

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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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 70 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 69 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

### Film night (John Toogood)

Hints Film Night on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March with hot pork baps (and the bar!) £5 per head. The film is "The Martian". Contact Steve Bourne ([steve.bourne@me.com](mailto:steve.bourne@me.com)) or John Toogood ([John@johntoogood.co.uk](mailto:John@johntoogood.co.uk))

### Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

We have raised £2000 for the church so far. It's only £1 a week to play and you don't have to know anything about football or pontoon to play! Let me know if you want to play by sending me an e-mail and I will do the rest. [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

### Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Both defibrillators are now installed on our village halls. This is thanks to the generous donations received from Hints Quarry, County Councillor David Smith and M6toll. These three donations have paid for all purchase and installation costs, with a little over for future maintenance. A training session has been arranged for 7.30pm at Hints Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Quinney Hall training session is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Any one is welcome to attend either meeting. I note that, in this week's Lichfield Mercury, Fradley are having difficulties raising funds for a defibrillator. Our next project is for a disability ramp at Quinney Hall. On the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb there was a serious accident at the new, supposedly safer road layout at the A453/B4151 road junction at Carroway Head Canwell. Reports and pictures are in the Tamworth Herald and Sutton Observer. Residents in this area have had meetings with both County Councillors whose boundaries meet here in the hope that a better solution can be found. Next Parish Council meeting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in Hints Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend as there is a part of the meeting set aside for public discussion

### **Quiz night (Graham Whittaker)**

A date for your diary is 14 May. There will be a quiz with a fish and chip supper; further details in next month's newsletter.

### **Mr & Mrs (John Toogood)**

Congratulations to Jez and Elaine for winning this annual competition for the second time in succession, and thanks to Debbie and Graham for putting all the effort in to organising the evening which is now firmly established as one of the major events on the Hints Calendar. Everyone enjoyed the evening and a special thank you to Gill Needle who put the questions to the contestants - not always to the right contestant but she amused us all. Thanks must also go to all those who turned out and contributed to **YOUR** Village Hall coffers.

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

Another excellent evening. Our speaker on February 11th was Byron Lewis of Lichfield Garden Centre. An enjoyable and informative talk on hedging and ornamental flowering plants and bushes and even bright primroses, all these were available to purchase after the talk at discounted prices. Gift bags of summer bulbs were also available, an excellent idea with Mothering Sunday soon and so early this year. The next meeting will be on March 10th at 7:45 pm and our speaker will be David Burton-Pye with an illustrated talk featuring both National Trust and private gardens. Why not come along and enjoy a relaxing evening, everyone is welcome and tea, coffee and biscuits are always served.

### **Curry Club (John Toogood)**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, usual format but book before - I will be sending menus and booking information nearer the date.

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

The next breakfast will be on Sunday 27 March. Please contact [grahamawhittakere@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittakere@gmail.com) or 01543 480090 to book.

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

We now have an established walking group fortnightly on a Friday. The dates for March are the 4th and the 18th. The walks start and finish at the Village Hall, usually last 1.5 hours. We are not a fast group, but we do have to cross numerous stiles. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available at the end. The start time is 10.00. If you require more information contact Deb on 01543 480090 or [debwhittaker@btinternet.com](mailto:debwhittaker@btinternet.com).

### **Pilates (Deb Whittaker)**

Pilates by Emma Wollaston in the village hall, Every Wednesday, beginners 6.30 to 7.30 and intermediates 7.30 to 8.30. £7.50 per session.

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

We are continuing to look at German art and we are now well into the 19<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.

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**St. Bartholomew's Church Services**  
**March 2016**  
**Note the extra services this month!**

Sun 13 March	10:30	Morning Worship Geoffrey Statton
Readings:		Isiah 43:16-21 Phil 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
Tue 22 March	19:00	Healing Eucharist Jason Philips
Readings:		Isiah 49:1-17 1 Cor 1:18-31 John 12:20-36
Fri 25 March	19:00	Adoration of the Cross with reserved sacrament Jason Philips
Readings:		Not available
Sun 27 March	18:30	Eucharist for Easter Day Jason Philips
Readings:		Isiah 65:17-end Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18