for the tombola stall in September.

At your Village Hall in July this month (John Toogood / Stuart Turton)

(See the village website for a complete calendar.)

6th July – British Grand Prix from 12 noon

12th July – Boules competition from 7 pm

20th July – The Open final round from 1 pm

21st July – Bar-B-Que

27th July – Breakfast Club from 9:15 am

Plus the normal Wednesday and Friday "Club" nights.

Boules Match (Gerald Blackburn)

Saturday 12th July - another chance for Hints to beat Aston Graduate Association on the piste, no not skiing, but the Boule. 7.00 for 7.30pm. [The Judge is open to the highest bribe, as usual]. Weather guaranteed, as is the Rum issue.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

On June 12th, a very pleasant evening - members of Garden Guild enjoyed a visit to Middleton Hall. The visit started in the main hall with coffee followed by an informative talk and we then had an extensive visit enjoying each room with its history and family connections over the generations. Then there was a further coffee break, before we visited the gardens in the late evening but we were warned about the midges as we hurried through the Dell and into the walled garden. What an excellent visit. In June members will be visiting Manor Farm for the history of the house and garden. Booking for this is essential

Hints Village Calendar (John Toogood)

This is too big to put in the newsletter, but Kevin Caine has put it on the website. Please refer to that!

Wedding (John & Bev Moore)

We wish to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped us to plan our wedding and gave their time on the big day. St Bart's is a beautiful setting for a wedding, and Fiona conducted a lovely and joyous service. Thank you, Fiona. We had a perfect day and even the weather turned out well. Our reception in the village hall was a delight and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you again to everyone.

Hints Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival (Jeannette White/Kevin Caine)

Planning is going well for 21st September. At the last meeting many issues were resolved, but we still need more volunteers! The next meeting will be Wednesday 16th July at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

British Grand Prix (John Toogood)

2014 is looking like the Mercedes season as they have won 7 of the 8 races, so far with Hamilton taking 4 wins and Rosberg 3 but the British F1 GP is the one that all Brits want to win so Rosberg could have his lead in the Championship reduced. There are other teams that are performing beyond expectations such as Williams and Force India and others below such as Red Bull and McLaren but there has certainly been a mix of teams from 3rd place down. This all makes for exciting racing especially as 8 of the 11 F1 teams are based in the UK and 7 of those within 50 miles of Silverstone. **Your** Village Hall will be open from 12 on Sunday 6th July and the British GP will be showing on the Big Screen with a start time of 1pm. We will have the normal selection of hand pulled beers plus lagers, wines, spirits, and soft drinks and there will be a BBQ after the race. Please ensure you let us know well in advance if you would like to enjoy the food from the BBQ to make sure we cater accordingly. Make sure you put this date in your diaries and remember to let us know if you want food from the BBQ - even if you don't want to watch the race.

Swans (Peter Edwards)

It appears that there is no "Bird Update" this month, but I can report that the pair of swans in the marshes next to Pool Meadow appear to have left the nest after several weeks and are swimming about in the brook, so presumably they have succeeded in hatching the eggs.

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

Sutton Coldfield Golf Club was the venue for the June game of the Hints Golf Society. The weather was hot and the course in tip top condition. The greens were fast and true and the rough punishing. With a good turnout of 12 players, the competition was fierce. Stuart Turton was Club House leader with 35 points until Bill Webber, who was in the last group, beat him with an excellent score of 38 points. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the course, certainly one of the best courses the Society has played locally. After the golf, the Society broke with tradition and came back to the Village Hall for a BBQ and a pint. Stuart was keen to try the Social Club's new BBQ and with Jez doing the cooking, it all proved to be a great success. As well as plenty of golfers, there were a lot of non-golfers who came down to enjoy both the food and the drink. Thanks to all who helped make the BBQ possible. Hopefully we will do the same thing after the July game, which is on Monday 21st July. As always, new members are welcome. Please contact Simon. simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk

TFI Friday (John Toogood)

Thank you to all those who supported last night's inaugural TFI Friday "early doors" drinks and BBQ. The turnout was better than expected, as a number turned up, whom we had not catered for. Luckily we managed to find enough food to go round and from what I hear the food was OK. The takings on the bar ensured we can keep the doors open for a few more weeks!! We will be repeating this TFI Friday event shortly so watch this space.

There are some pretty good football matches coming up over the next couple of weeks so if there are any that you would like to watch on the Big Screen in *YOUR* Village Hall, please let me know and providing there is sufficient support, *YOUR* Village Hall will be opened for business.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

A Parish Council meeting will be held in Hints Village Hall at 7.30 on Tuesday 8th July. On the agenda will be a discussion on providing a dog bin in Hints and replacing two notice boards - one in Hints, the other in Canwell.

There is always fifteen minutes set aside at the start of the meeting for any member of the public to express an opinion or raise an item that they think the Parish Council should address.

The next meeting will be at Hints on 9th September.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will be finishing our present series on Monday 14th July. We hope to reconvene after the summer break on Monday 8th September for a new topic, which we will decide on over the next few meetings. Many thanks as always to the Village Hall for allowing us to use the Hall. We raise only a modest sum each week, but over the year this mounts up and we are able to donate a sizeable sum to St Bart's - this would not be possible without the generosity of the Village Hall. My personal thanks to all who attend on a Monday night and make them so stimulating and enjoyable.

**St. Bartholomew's
CHURCH SERVICES July 2014**

13th July	6:30 pm	Holy Communion
Readings:	Rom 8:1-11	Rev. Fiona Haskett
Sides person:	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23	Gilly Fifield
		Val Edwards
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27th July	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Readings:	Rom 8:26-end	Rev. Fiona Haskett
Sides person:	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52	Roy Clarke
		Janet Clarke
		Gill Needle

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