

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### **Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

Please remember that the **deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**. I need to print 75 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 63 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

### **Hints Golf Society (Lloyd Ansermoz)**

On Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> June the Hints Golf Society attended and played at Stratford - on - Avon golf Club. The course is famously known for Samuel Ryder who was the club captain at the time of the first Ryder Cup played on British Soil at Moortown Golf Club in 1929. The course was a challenging yet very picturesque par 72. The weather was superb and the course was a real pleasure to play with fairways very well maintained and lined by a variety of mature ornamental trees. The greens were at championship level but unfortunately they had been fertilised on the morning and so there was an issue with getting gritty putters and dirty balls during and after putting. It was quite funny to see the sign in the Gent's locker room, which read "Please do not wash your balls in the sinks". © The Yellow ball competition was over by the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole after every team had lost their yellow ball by then, maybe a record for the HGS? However the winners were Simon's team who collected their prize money of £5.00 each. The Competition was tight and after a great days Golf everybody convened for a fantastic dinner at the Village Hall which had been lovingly and superbly prepared for players and guests by David and Gillie Fifield who were superb Hosts, and the dinner prepared was fantastic, thank you David and Gillie! The announcements after Dinner were presented By Chris Meadows who was very proud to announce that Ann Meadows (wife) had won with a great score of 36 points which was the second win of the season for Ann. Well done again Ann! In a close call for second place Simon Clarke came in at 35 points and for third place Stuart Turton was also on 35 points but came in 3<sup>rd</sup> on count back. Overall it was a great day with great weather at a fantastic course. The next game will be at Stonebridge Golf Course on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. New members always welcome. Please confirm with Elaine Clarke if you are attending.

### **Annual Petanque match (Gerald Blackburn)**

Remember, Remember (Saturday) the 18th July, the annual 'brains v brawn' contest known as the Petanque Evening when Hints challenge AGA (Aston Graduates Association) on the Boule piste at the Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. A light Supper will be provided (otherwise Aston won't come)!

### **David and Ann Outen (David and Ann Outen)**

Dear Villagers - many thanks to all of you who came on Sunday 31 May to say goodbye to us and also thanks to you all for the generous garden vouchers. We will buy plants for our new home and they will be a fitting reminder of you all, & also of the many lovely gardens in Hints. We have been very happy living here and have made friendships, which we hope will outlive our move. Hints has a unique & friendly community, always welcoming to newcomers .We will miss this spirit as well as the many clubs, activities and events in which we have participated. We know that you will make Sylvia and Chris Greenhalgh welcome when they move into Cedar Tree and we wish them every happiness in their new home. With best wishes, Ann and David.

### **Food for thought (Janet Clarke)**

From a notice in a church hall:

The six most important words:	I admit that I was wrong!
The five most important words:	You did a great job.
The four most important words:	Consider others – not yourself
The three most important words:	May I help?
The two most important words:	Thank you.
The one most important word:	We.
The least important word:	<b>I.</b>

Finally.....All things come to him whose name is on a mailing list.  
To write with a broken pencil is pointless  
A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months  
When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

### **Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

Not a lot to report on Parish matters as between meetings. Still awaiting confirmation of a meeting at Hints quarry to be updated on restoration works and further workings. The neighbourhood highway team have visited Hints and Canwell over the last few weeks and carried out requested works. This is a Staffordshire Council initiative to do smaller works to roads and verges that are not covered by major items such as potholes etc. In Hints they have been and cleared out the gutters down School Lane just past the Church. You may have noticed that they were full of weeds and debris preventing the uninterrupted flow of rain water. In Canwell they have cleared all the overhanging hawthorn bushes obstructing the bus stop opposite Bassetts Pole pub. If anyone notices other items that can be tackled by them then let me or any other councillors know so that we can add it to the next works schedule. Next Parish Council meeting in Hints Village Hall on Tues 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

### **Rock Choir at St. Bart's (Sally Shepherd and others)**

The Rock Choir event was very well supported and a fabulous evening. They've promised to come back next year. Looks like we made a profit of £570. Thank you for all your support.

### **Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)**

Our June Meeting saw our members out and about on a visit to Sheepwash Farm at Whittington. What a good job it was a fine evening as we all climbed aboard a rather rough trailer, pulled by a tractor, and did a tour of the farm. We learned about the types and varieties of potatoes they grow there, mostly with a title of 'Lady' something which are suitable for turning into crisps. They have to be not too dark or light and stored correctly. We saw many things including the base for the windmill soon to be installed on the farm to help generate their electricity. A very windy spot where we began to feel the cold. We also visited the lakes that have been created for fishing after the quarrying has been exhausted. An interesting evening which finished with supper and so we enjoyed the potatoes grown on the farm in the form yummy hot chips.

### **We're leaving! (Elizabeth Chesterfield)**

Dear fellow Villagers - you may have already heard the news but in case not, we will be moving out of the Village at the end of July. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Hints and the new friends we have made. Thank you for the wonderful welcome and taking us into the heart of the community. We hope that the experience with HS2 proves to be less painful than expected. Since we are moving, we have cleared out a few items which we are putting up for sale. These items include a Broadband Satellite and modem by SES, Winter Tyres, Furniture and other smaller items. For a complete list with prices, please feel free to contact us. With best wishes for the future of Hints, Beth and Richard Chesterfield. Email: [echester@gmx.com](mailto:echester@gmx.com) or phone 01543 481 059.

### **Recipe requests (Stephanie Hargens)**

Don't you just love rich, chocolate cakes, hearty pork pies, and proper mushy peas? Do you have a recipe that makes your friends envious of your spectacular skills in the kitchen? If so, we want it!!! We will be compiling all of your favorite recipes into a cookbook which will be available for sale at this year's Hints Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival. Please send your favorite recipes for starters, meats, fish, puddings, salads, vegetables, breakfast items, cocktails and other beverages, and anything else you just love to make to Stephanie Hargens at [shargens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shargens@sbcglobal.net). Pictures always make recipes more fun so please include a picture of your favorite dish with the recipe. We look forward to some great recipes and good eats!

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### **St. Bartholomew's CHURCH SERVICES July 2015**

12 July	10:30 am	Morning Worship Stephen Mayes
Readings	Eph 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
26 July	18:30 pm	Holy Communion Geoffrey Staton
Readings:	Eph 3:14 - end John 6:1-21	tba tba
Sides person:		tba

#### **Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)**

We are continuing to meet on Monday nights at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, courtesy of the Management Committee. The general topic for the present series of talks is Art in Spain on which I am far from being an expert, so if you fancy joining in a voyage of discovery (for all concerned!) please feel free to join us! £3 per session, refreshments included, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

#### **Village flower & scarecrow festival (Peter Edwards)**

This will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 11:00 to 5:00. Further details to follow, but we do need bric-a-brac and tombola prizes – take them to the Village Hall. Next committee meeting is Tues 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

#### **Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)**

Timing and date for the Breakfast Club in July is unsure, probably the last Sunday – if in doubt contact Graham Whittaker.