

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER March 2018

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 63 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 77 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

New Class starting on Monday the 5th March at 10.00. First class is FREE! Also every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk.

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Also the next new Monday session is on Monday 26 Feb at 10:30. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Meet fortnightly on a Friday at the village hall at 10.00. Dates are 2nd, 16th and 30th March. Walks average between 4 to 6 miles, the walks are a fast pace with stiles. For more information please contact Deb Whittaker on debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

Line dancing (Daphne)

The line dancing class seems to be a great success. Please come along and join the fun on Tuesdays at 10.30. Contact Daphne – neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club is on 25th March. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing with the theme of Byzantine and Medieval art, meeting in the Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30. £4 per session, including refreshments. £3 goes to the church and the remaining £1 to the Pathway Project. Newcomers (or returners!) always welcome. For further details contact me on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Film Night (Steve Bourne)

SULLY - The Miracle of the Hudson, starring Tom Hanks is your Hints Film Club film for 7th April. Book your place now!
Steve.bourne@me.com

Book Club (Janet Clarke)

The following appeared in the **December 2006** newsletter.

"BOOK CLUB - Is anyone interested in forming a Book Club in the village? This would be held once a month, dates and venues to be arranged. The idea is to read and then discuss certain books which all members have read beforehand. It would be a social gathering with presumably a welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits to help the meeting along." Sadly this book club ceased several months ago for various reasons and it would be good to start up again. We should borrow an assortment of books from Shenstone library and share them out and then talk about them. Other ideas are most welcome. If interested please 'phone me on 01543 481214. We normally met on the second Monday in each month.

It was lovely to see Gerald Blackburn driving through the village today and a few weeks ago he and Pat were in the Strawberry Cabin having lunch. It was lovely to see them again. Most of the 'older' villagers will remember Gerald as a former Newsletter editor.

Anne Colgrave (Val Edwards)

It is with great sadness that we have been informed that Anne Colgrave died on 19 February after a lingering illness. For the villagers who have attended recent Remembrance Sunday services, Anne was the lay minister who led them and those who have been present at funeral services which she conducted will know how sensitively she approached them. She will be very greatly missed.

Village Hall events (Steve Bourne)

Ed: Steve has sent me a list of events for the whole of 2018 but I think if I put them all in you will forget, so here's what is happening during March, April and May.

21 April – St George's supper

22 May – VH and Social Club AGM

26 May – Film night "Darkest Hour"

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

New players welcome - it's £1 a week and all proceeds go to the Church. Contact Graham Whittaker for details.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

There are currently a lot of planning applications in the pipeline, most of them in the Canwell part of the Parish. There has been another accident at "the no right hand turn" on the Sutton road at Canwell. A large section of the central barrier is now missing. Tim Hemersley at highways has been informed. I like to keep him updated on the increased frequency of accidents since the alteration. We are still trying to get road gullies cleared especially the ones outside Lichfield Lodge on Watling Street. The next Parish Council meeting will be in Hints village hall on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm. A period of fifteen minutes is allowed at the start of each meeting for members of the public to raise any matters of concern.

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

The Hints Golf Society will kick off the 2018 season with the first game taking place on Monday 19th March. It's yet to be decided whether there will be a Spring Tour. Any one wishing to play should contact myself:

simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk or Stuart Turton:

stuartturton@surespancovers.com. Here's to a successful golfing season.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

We had an excellent speaker on Thursday 8th February. Members enjoyed listening to our speaker Robert Barlow who spoke to us about the history and techniques of Well Dressing. Robert had travelled to many parts of Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire to enjoy the individual interpretations of dressing the wells with the many different themes. A lot of hard work goes into the design and planning of each well and then the soaking of the flower boards which are then marked out and packed with clay and the flowers and leaves are then inserted into the clay separately which seems to be a time when many hands make light work over several days. Some of our members had visited various well dressings and one of the earliest is held at Tissington. Robert is involved with the designing of the wells in his village and he showed to us many of the previous designs and old photographs. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th March at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Village Hall when our speaker will be David Howell with a talk titled – Welcome to Spring – and I feel sure we will all be looking forward hopefully to the warmer weather but the gardening season is already getting underway with the appearance of snowdrops and the budding of daffodils. Visitors and members are always welcome at our meetings.

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Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

There are no flowers in church during Lent, but Easter Sunday falls on 1 April this year. Traditionally as many as possible of the windows are decorated with flowers, and the font and the usual altar flowers. If you are interested in providing flowers and doing an arrangement, please contact me on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com so I can set up a rota.

St Bartholomew's Church Services March 2018

Sun 4 March	18:30	Parish Eucharist Fr. Jason
Readings:		Exodus 20: 1-17 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22
Sun 18 March	10:00	Parish Eucharist Fr. Jason
Readings:		Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33