

## **HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

**June 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)**

At the last Parish Council meeting in Quinney Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> May, the Council representatives on various committees were re appointed. The Parish accounts have been audited and will shortly be available for public inspection. Funding for the ramp at Quinney hall is now being undertaken and we already have £400.00 donated towards the cost. A further visit to Hints Quarry is to be arranged to confirm that the reinstatement work has been carried out. Our last visit was on a particularly wet day so we did not venture outside the office. The neighbourhood highway team have been in the area and carried out the works requested. The grass verge in the service road was not cut when the roadside verges were cut and this is being brought to highways attention. Concern was raised about lorries being parked by Canwell caravans and caravans obstructing the field of vision for traffic exiting Brockhurst Drive. This area comes under Weeford Parish so our Parish clerk is to pass this item onto Weeford parish clerk. Next meeting in Hints Village Hall on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

Please note the contents of the enclosed/attached flyer for this event on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

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

The Rock Choir will be coming to Hints again on July 23<sup>rd</sup> – last time they came they gave us a most impressive concert! Book it in your diaries NOW – further details will follow.

### **Hints Social Club AGM (Kevin Caine)**

The AGM held at the end of April saw the election of officers for the forthcoming year. Graham Whittaker took over as Chairman from Stuart Turton who stood down having served since March 2013, and he thanked Stuart for all his hard work for the club. John Toogood, Ian Reeley and Kevin Caine were re-elected as Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The social club is responsible for the smooth running of the bar at all village and private functions, and thanks go to the team of volunteers who make this possible, who are David Fifield, Geoff and Pam Kynaston, Chris Meadows, Steven and Andrea Parkes, Sue Petford, Stuart and Aaron Turton and Tony Lloyd.

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

This will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow. The preliminary meeting will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 in the Village Hall.

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

This month's breakfast will be on Sunday 26 June. 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)**

The next Boules competition against Aston will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

Thank you to everyone who has played this season. We have raised £2125 (cumulative) for the church so far. The game will be back at the start of next season - please contact Graham Whittaker for details.

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

We are continuing to look at German art and we are now well into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. £3 per session, refreshments included, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. New members always welcome.

### **Euros 2016 (John Toogood)**

John has sent an e-mail to most villagers regarding Euros 2016, asking which matches you want to watch. It's too big to put in the newsletter, but if in doubt, contact John ([toogood123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:toogood123@hotmail.co.uk))

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

Members enjoyed a relaxing evening in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th May. The speaker on this occasion was Lynn Tann-Watson who has been growing and using herbs for around 40 years and has also written books on this subject. She told us how to make infusions using an alcohol base and also encouraged us to use appropriate herbs in our cooking. Another idea which gave us food for thought was to add herbs to pillows to help us to enjoy relaxing sleep something I'm sure we all need after working in our gardens at this time when everything is growing so rapidly. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9th June and our speaker will be Peter Coxhead who will be enlightening us about British orchids. Everyone welcome to join us in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

The Hints walking group is a friendly amble all around Hints, the walk can vary from 3.5 miles to 6 miles. Walkers come from all over to enjoy our village and its walks and they love to have a chat with the villagers...so the more villagers the better. We meet fortnightly on Fridays. The walks are free and open to all ages. Moderate walks including stiles. The walks start from the Village hall at 10.00. For further information on other walking groups [www.ageuk.org.uk/southstaffs](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/southstaffs). Hope to see you!

### **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 [ewpiltes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpiltes@yahoo.co.uk).

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

The 3rd Monday afternoon of the month came round again very quickly but a late green fee bargain offered by the local Drayton Park Golf Club attracted nine golfers to turn out on a very warm, calm sunny Monday afternoon. The golf course was very quiet and we felt as though we were almost the only one playing at sometimes. With handicaps ranging from 2 to 36 it proved to a tough challenge for everyone with tight tree lined fairways and fast greens. However James Startin on his 2nd showing of the season came out victorious with a return of 33 points. Runner up was Stuart Turton a point back. Following the golf we had a refreshing beverage on the golf club patio area whilst basking in the early evening sun. We swapped our view on the days experiences and on handicap rules, before heading off to the Peninsular restaurant for a fine Chinese banquet. Thanks again to Simon and Elaine who between them sort the golf venues and tee times out for us, allowing us to breeze up on the day and simply play golf. The next Golf outing will be on Monday 20th June with the venue and tee times to be advised by email prior to the day. If you are interested in playing with HGS, who have an overall membership (that is free!) of 20 or so with a mix of male and female golfers please contact [simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk).

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Service at St Bartholomew's (11.00) followed by a lunch at the Village Hall – see the flyer!

### **St. Bartholomew's Church Services June 2016**

Sun 12 June	11:00	Celebration of the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday Plus lunch – see flyer Fr. Jason
Readings:		tba
Sun 26 June	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr. Jason
Readings:		2 Kings 2:1-12, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-end