

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER March 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 78 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 58 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

### **Service at St Bartholomew's on 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Peter Edwards)**

Note well – we have managed to persuade Archdeacon Simon Baker to conduct a Holy Communion on this date. Let's have a really good turnout for him!

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

The Parish council is shortly to meet with representatives of HS2 to discuss their vague plans for a diversion of Rookery Lane to avoid the low under bridge. There is a Country Pursuits plan on Lichfield District planning site that may be of interest to people in Hints. Log onto 14/00631/COU for full details. Any comments or observations can be made at the Parish Council meeting in Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

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

The next Breakfast Club will be on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Graham Whittaker to book (see the back page).

### **Rugby 6 Nations (John Toogood)**

Here's the schedule for the 6 Nations Rugby. These will be shown at the Village Hall, opening 30 minutes before kick-off. The normal liquid and solid refreshments will be provided (book for food in advance with John Toogood or Stuart Turton!)

Sat 14 Mar – England v Scotland (17:00)

Sat 21 Mar – England v France (17:00)

### **Village events (John Toogood)**

The first excitement of the month was England beating Wales in the 6 Nations Rugby, and as this was on a Friday, it attracted a good audience. A week later, was Valentines Night which was a huge success and Jez and Elaine were Hints Mr and Mrs Winners for 2015. The evening proved to be very funny and despite numerous heated complaints from the ladies because of their men, knowing nothing about them, most got home unscathed. This years Valentine's Night proved even more successful than last so it will have to be included in the calendar as an annual event. Debbie and Graham organised it all ably assisted by a very amusing Gill Needle as the second Question Master and our thanks go to them. The Breakfast Club was as ever well supported and it would seem that it always attracts around 25 who enjoy getting together on a Sunday morning once a month to "chew the fat" with their friends and neighbours - long may that continue. The Chairman and Committee would like to thank all those who continue to support the Village Hall, this support is very important to ensure we can maintain this unique and wonderful facility. We will be sending out a Calendar of events shortly but a date to put in your diary is the Curry and Film Night which is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. There are still a few spaces left but they are strictly limited so if you want to come along please email [john@johntoogood.co.uk](mailto:john@johntoogood.co.uk) NOW.

### **Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)**

Hints Golf Society kicks off the golfing season with the Spring Tour on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to North Wales. Four years ago the Society visited N. Wales for the very successful inaugural tour when we played Nefyn and Porthmadog. This time we will play North Wales Golf Club and Conwy Golf Club (home of a European Seniors and a Ladies European Tour event) with an overnight stay in Llandudno. As always the tours prove to be very popular with 13 players confirmed at time of writing.

The 2 days of golf prove to be very competitive. Unfortunately last year's Order of Merit winner, Ann Meadows, is unable to play as Chris is still recuperating at home so the pre-tournament favourite has to be Stuart Turton who has made best use of the golf facilities at Manor Farm Fruits - almost on a daily basis, (the bookies stopped taking bets on him weeks ago!) followed closely by Dave Fifield who has been working very hard on his chipping! David and Ann Outen make a welcome return to the Society preferring the balmy weather in N. Wales to the tropical winter sun of Mauritius. Let's just hope we have 2 days of decent weather.

### **Jordan Adams (Beckie Barlow)**

For those of you who attended the Scarecrow Festival will remember the fantastic singer who performed for us all in the paddock area opposite the church. Jordan Adams has starred in many West End themed musicals at the Garrick and has also just beat 10,000 people nationally into the finals of the Open Mic singing competition at the NEC. Jordan is now offering a 'Live Lounge' service where he will come to your house and in an informal, relaxed environment sing to you and your friends for a couple of hours with a full range of classical and west end songs. I am sure it would really make a very memorable evening and I'm sure he could be persuaded to sing something from The King and I which he is starring in at the Garrick this coming April. If you would like more details, please contact Jordan on 07851 371428. If any of you have not heard him and would like some examples or references please let me know.

### **Tony & Margaret Lloyd (Peter Edwards)**

Tony and Margaret are moving from the Village in the very near future and we gave them the usual Hints send off on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, which was attended by a large number of villagers. Most of you will know the tremendous contribution they have both made to the Village Hall and to Hints Village life. Tony has held many posts in the village (including the one on the front gate after a few beers), and in recent years has been affectionately referred to as the Mayor of Hints.

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

We have had some excellent speakers this year and members have enjoyed listening to the different subjects. In January we learnt a great deal about wildlife that comes, perhaps unnoticed, into our gardens. Derek Crawley spoke at length about mammals showing us many colourful pictures of foxes and different types of mice to name just a few. Then at our February meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> we listened to Derek Higgott about all things bright and beautiful. An amusing talk with slides – to remind people that as the seasons come and go we can see brightness and beauty all around, not just in the brightness of the summer flowers in the gardens but also in the sparkling frost on the trees when we are unable to go outside and tend our gardens but to look forward to the first signs of growth with snowdrops appearing. Our March Meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm for 7.45pm when we will be hearing all about Hostas. Our speaker on this occasion will be Robert Barlow of the North Staffordshire Hostas Association, so by then we will be moving forward to creating displays in our own gardens.

Some of our members have been ill recently and we hope that Chris is recovering well from his recent operation, we look forward to welcoming them back when everyone is fully recovered. Grateful thanks also to members who have taken on the refreshments duties. We also welcome any new members or visitors to our meetings when tea, coffee and biscuits are enjoyed which gives us time to share hints and tips about gardening.

### **John & Bev Morris (John & Bev Morris)**

As many of you will know we have now moved to Anglesey to enjoy our retirement. We just wanted to say goodbye to all our friends in Hints and wish everyone in the village the very best for the future. We shall stay in touch via the Hints Newsletter.

### **Clothes Party (Anna Jackson)**

Unfortunately, owing to domestic reasons, this has had to be cancelled.

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

8 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30 am		Morning Worship Clair Kirk
Readings:	1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22		tba tba
Sides person:			tba
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>18:30 pm</b>		<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Archdeacon Simon Baker</b>
Readings:	Heb 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	tba	tba
Sides person:			tba

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

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March there will be a "mystery session" after which we will decide on a new topic to begin on 9<sup>th</sup> March and continue until Easter. Monday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30 pm in the Village Hall, £3 per session which includes refreshments. All proceeds towards the cost of running St Bartholomew's church. For further information contact Val Edwards on 480088 or [val@weardrive.demon.co.uk](mailto:val@weardrive.demon.co.uk), or just turn up on the night.

#### **Film and Curry night (John Toogood)**

"Marvellous" – this incredible story will be shown on the Big Screen in the Village Hall followed by Curry and "sides" from the famous Holloway/Clarke kitchen on Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March. For those of you who have not heard about this story - you will be moved. Very few men or women have managed to watch it without shedding a tear - mainly happy tears but tears anyway.