

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

June 2015

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

Again, I'm a bit short of copy – please think about contributing.

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

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

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

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm in St Bartholomew's Church - an evening of popular music sung by Lichfield's very own Rock Choir. Please come and support your Local Church on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. Tickets £7.50 inc Wine and Nibbles (children under 12 free, but no wine!)

Tickets Contact: Jeannette 01543 480066 or Sally 07974 955719

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST BART'S - LET'S KEEP THE CHURCH DOORS OPEN!

### **Hints Golf Society (David Outen)**

A beautiful parkland course with the backdrop of Barr Beacon provided a tranquil setting in the middle of Brum for the May meeting of Hints G.S. Everyone set off with high hopes of beating their fellow players and the weather, especially Jez armed with a new set of shiny clubs tailored to suit his swing. None of us avoided a short sharp shower and of course there was only one winner, our President Simon Clarke who shot an immaculate 36. Carol Conwell split the Clarkes by taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Elaine in 3<sup>rd</sup> third. The Yellow ball was won by Ann Meadows, Lloyd and John Taylor. The day was rounded off with a bbq in the hall to which all villagers were invited, many of whom attended - another great day organised by Elaine.

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

David and Ann were given the usual "Hints send-off" on Sunday 31 May – They are leaving the Village after many years of support – David as Treasurer for Village Events, and both for their services to "Stop HS2". We wish them both well – I shall continue to send the Newsletter by e- mail (if they wish – which they do)

## **Hints Village Social Club (Stuart Turton)**

Following a very slow winter period with Wednesday night and Friday night use of the Village licensed bar being very poor, this last few weeks has kick started the social calendar for the hall. Wednesday evenings still see an increasingly active Bridge club generally ensuring that the hall is opened and that there is someone to serve drinks.

The pool players still regular turn up and feed the table. Some early opening on a Friday evening resulted in a very impressive attendance with the room buzzing with boisterous chitter chat and banter. Social activities during this month have seen excellent support giving a great boost to the village hall club coffers. We continue to find new beers ensuring the favourites are regularly available.

Hints Golf Society "Après golf" saw the dusting off of the BBQ. A well-attended evening with the golfers and villagers supporting the evening. A good selection of bangers, burgers and chicken wings were admirably cooked during very changeable weather by Jez. Let's hope the weather improves for the next "après golf" on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Jacket potatoes with a supporting salad followed by very local strawberries and a good selection of Ice cream was all washed down with a pin of Fallen angel (Church End Brewery) and several bottles of wine.

Pool Competition - May witnessed the first Pool competition of the year. A very well attended evening with 16 entrants of past champions and some of our new village neighbours coming to try their hand. A wide range of talent saw Stew Baker beating Dan Petford in the overall final. £10 and £6 bar credits to them respectively.

Congratulations to Aaron for organising.

Film Night- with Hot Dogs by Pam & Geoff - Another well attended film night to watch a comedy called "What we did on our holiday" with pre film food being prepared and served by Pam & Geoff Kynaston. The improved sound system certainly made the film nights even more enjoyable. Look out for the next film that will be coming shortly.

Thanks go to the people who continually support these events and our regular social night openings. Special thanks go to all the volunteers that make these events possible in manning the bar, help set up the hall, prepare and serve food and clean up. To all those out there who have not tried one of our events or Friday nights- go on give it a try! Come and meet your fellow villagers and neighbours, we have a tremendous spirit amongst us and can also have an enjoyable time. Village Hall social club membership is only £1 per person per year, with draft beers at £2.50 a pint, wine at £3.50 for 250ml and spirits £1.20 a shot, no taxi fares, no driving needed- Surely got to be worth a visit.

Social events- Have you got an idea and willing to generally organise it? Then please contact myself or John Toogood and we can help get it promoted.

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

At the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May the newly elected councillors were sworn in. Chairman Geoff Kynaston, Vice chairman Simon Clarke, other councillors are as advised on village notice boards after the election. It was decided to continue with the new arrangements for maintaining the Parish field in Canwell. It is to be mowed on a more regular basis and access allowed to all parishioners during reasonable daylight hours. The field is approximately one and a half acres and is situated at the rear of the old school in Slade Road/London Road in Canwell. There is a small area suitable for parking off road, accessed off Slade Road. HS2 had advised two dates for a drop in exhibition to explain their proposals for the Rookery Lane diversion. It was decided to opt for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June between 6 and 8pm in Hints Village Hall. They assure us that there will be engineers in attendance to answer any queries local residents may have.

The Parish clerk is to arrange a council visit to Hints quarry to see firsthand the reinstatement of worked out areas. The next parish meeting is in Hints Village Hall at 7.30pm on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

The last meeting of members was a talk by Vicky Worrall all about Bats. This was not a subject that everyone had been looking forward to but proved to be interesting and many facts were given to our members. The summer usually has often seen our members out and about and in June there will be a visit to Sheepwash Farm at Whittington, but sorry to say no additional bookings can be made for this excellent evening trip as the places have now been allocated. We are also having a trip to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries in June and to check if places are still available please ring Janet on 0121 308 1706.

### **HS2 Presentation on new route changes (Paul Blackmore)**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 18:00 – 20:00. HS2 have agreed to give a walk in presentation to the residents and landholders of Hints and Canwell. They will have information and technical members of staff available to show us the latest amendments to the route as it passes through Hints. This is your opportunity to get any questions answered about how the route changes may affect **YOU**, how will the construction period affect the village and how the new "Need to Sell" compensation scheme may be of benefit. We will be circulating an information sheet, along with an enhanced map showing the changes so you can be primed with questions to cover some of the topics that might be pertinent. If you want to discuss any issues about HS2 before the event don't hesitate to give me a call - 01543 481791

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

14 June	10:30 am	Morning Worship Trevor James
Readings	2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
28 June	18:30 pm	Holy Communion Keith Haywood
Readings:	2 Cor 8:7- end Mark 5:21-end	tba tba
Sides person:		tba

## **St. Bartholomew's Fund Raising at Whittington Fete 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Jeannette White)**

Once again we would like to fund raise for the church at this year's Whittington Fete by having a Hat, handbag and jewellery stall. Can you help us by providing unwanted handbags, hats or jewellery? Items can be left at the back of the church, village hall or contact me on 01543 480066.

## **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.