

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25th of each month. I need to print about 90 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 35 takers. This newsletter is available on the Village website. I ask those who opted for e-mail since the last newsletter (you know who you are) to send me a message to say that you can (a) receive it and (b) read it!

New arrivals (Peter Edwards)

We welcome 3 new arrivals to the village: Tina, Mark and their grandson Simon who have moved into the bungalow at No. 5.

Spring Walk –Sun 14th April (Chris Meadows)

David Fifield organised an 8-mile circular walk from the Village on Sunday 14th April, which was blessed with wonderful spring like weather - something we've been waiting for what seems a very long time. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day out and the walking was relatively easy across fields to Packington, over Whittington Heath Golf Course and through Hopwas Woods. A good day out and a great way to get to know the landscape around the village.



Hats & Handbags (Angela Warner)

We are once again taking a stall at Whittington Church Fete on Saturday June 8th to raise funds for St. Bartholomew's. This year we are extending our selection to include jewellery. Please have a rummage around and turn out those hats, handbags and jewellery, all in a good cause. Please let Angela (480124) or Val (480088) have any items before the end of May, if you require collection please do not hesitate to contact us.

Social Club (Kevin Caine)

At the AGM held on 27th March the following officers were elected: Chairman Stuart Turton, Vice-Chairman Gerrard Henson, Treasurer Angela Warner, Secretary Kevin Caine. Stuart thanked all committee members for their help and support in the past year, sending best wishes to those who are unwell. Angela presented the audited accounts, which show increased takings since the decision to stop draught beer and lager, in part due to the significantly reduced wastage and the saving on electricity as we no longer need permanent cooling for the kegs.

Hints Golf Society – (Elaine Clarke)

Following the very wet tour to Woodhall Spa, our first game of the season was held at The Chase Golf Club, Penkridge on Monday, 15th April 2013. Fortunately, it was a dry day but the windy conditions meant that keeping the ball on the fairway was extremely challenging and the greens were also quite testing! A good turnout for the first meeting of the season with the welcome return of Ged Henson, who played like he had never been away! The winner, however, was Steve Cartmell who won with a creditable 33 points given the conditions, closely followed by Simon Hancox with 32. With a turnout of 14 golfers, everyone enjoyed the day and the green fee of £12.50 definitely represented great value for money! Our next game will be held on Monday, 20th May 2013 and, as always, new members are very welcome. Please contact Simon or Elaine 01543 483308.

Parish Council (Ann Outen)

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 14 May in the Village Hall, all are welcome. This is followed by the Parish Council AGM, at which officers are elected for the next 12 months.

APCM (Val Edwards)

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Bartholomew's was held on 28th April. Jeannette White & Simon Clarke were re-elected as Churchwardens, as were the existing PCC members. Angela Warner (Treasurer) produced accounts showing that St Bart's is in the black, but warned that because of there being no Open Gardens this year, more small scale fundraising would be required to make up the deficit.

Hints History Evening (Gilly Fifield)

The recent Hints' History Evening was very well attended, and we all enjoyed Trevor James' talk on 'Our Hidden Landscape'. I think all of us will look at the names of church patron saints, street names and pub signs with new interest and want to find out more. With Bill & Jenny Wynn's permission I hope to have his 'Childhood memories of Hints' included on the village website so, for those of you whose appetite was whetted by the extracts I read, watch that space. Many thanks to all who helped during the evening, to those who brought any pictures, maps or other information, and of course to those who came in such good numbers. Apologies for the misprint on the posters around the village, and any upset that may have caused. We were able to give a good contribution to the Young Historian Prize fund that Trevor James had requested and a contribution to St Bart's as well. So, thank you all again for coming - without your support the efforts would be wasted. Please encourage anyone you know to write down their memories of Hints, send photos and other information about any aspect of village life and activities past and present. If anyone would be happy to help collate some of the growing bank of information, please contact me. Also please let me know if there is anything else you would like included, if possible, in a future Hints' History evening.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

The Annual Meeting of members took place on Thursday 11th April in the Village Hall and after the elections etc. we enjoyed an excellent social with food, drink and plenty of chat for exchanging of ideas for our gardens. Two of our committee members resigned and therefore it was necessary to elect a new secretary and a speakers secretary, both of these being essential to the smooth running of our meetings. Helen Caine resigned as our Secretary and we thank her for all her hard work over the many years and Paul Davis was then elected into this post. Pam Kynaston resigned as our Speakers Secretary and we offered our grateful thanks for the variety of speakers we have enjoyed over the years and for the planning of speakers for 2013/4. Janet Willett was then elected as our new Speakers Secretary. The next GG meeting will be on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and our speaker will be John Garner talking about Tamworth in Bloom, everyone is welcome and with the annual subscription of only £12.00 it is a bargain: where else can we enjoy an evening out for just one pound, plus the occasional visits and fund raisers? More about this soon.

Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)

A new venture - The Full English! A Sunday breakfast club once a month 9:30 until 11:00 at £4 per head. The first one will be Sunday 29th May, all invited, and all help appreciated. Contact Graham or Debbie if you wish to attend and/or help!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH SERVICES May 2013

12th May	6.30pm	Sun after Ascension Day: Holy Communion Canon Maguire
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Readings:	Gill Needle	Acts 16:16-34
	Val Edwards	John 17:20-end
Sideperson:	Gill Needle	

26th May	6.30pm	Trinity Sunday – Evening Prayer Rev. Fiona Haskett
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Readings:	Roy Clarke	Rom 5:1-5
	Janet Clarke	John 16:12-15
Sideperson:	Val Edwards	

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Chairman of Hints with Canwell Parish Council –

Geoff Kynaston 0121 308 6145

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'Art History' - Val Edwards 480088

V. Hall Bookings Sec. - Gill Needle 481220

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Funerals and weddings (Peter Edwards)

We seem to have had an epidemic of funerals recently: John Fairclough on 23rd April, Shirley Hayes on 25th April and Sue Hutchinson on 29th April. I'm sure all villagers will offer condolences to the various relatives, and remember those who have passed away so recently. On a brighter note, I believe we have at least 3 weddings booked in the Church this year.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are having a recess until 3rd June at 7:30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome, £3 per evening, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church. Contact Val Edwards 01543 480088 or just drop in.

A Night in the Park (garden)

With

The Tamworth Male Voice Choir and Guests

Saturday 13th July at 7 pm prompt

Gates open 5:30 pm and close at 10:30 pm

at

Cherry Coppice, Hints Lane

Parking at Hints Lane Farm, Hints Lane and Rose Cottage opposite

Concert, Proms Finale and Fireworks

Bring your own picnic, drinks, tables and chairs

**Admission £5 refundable only on the night if inclement
weather**

Tickets from Pete Cooper 01543 480134 or Choir members

Pete Cooper, fund raiser for T.M.V.C

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

I wish to bring all villagers' attention to the following entry in the Tamworth Herald. (Ed – sorry about the slightly skewed alignment!)

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Trading as Keith William Riggall and Joan of Riggall
17 Athelstan Way, Coton Green, Tamworth, B79 8LB
is applying to change an existing licence as follows to
add an operating centre to keep 3 goods vehicles and
0 trailers at Home Farm, School lane, Hints,
Lichfield, Staffs B78 3DW.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings)
near the operating centre(s) who believe their
use or enjoyment of that land would be affected,
should make written representation to the Traffic
Commissioner at West Midlands Traffic Area,
Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF
stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.
Representors must at the same time send a copy
of their representations to the applicant at the
address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to
making representations is available from the Traffic
Commissioner's Office.

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