

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. I need to print about 82 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 51 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next breakfast club will be on Sunday 29 June. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book a place. Thank you to everyone who came along to help with the "tidy up" outside the village hall. It was great to see so many people there. The village hall is alive and kicking!!

Is golf about to get easier? (Janet Clarke)

Help may be at hand for those who find golf too difficult. In the US there are five million fewer players than there were 10 years ago, with some suggesting that there's a simple solution: bigger holes. While golf holes are currently 4.5 inches in diameter, a pilot scheme across the pond will see 15 inch holes installed at a number of courses. Who knows? Bigger holes may soon be coming to a club near you.

From the Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill (Janet Clarke)

Although he played golf - and probably enjoyed it - Churchill was clearly not an obsessive bore about the game: 'Golf is like chasing a quinine pill around a pasture,' he once remarked. And on another occasion: 'Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill designed for the purpose.'

(Editor's note - Mark Twain said "golf is a good walk spoiled")

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

At the Parish Council meeting held at Quinney hall on Tuesday 13th May the existing officers were re elected. Chairman Geoff Kynaston, Vice-Chairman and Quinney Hall rep. Ashley Yeates, Hints Hall Rep. Tony Lloyd. After some discussion it was decided to form a management committee to maintain the Parish Field at Canwell. It is hoped that this will be self-financing in the long term. The field has now been mown and is available to all parishioners to use during normal daytime hours. The field is situated behind the old school in Slade Road Canwell and can be accessed via the gateway off Slade road behind the old school. There is limited off road parking through this gate. Missed to mention that, "Paul Blackmore has successfully presented the Parish Council's HS2 petition in London."

Hints Hats and Handbags sale (Jeannette White)

A reminder - the stall will go ahead again at Whittington Church Fete on Saturday 14th June. Donations, spare hats, handbags and other accessories wanted. Contact Jeannette White or Val Edwards please (phone numbers on the back page).

Film night (Stuart Turton)

Film night, with Hot Pork Baps. Following our inaugural Film Night we are pleased to announce that the next offering will be on Saturday 7th June 2014 in the Village Hall. "Captain Philips" (Tom Hanks). Steve and Helen Bourne have kindly volunteered to prepare Hot Pork Baps for the evening. These shall be available during the evening with the price still to be determined. As our film license does not allow us to charge an entrance fee for the film a raffle will be held that we trust everyone will buy. Village Hall Bar will open at 7pm with the film starting at 8pm or thereabouts. To help with catering and seating arrangements please advise us of your intentions to attend.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our members enjoyed another excellent evening when we met in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th May. Our speaker was telling us about the demolition and rebuilding of a 17th century barn. This had been taken carefully apart piece by piece and rebuilt as a scout hall with the essential addition of toilets although the old fireplace had been reconstructed and was put to good use. Our speaker Brian Teal had spent many hours obtaining support and grants and put in a lot of the unseen hard work himself but the highlight was that after many letters and changes in arrangements Prince Charles had opened the rebuilt premises which sadly now are to be sold as the scout group no longer meet. Members will be out and about for the June Meeting on a visit to Middleton Hall. Further details available from Janet Willett - 0121 308 1706

Hints History Walking Treasure Hunt and Strawberry tea (Gilly Fifield)

Greetings from the USA! This is the first time we've stopped since leaving home and we're now on the train on our way to New York prior to our voyage home. The music, the people and the history has all been fascinating but we liked New Orleans best, as it was so vibrant and full of musical talent.

Reminder: Sunday June 22nd - Hints History Walking Treasure Hunt. Starting at 2.15 at the village hall, collect your quiz sheet and clues will be found round the village and in the hall. Come and learn more about the history of your village, discover things you've never noticed and see the village through new eyes! (There will be a small charge to cover costs and a prize for the winner). A strawberry tea in the village hall will follow this. Please let me know if you are planning to come so I have some idea of numbers. ANY offers of help (and prayers for good weather) would be much appreciated!

Hints Village Calendar (John Toogood)

This is too big to put in the newsletter, but Kevin Caine has put it on the website. Please refer to that!

Hints Golf Society Spring Tour (Elaine Clarke / Simon Clarke)

It appears that there's no news for this month!

World Cup 2014 (John Toogood)

Ed - I have been sent a huge list of World Cup events during 2014 with some list shown as being displayed on the big screen at the Village Hall. The list is far too big to include in the Newsletter so Kevin Caine will put it on the website - please refer to that! The VH will open 30 mins before kick-off.

At your Village Hall in June this month (John Toogood / Stuart Turton)

Here are just a few of the things that are going on at your village hall this month. To get regular email notifications about Village hall social events please email john.Toogood123@hotmail.co.uk or stuartturton@surespancovers.com and register your interest.

Wednesday 4th June from 7.30pm following VHSC committee meeting – watch England's warm up game against Ecuador on the big screen.

Saturday 7th June from 7pm Film Night with Pork Baps. Film is Captain Phillips an exciting true story about Somali pirates hijacking a huge container ship- starring Tom Hanks. Please contact Stuart Turton to confirm attendance and for catering. Pork Baps with trimmings prepared by Helen & Steve Bourne.

Saturday 14th June from 10.30pm World Cup England v Italy. Kick off at 11pm. If possible all of England's World Cup games will be screened – watch out for notifications.

The Village Hall bar serves real ale from our own hand pull beer engines and has a selection of wines, spirits and soft drinks. We have a Malt of the month and now by demand, a Gin of the month. We have just purchased a new BBQ and this Summer will be holding some informal early evening openings to get some use from it. Register your interest by signing up for the regular email shots. Hints Village Social Club Membership is £1 per person per year from 1st April. There will be regular openings on Wednesday and Friday evenings with more and more other events occurring at other times.

Social Club (Stuart Turton)

Following on from April's Pool competition the May event was held on Wednesday 21st May. There were 12 entrants on the evening and the draw brought out some interesting pairings. However the final was contested between Stew Baker and Bob Wright with Stew coming out on top. Congratulations to Stew who takes Mick Hartland's crown into next month's event. Watch out for the date that will be a Wednesday evening from 8.30 pm.

Inaugural Film Night (Gravity) with Curry meal – (2nd May). It gives me great pleasure to advise that the evening was a huge success and hopefully enjoyed by all. The quality and quantity of the Curry meal was exceptional and massive thanks to Elaine & Jez for their efforts in preparing that I know they took very seriously. Thanks to all those who also helped in setting up the hall, serving and then clearing up afterwards. Without your help it would not be possible. A further thanks to all those who attended, we hope that you can all continue to support your village hall.

Social Club summer BBQ 2014 - please note this event will take place on the afternoon and evening of Sunday August 24th so put it in your diary now please.

Hints Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival (Jeannette White)

A decision was made at the Village Events Meeting on the 19th March to go ahead with a one-day event on Sunday 21st September 2014. The plan is to have a Scarecrow Competition, Flower arrangements in the Church together with tombola, books, plants, jewellery & handbag and bric-a-brac stalls. Attractions confirmed to date are bouncy castles, coconut shy and bottle tombola. We are hoping to have a number of vintage cars placed around the village. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall with a barbecue outside serving hot dogs and burgers. More details will be in next month's newsletter. We are asking for volunteers to man the stalls and also for donations, tombola prizes, books, bric-a-brac, jewellery etc. Donations can be left in the Village Hall or at the back of the Church or in the Village Hall. If you wish to volunteer for one of the stalls a list of stalls with 1-hour slots will be available at the back of the Church from Sunday 1st June. Next meeting is Wednesday 11 June at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

**St. Bartholomew's
CHURCH SERVICES June 2014**

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| 8th June | 6:30 pm | Holy Communion |
| Readings: | Acts 21:1-21 | Rev. Fiona Haskett |
| | John 20:19-23 | Gilly Fifield |
| Sides person: | | Val Edwards |
| | | Val Edwards |
| 22nd June | 6:30 pm | Evening Worship |
| | | Rev. Fiona Haskett |
| Readings: | Rom 6:1b-11 | Roy Clarke |
| | Matt 10:24-39 | Janet Clarke |
| Sides person: | | Gill Needle |

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Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We have finally finished Northern Art! From June 2nd we will be experimenting with an entirely new series entitled "The Wood and the Trees" looking at the many ways in which wood (and trees) feature in Art History. Monday evenings at the Village Hall: 7:30 to 9:30, £3 per session including refreshments, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

Social Club again (John Toogood)

Being vice chairman of the Village Hall Social Club committee has a number of advantages - helping behind the bar, organising and attending the social functions, testing the beer, meeting villagers to name but a few. I didn't think that bird watching would have been on the list however, yet the other day I was waiting for a beer delivery with the back door of the village hall open and several swallows came into the store room briefly and had a fly round. They were obviously looking for a nesting place, and the storeroom, with beer, wines, soft drinks and crisps would have been an ideal spot but after a short while they decided that there might be better places and flew away. I nearly had to open a beer to calm my enthusiasm, but resisted.

(Editor's note - were these "swallows" glasses of beer?)