

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER July 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 65 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 73 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

PILATES on a Wednesday is now FULL. If you would like to put your name on the waiting list please contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

The dates for this month's walks are the 7th and 21st.

Walks start at the village hall at 10.00. Look forward to seeing some new faces. Walks start at 10.00 at the Village Hall. You need a good pair of walking shoes and be able to cross stiles. For more information contact Deb Whittaker at debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next Breakfast Club will be on Sunday 2nd July. Contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We will be finishing off for the summer on Monday July 17th, with the sessions on July 3, 10 and 17th concentrating on early 20th Century British artists. 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. We hope to continue in September for a further series of talks – watch the newsletter!

Mercian Singers (John Toogood)

The Mercian Singers will be performing a concert in the Church on Saturday 15th July at 7 pm to raise needed money for the Church. Tickets £10 adults, children free. Contact Jeannette (480066), Val (480088) or Sally (481073) to book.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

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

Cycling for Air Ambulance (Jonathan Standing)

On the 21st of July a group of engineers from Triumph motorcycles (including myself) will be subjecting ourselves to the torture of cycling 350 miles in 3 days, oh, and in that 350 miles we will be climbing more than 3/4 the height of Everest or 7400 metres (24280 feet) over some of the highest and steepest mountain road passes in England. The first day starts at Whitehaven, crossing the Lake District to Lancaster. Day 2 crosses over the forest of Bowland then across the Pennines to Northallerton and the final day shall see us crossing the North York Moors and finishing in Scarborough. Obviously this is not all for joy but to raise funds in supporting the Air Ambulance. The Air Ambulance performs on average six life saving operations each day with the life of a horse rider saved every 3 days and the life of a child saved every four days. Please donate to this very worthwhile cause, any donation no matter how small will help make a difference.

You can check out the route here '<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/19258286>'; and our team 'just giving' donation page '<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oliver-blight>' Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

Hints Golf Society (Ann Meadows)

On Monday, 19th June 12 players ventured on to the PGA Course at The Belfry on one of the hottest days this year. The course is long and testing, suiting the big hitters, though the rough was punishing if you strayed from the fairways. The severity of the course was apparent by the much lower scoring than on previous outings and it was noticeable that none of the teams kept their yellow ball for more than a few holes. However, it was good to be able to play one of the major courses in the area and I for one would welcome the chance to give it another go - albeit in cooler conditions (I faded somewhat on the back nine). The chaps who regularly play The Belfry used their local knowledge to good effect, Andrew Clarke coming in first and Rob O'Neil second. Though James Startin was a creditable third not far behind. Thanks to Jonny Shaw for arranging the day for the society.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

You are probably aware that Sue Petford is now chairman of the Parish Council. Simon Clarke is vice chairman. Sue has met with the neighbourhood highway team to indicate several jobs that need doing in Hints and Canwell. They have already visited both villages to carry out some of the work. It would appear that they did encounter a problem with a resident in School Lane and left that task unfinished. We would ask that should they park their truck or erect signs that may cause a problem, please discuss it with the workmen in a pleasant manner and not confrontational. In Canwell there has been evidence that uninvited persons have been visiting properties during the night. No actual reports of damage or missing items have been reported but things have mysteriously moved, apparently by their own efforts. Keep cars and property secure, especially at night. HS2 have advised us that preparatory work for the line has now started. This should not cause any disruption to the community and all landowners will have prior notification. The Parish field, at the rear of Footsteps Nursery in Slade Road, is now being mowed on a regular basis and is available for any resident to use during daylight hours. Next parish council meeting is on July 11th in Hints Village Hall at 7.30pm. There is an HS2 meeting in Stafford earlier in the evening of our parish council meeting so it has been decided to start our meeting later so that the rep from us can get back and give a report. Due to Staffordshire County Council holding an HS2 meeting in Stafford on July 17th we have decided to delay the Parish Council meeting to 8 o'clock so that our representative can get back to Hints to give us a report.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members enjoyed the last meeting as they visited the garden of Pam and Geoff Kynaston. Some of our members had seen the garden on a previous visit and enjoyed all the new improvements and the new planting. A beautiful evening as everyone relaxed with drinks and refreshments so a big thank you to Pam and Geoff for hosting the evening. The next meeting will NOT be on a Thursday evening but we will be looking forward to a visit to a garden that is detailed in the Yellow Book scheme. We are looking forward to a garden of surprises with seating where we can enjoy watching the wildlife. Everyone is welcome to join us on our visit to 5, East View Cottages, School Lane, Shuttington. B79 0DX. There is a charge of £6 per person for non-members and includes tea and biscuits. 7.00pm WEDNESDAY 12th July.

Flower rota for St Bart's

9 July – Naomi Ansermoz

23 July – Val Edwards

More volunteers would be welcome!

Come down and enjoy some Summer Boogie Woogie with

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EMMA JONSON

TRIO


at Hints Village Hall, B78 3DN

Friday, 7th July, 2017

Doors Open 7.00pm

Tickets **£10**

Strictly Tickets Only



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St Bartholomew's Church Services July 2017

Sun 9 July	10:00	Morning Worship Trevor James
Readings:		Genesis 24: 34-38 Solomon 2: 8-13 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end
Sun 23 July	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr Jason
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