

# HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. This newsletter is available on the Village website. I ask those who opted for e-mail since the last newsletter (you know who you are) to send me a message to say that you can (a) receive it and (b) read it!

## **Pigs (Peter Edwards)**

The two pigs (Pinky & Perky) have gone to a new home (as pets, not bacon!). Although they had been with us only since October last year, they had become a village focus!

## **John & Barbara Kingslake (Peter Edwards)**

We are sorry to lose John & Barbara Kingslake to their new home in Whittington on 20<sup>th</sup> May. They had both been very active supporters of the Village, both at Open Gardens and of course the Church. We all wish them well in the future and they will keep in touch as they wish to receive copies of this Newsletter in the future.

## **Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)**

The new kitchen is now complete. Thank you to everyone who helped and to Deb Whittaker in particular. Delivered within budget and on time.

## **Your Village Hall needs you! (Graham Whittaker)**

It would be nice to see some new, and indeed old faces, in the village hall. We need your support to revitalise the hall and generate more funds.

Events - The Canadian Grand Prix will be live on the big screen on June 9th. The bar will be open from 6:00.

The next breakfast club will be on 30 June, please contact Deb Whittaker to reserve a place. 01543 480090 or [deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk](mailto:deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk) Why not make a day of it and follow the breakfast with the British Grand Prix on the big screen. I am sure we can fit a barbecue in somewhere as well! Details will be on notice boards around the village. If you do not currently receive e-mails about village hall events and you would like to, please send your e-mail address to [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

As always we would like to know your ideas for events. Forthcoming possibilities:

Quiz Night

Pie and a pint evening

Wimbledon Finals on the Big Screen

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

We are having a recess until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 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. A new topic - "It's all Greek to me!"

## **Night in the Park (garden)**

Saturday 13 July - look at last month's Newsletter - contact Peter Cooper 480134.

### **Bird Update (Janet Clarke)**

For the third time we've had to move a feeding station. The sparrow hawk is very cunning and persistent and I think the birds are getting really confused; they will soon need a sat-nav to find the seeds! Rare visitors recently to the seed containers have been two Lesser Redpolls (typical small finch). We've only seen them twice, so we were in the right place at the right time. Do look in your bird books - they are quite colourful and very similar to the Linnets. We have several cock and hen pheasants wandering about and I keep searching to see whether they have a nest under any of the shrubs - no sign so far. The swallows are back with us, always a very welcome sight and are busy inspecting their old nests. Fortunately the few showers should provide them with the necessary mud to either repair their old nests or extend them. The appearance of the butterflies and bees gives us a good feeling. We thought our swan had returned recently but it turned out to be a goose wandering across the field!

P.S. Bert Coleman has seen an egret in the brook opposite Botley House.

### **Garden Guild (Composite from Maureen Casson, Janet Clarke & Kevin Caine)**

Another enjoyable evening on 9th May when we met together to listen to John Garner and Sarah McRandle who were telling us all about Tamworth in Bloom and so much going on all through the year with planning schemes and purchasing plants to bring the displays to public places for us all to enjoy. We were delighted to learn that John Garner was the Mayor elect for the town of Tamworth and that they were winners of the Heart of England Horticultural Excellence Award 2011 but for the purposes of judging competitions, Tamworth is usually called a city as this is based on the population. We saw beautiful arrangements in and around the Castle and grounds and islands as they were presented for Jubilee Year 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and with all the arrangements carried out in a theme of Red, White and Blue. The next meeting of members and friends will be a guided walk around Manor Farm, everyone welcome at 7pm prompt on June 13th. A charge of £5 per head will be made please contact Janet on 01543 481214 to book your place. Refreshments will be served. Parking will be available in the PYO car park - bring appropriate footwear. 11th July - members will be visiting Ann & Chris Meadows' garden (more news soon). As an extra to our own meeting at Manor Farm on 13th June, we have been invited by Hopwas Garden Club to join their meeting on Tuesday 25th June a 7.30pm. Price £2.50 Subject - The greatest Gardening Tips in the world - speaker Steven Brooks. Please contact Pam for more details or see Kevin, Pam or Maureen on the 13th if you're interested. We need to tell you where Hopwas meet, or to arrange car sharing.

### **4 weddings and 3 funerals (sorry!) (Peter Edwards)**

We seem to have seen the last of the funerals, but Fiona tells me we have 4 weddings this year: Richard Munn & Nicola Farrelly on 19<sup>th</sup> May, Tom Jinks & Susan Smith on 28<sup>th</sup> June, David Lowe & Kim Gibson on 13<sup>th</sup> July and Jonathan Stott & Eleanor Parker on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Hats & Handbags (Angela Warner)**

We are once again taking a stall at Whittington Church Fete on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for St. Bartholomew's. This year we are extending our selection to include jewellery. Please have a rummage around and turn out those hats, handbags and jewellery, all in a good cause. Please let Angela (480124) or Val (480088) have any items before the end of May, if you require collection please do not hesitate to contact us.

# GARDEN GUILD



## **Forthcoming meetings**

### **June 13<sup>th</sup> - Manor Farm guided walk.**

7pm prompt. Admission £5 incl. refreshments, proceeds to Guild funds. Please book your place prior to the walk (Janet 01543 481214).

### **July 11<sup>th</sup> - Visit Ann and Chris Meadow's country garden.**

Meet 7pm Brockhurst Lane, Canwell. Refreshments.

### **August 8<sup>th</sup> - Garden Follies of Staffordshire.**

Dianne Barre. A consultant for Historic Gardens and Landscapes of England, Dianne has co-authored a county book.

### **Meetings:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month in Hints Village Hall, starting 7:30 for 7:45pm unless otherwise stated.

### **Membership**

£12.00 per annum.

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

At the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May there were five councillors present, four members of the public and the parish clerk. Geoff Kynaston was re-elected as chairman and representative on The Parish forum and HS2 consultation forum. Ann Outen as Hints Village Hall Representative, Ashley Yeates as Quiney Hall representative. A further donation of £250.00 was awarded to the action against HS2 committee. Two members of the public raised items of concern that had previously been addressed. The one was a seasonal subject that was recorded to raise again later in the year. We were able to produce copies of e-mails from Lichfield District Council showing that the effluent problem has supposedly been dealt with although there are still concerns about overflow on the public footpath. We have been asked to monitor it. There is to be an extra-ordinary meeting at Quiney Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> June just to sign off the accounts before audit. The next full council meeting will be at 7.30pm on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Quiney Hall.

## **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S** **CHURCH SERVICES June 2013**

<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Trinity 2: Holy Communion</b> <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	<b>1 Kings 17:8-16</b>
	<b>Val Edwards</b>	<b>Luke 7:11-17</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Trinity 4: Evening Prayer</b> <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Roy Clarke</b>	<b>1 Kings 19:1-15a</b>
	<b>Janet Clarke</b>	<b>Luke 8:26-39</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	

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### **Hints Golf Society (Elaine Clarke)**

Our game in May was played at Ingestre Park Golf Club (located between Stafford and Great Haywood), with 13 golfers enjoying views of the stunning tree lined course. Ann Meadows won the day very convincingly with a fantastic score of 39 points, with Andy Hicks coming a credible second with 36 points. Whilst the weather was not perfect, we managed to keep dry and here's hoping for some warmer weather for our game on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – venue yet to be decided! As ever, new members are very welcome - please contact Simon or Elaine Clarke ([simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk) or [elaine@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:elaine@manorfarmfruits.co.uk))

### **Race for life – Val Edwards**

At least 6 people from or connected with Hints will be walking or running in the "Race for Life" event at the end of June (Polly Baines, Jessica Ross, Vanessa Turton, Jane & her mum Julia from Louise's stables and me). We aim to raise money for Cancer Research, so if you think you can sponsor us, please get in contact!