

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTES (Peter Edwards)

I would like any copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. We need your input! Each month, we need to photocopy about 97 (now) copies of the newsletter for distribution. This has, in the past and for the future (I hope), been funded jointly by the Church, Parish Council, Village Hall and Social Club, but is still quite a lot of money. If you are willing to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, it could save a lot of cash! **If you would like to receive the Newsletter in this way (as a PDF), please send me an e-mail saying so – that way, I shall have your e-mail address and can build a group mailing list so I just push one button...** So far I've had 28 takers – the number is increasing! Please note that this newsletter is also available on the Village website – www.hints-village.com (courtesy of Kevin Caine). Printing is again by Robin and Dan Petford. We can also have colour if we wish (**note the yellow highlights in this newsletter**). That means we can also include pictures in the newsletter – if you want to include one, please send the image to me (jpeg format is best, by e-mail).

Could I also ask those who have opted for e-mail since the last newsletter (you know who you are) to send me a confirmation message to say that you can (a) receive the e-mail and (b) read the contents?

It has (quite reasonably) been suggested that the somewhat miniscule font size I use is not very friendly to those with sight problems. I try to use the largest font I can use, but I don't want to extend the newsletter beyond its current size of 4 x A5 pages, because of cost. If we have a lot of contributions, we will have to stick with the size used – I've tried to use the clearest font I have (Verdana).

St Bartholomew's Church (Fiona Haskett)

We have two very special services at St Bart's this month:

Sunday 10th March at 11.30 – special Family Service of Thanksgiving on Mothering Sunday – this will be an upbeat service, which should last no more than 50 minutes and will be followed by a glass of something.

Sunday 31st March at 6.30pm – Holy Communion for Easter, (with the possibility of Easter eggs for all who attend).

Please do come and celebrate these special services with us. There will also be other special services at St Giles Whittington, which you are all warmly invited to:

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 for 7.30pm Agape meal and service

Good Friday – 10:00am Family Service, 2:00pm – Meditation service

HINTS VILLAGE HALL

Graham Whittaker – Chairman

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz and those who helped to make it such a successful night. Over 80 people attended and even though it was not intended to be a fundraiser we still made a profit on the night of nearly £200; helped by the raffle. There was also a very good night on the bar takings. The monies raised will go to new projects.

We are keen to hold more events and as ever would be interested in your ideas.

At the village hall management committee meeting on 20 February the following expenditure was agreed:

Kitchen refurbishment and the creation of new kitchen storage and washing up areas.

Purchase of a projector and fixed electric screen to improve facilities for presentations, seminars, films etc.

Football Pontoon - Thank you to all players. We have now raised over £500 for the church. Please contact me if you wish to play. Details are on the various notice boards around the village.

Quiz Night (John Toogood)

In case no one else has commented (ed: no, they haven't!), can I say what a fabulous night the quiz night was and how well this was organised by Graham, Debbie and all their helpers. I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves whether they won or not - I look forward to the next one. Thanks again.

Social Club Annual General Meeting (Kevin Caine)

All club members are invited to this year's A.G.M. on Wednesday 27th March at 8pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and see what work is done to provide the bar and help the success of private and village functions. Nominations are still being received for the roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary so please contact a committee member or email info@hints-village.com for more information. If you have any proposals or business to raise at the A.G.M. Please notify the secretary at least 7 days before the 27th by e-mail (kevincaine@edgebs.net), the bar or 7 Watling Street.

Hints History Evening (Gilly Fifield)

Following the success of last year's Hints History Evening and requests for further sessions please put Friday 12th April in your diaries. We shall be having a speaker this time as well as time to relax and discuss aspects of village history that people would like to discover or share. Please also look out photos and jot down memories to share. All are being collected so that we can have a file of recent Hints history, in addition to the wonderful work on earlier history by Valerie and Eddie Shaw.

Church Electoral Roll (Val Edwards)

Every 6 years we have to renew the Church Electoral Roll. Everyone who wants to be on it is required to fill in a new form whether they are on the existing Electoral Roll or not. If you wish to be on St Bartholomew's Church, Hints Electoral Roll please can you fill in a form? This needs to be done ideally before the end of March. You can download a form SG1 from the diocesan website (www.lichfield.anglican.org/assets/downloads) or if you either don't have access to the internet or find downloading daunting, then contact me: I'll make sure we have some spares! Val Edwards 01543 480088 or val@weardrive.demon.co.uk

Thursday morning Art Class (Janet Clarke)

A Workshop will be held on Saturday, 13th April in Hints Village Hall. Admission will be by ticket only and these will be very limited. Time and cost will be available very shortly, hopefully after 21st February. If anyone is interested please contact Janet on 01543 481214 or email janet@manorfarmfruits.eclipse.co.uk. The normal classes are still held every Thursday morning 10 - 12 and are well attended.

Spring Walk –Sun 14th April (Gilly Fifield)

Hints villagers and friends are invited to a Spring walk on Sunday 14th April. The walk will take a circular route from the Village Hall of about 8 miles with some stiles and stretches of uneven ground. We shall leave at 10.0am, All welcome! Bring a packed lunch & coffee. Return to the Village Hall by about 3.0pm

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members gathered in the Village Hall on Valentines Day and NO, there wasn't a red rose or a heart in sight, but it was an excellent meeting as we travelled with our speaker from John O'Groats to Land's End.

The speaker on this occasion was Tom Marshall and we were entertained with slides and beautiful scenery and much laughter, 'on our bikes' as we travelled down the country, a few years ago, when he had undertaken the journey over a period of nine days to raise funds for Wild Life Fund. It became apparent that journeys are usually taken the opposite way round by starting at Land's End, due apparently to prevailing winds, but Tom had not been aware of this when he planned his route. The train journey from the Midlands up to Wick took many hours and then after a night at the hotel at John O'Groats the journey began down through Scotland with around 100 miles each day to cover the journey in the time allowed. The bike was loaded down with a sleeping bag etc. but not much in the way of a pump for the tyres and repair kit. It would seem very little money for accommodation, and a cash card that got damaged.

Sleeping on the edge of a loch in the open air in Scotland meant attracting all the local midges. Sleeping in barns was much less of a worry but bunk beds with straw mattresses was interesting as was finding a friend on the route to spend the night and dry out clothes.

The bike stood up the journey but with no spanner etc., the saddle became a problem and one of our members remembered having a bike like the one Tom had used for his journey, but this then ended safely at Land's End but just an hour too late for the lift back home that he had been promised. An excellent meeting.

On March 14th we are looking forward to a visit from Planters Garden Centre who will be telling us about Climbers and Twiners, everyone welcome at 7.30pm

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

This continues every Monday 7:30 in the Village Hall. The theme is "Paintings in local collections". All are welcome, £3 per evening, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. Contact Val Edwards 01543 480088 or just drop in.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES March 2013

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| 10th March | 11:30am | Mothering Sunday Rev. Fiona Haskett |
| Readings: | Roy Clarke | Exod 2:1-10 |
| | Janet Clarke | John 19:25-27 |
| Sideperson: | Gill Needle | |
| 24th March | 6.30pm | Palm Sunday Rev. Fiona Haskett |
| Readings: | John Kingslake | Phil 2: 5-11 |
| | Barbara Kingslake | Luke 23: 1-49 |
| Sideperson: | Val Edwards | |
| 31st March | 6:30pm | Easter Day Canon B. McGuire |
| Readings: | Val Edwards | TBA |
| | Gill Needle | TBA |
| Sideperson: | Gill Needle | |

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Wool Urgently Required (Janet Clarke)

Any oddments of double knitting wool would be most gratefully received for volunteers to knit baby clothes and blankets for a charity in Africa. The charity is GREENFIELDS AFRICA and the website is gfafrica.com Please contact Janet Clarke 01543 481214. Many thanks.