

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 2016

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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 68 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 70 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

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

The Parish Council visited Weeford Quarry on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Adrian Ricketts gave us a very detailed account of how his family business had developed over the years and acquired the quarry. He also detailed how he intended to reinstate the spent areas of the quarry, providing he can get Staffordshire County Council's approval. Parish Councils audited accounts are now available for public inspection. Notices are on both village hall notice boards detailing how to contact the clerk to arrange a viewing. Next Parish Council meeting is in Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute period allocated for them to raise reinvent local issues.

### **A night in the Park (garden) (Peter Cooper)**

Please remember the contents of last month's flyer for this event on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 7:00 – 10:30, gates open 5:30. Bring your own food, drinks and seating. Contact Peter on 480134 at Cherry Coppice, Hints Lane if in doubt. Tamworth Male Voice Choir plus others.

### **Rock Choir (Sally Shepherd)**

ROCK CHOIR at St Bart's, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00 pm. An evening of popular music sung by Lichfield's very own Rock Choir – very successful last year! Please come and support your Local Church on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7.00 pm. Tickets £10.00 inc Wine and Nibbles (children under 12 free) Tickets Contact: Jeannette 01543 480066 or Sally 07974 955719. All proceeds to St Bart's - LET'S KEEP THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN!

### **Hints Scarecrow Festival (Peter Edwards)**

This will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow. The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

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

This month's breakfast will be on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Please contact Graham Whittaker on 01543 480090 or [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) for details and to book.

### **Annual Boules competition (Graham Whittaker)**

This years Aston against Hints boules competition takes place on Saturday the 23 July. STARTS at 7.00pm bar open 6.30pm.

All players and spectators get a FREE finger buffet.

Just turn up No booking required.

For more information contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)**

Hints Fortnightly Walk start at the Village Hall at 10.00. The dates this month are Friday the 8th and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is FREE and you even get FREE refreshments. The walks are around 3 to 5 miles and you need to climb stiles. For more information contact [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Wildlife at Manor Farm (Janet Clarke)**

There's so much to see here. Our rabbit population could easily be another "Watership Down." There are adult ones down to tiny babies and they are everywhere! We also have two foxes roaming through the gardens and they seem to follow the same trail. When we see the rabbits fleeing we know the fox is close by. The squirrels, jackdaws and young starlings are emptying the food containers at an alarming rate and recently we've had a jay attacking the fat balls – such a beautiful bird. One of the squirrels has already wrecked one of the containers. The pigeons are clearing up the bits which are discarded on the ground and we've also had a small hen pheasant helping out. Unfortunately, George the cock pheasant hasn't been seen for a long time. The bird bath is in constant use for drinking and bathing and many times there are five or six young starlings bathing together. When the pigeons bathe then the bird bath needs refilling. It's quite an expensive time feeding all these birds, but well worth it. Our pond now has two families of moor hens with several babies. They are lovely and spend time on the constructed island. The banks of the pond are covered with ox-eye daisies and from the house they look like enormous snow drifts.

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

This academic year's programme will be finishing for the summer on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We would like to thank the Village Hall Management Committee for generously allowing us to use the Village Hall facilities each week. By the last meeting we will have raised nearly £1000 for St Bart's since September 2015. If the Village Hall Management Committee is agreeable we will reconvene in September (topic to be decided in the next few weeks). My own special thanks go to all the people who attend each week, who help set up and dismantle equipment, make the refreshments (and wash up afterwards) and who bring not only biscuits but lots of ideas and insights which make the sessions really interesting and enjoyable.

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

Another excellent meeting of members on Thursday 9th June when we welcomed Dr Peter Coxhead of the Sutton Coldfield Natural History Society. Last year our members enjoyed a guided walk in Sutton Park lead by Peter, and this was an excellent enjoyable and informative evening. We saw some delightful slides of wild orchids and Peter talked in some length about the details and habitat of these lovely flowers. Tea, coffee and biscuits are always served after the talk and this gives us time to ask questions and socialize. Sadly one of our members had suffered a broken wrist and we wish her a speedy recovery. The next meeting of members on 14th July will be a visit to Elford Hall Garden, originally a walled garden. This was a project started by volunteers to stop a housing development and presently there are 15 allotments with an orchard, herbs and flower beds so we now look forward to our visit when we will be meeting there at the earlier time of 7pm. Visitors are also welcome to join us and we have the programme out right through to 2017 and if anyone would like a copy please get in touch with a committee member.

### **Pilates (Deb Whittaker)**

Body Control Pilates classes held at Hints Village Hall every Wednesday evening. Experienced teacher with 14 years' experience, beginners class at 6:30, intermediate at 7:40. All abilities welcome( all equipment supplied except a mat). For more info, or if you would like to come and try a class feel free to contact Emma Wollaston on: 07974145055 or [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Hints Golf Society (Stuart Turton)**

Hints Golf Society June Outing - In the shadow of the US open held at Oakmont Golf and Country club that finished late on the Sunday evening previous, a diminished field of seven made the journey to Oakbridge Golf club near Nuneaton. With with some big guns being missing due to combinations of holiday, work and other golf commitments it was an opportunity for those playing to gain some valuable OOM points. Ann Meadows made a welcome return to the society after suffering with a bad foot injury preventing her playing for the past few months. Ann played with the aid of a golf cart she lead us out with husband Chris and David Fifield. Pete Kinson. Johnny Shaw (arriving using the just in time principle) , Aaron Turton and Stuart Turton making up the final group. The course was somewhat wet in areas, the fairways had quite long grass and the greens very, very soft it was playing longer than the expected. The course was distinctly quiet with the society almost the only persons on the course. There were a good selection of shots and I think everyone had their moments during the round that give us the faith to keep us playing this frustrating game. The results of the day saw Stuart Turton with 32 points take his first win of the season with David Fifield returning 29 points in second place. Ann, David and Chris won the yellow ball competition by keeping it all the way around scoring 29 points.

Stuart Turton duck hooked their teams yellow ball with his drive on the third tee, the ball ending up on the 2.45 train to Edinburgh. It was, as normal an enjoyable day with good company , the overall impression of the course was such that it would not be returned to in a hurry but was worth the green fee for the day. Hints Golf society plays on the third Monday of each month except January, February and December. In March and October there is a mini tour for two days golf staying in a hotel for a meal and a beverage. If you are interested in playing in the society please contact [simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk) The next golf society outing will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

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**St. Bartholomew's Church Services  
July 2016**

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| Sun 10 July | 10:30 | Morning Service<br>Trevor James                    |
| Readings:   |       | Amos 7:7-end<br>Colossians 1:1-14<br>Luke 10:25-37 |
| Sun 24 July | 18:30 | Parish Eucharist<br>Fr. Jason                      |
| Readings:   |       | Hosea 1:2-10<br>Colossians 2:6-15<br>Luke 11:1-13  |