

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER May 2018

### **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 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)**

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. Also Mondays at 10:30. For more information contact Emma at [ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk) or 07974 145055.

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

Hints walking group will meet on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> Meet at the village hall at 10.00. All ages welcome.. Average walk around 4/5 miles, with a maximum of 7 stiles. For more information contact [debjmwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:debjmwhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)**

We have been running the line dancing club for almost six months now, and it is proving to be a big success with the ladies and gentlemen who attend. We are a very friendly group who welcome all newcomers, even offering a free cup of tea or coffee afterwards, If anyone would like to join us please come to one of our classes on Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 11.30, the more the merrier. Wagon Wheels Line Dancing Club. [neilldaphne@yahoo.com](mailto:neilldaphne@yahoo.com).

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

The breakfast club is on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) to book.

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

Our Annual Meeting took place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. We thanked Pam for her hard work as she has been our chairperson for the last three years and it was now time to retire. Geoff was duly elected as our new chair and Val as vice chair, Kevin remaining as treasurer and Paul as Secretary so we now are looking forward to the new programme for 2018/9 with great anticipation and time to chat as we enjoyed a social time together with refreshments.

### **Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)**

The AGM is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is welcome. We are always looking for new committee members. Please contact me if you want to discuss becoming a committee member. I am in the hall most Friday evenings; e-mail or phone.

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

There is a misleading rumour being spread that the Parish Council is selling the Parish Field in Canwell. The Parish Council has never had or considered selling the field. However, Lichfield Land Company has made, what appears to be a generous offer, to exchange an appropriate area of land at the rear of Quinney Hall for the Parish field. This is being seriously considered by the Parish Council but no definite decision has been made as at present. We have had some success at having the pot holes rectified on the approach to Hints from Mile Oak. Gullies are still proving to be a problem. Persons in a dark coloured Volvo stole a trailer from Canwell Drive Thursday afternoon around 4 o'clock. They were disturbed and left in a hurry.

### **Hints Golf Society - First Match of the season (David Fifield)**

The first match of the Hints Golf Society season was played at Chevin Golf Club, Derbyshire. We were a select group of only three players, myself, Frank and John, but we had a most rewarding game. The course is challenging, with long uphill climbs over the first 9 holes. I would not like to play the course every week! There are spectacular views from the top and then long downhill and sloping fairways to end!! We all played well but were pleased to get into the bar for a drink at the end! Our team won the Yellow Ball competition!!, and I won the longest drive and overall stableford score. Frank won the front nine. None of us were on the selected par 3 green with our drives, so no winner of 'nearest the pin'! We all thought that the course is worth a repeat visit.

### **Altar Flowers in Church (Val Edwards)**

The services for May are on May 6 and 20. If anyone would like to provide altar flowers for either of these dates, please contact Val Edwards on [val.weardrive@btinternet.com](mailto:val.weardrive@btinternet.com). All floral tributes (from very simple bunches to splendid arrangements) will be very gratefully received.

### **Dog boarding service (Janet Spencer)**

Janet has sent a flyer (which is too big to include) but she is starting a dog boarding service – contact her on 0777 9432703 if you are interested.

### **Social Club AGM (Kevin Caine)**

Many of you will have been to the Village Hall for a social event or a private function and enjoyed the occasional (or frequent) drink from the bar. The bar is run by a small and friendly committee and it will be the AGM on Tuesday 22nd May at 7:15pm in the Hall. If you might be able to spare a few hours to the Hall every month or so, please come along to the AGM to find out more.

### **Flower demonstration (Janice Eagles)**

There will be a flower arranging demonstration by Anne Brown at St Mary's Weeford at 1230 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May preceded by a 2 course lunch at The School House – contact Alison (07812 984074) or Angela (411537) to book. Again Janice has sent me a flyer which is too big to include, but I have extracted the basic information!

### **Mercia Singers (Peter Cooper)**

The Mercia Singers will be performing again at St Bart's Saturday 16 June at 7:00, tickets £10 (Children under 11 free) from Val (480088), Jeannette (480066) or Sally (481073).

### **Staffordshire Police Community Support (Peter Edwards)**

I've been contacted by PCSO Costas Karpi to inform you that there have been a few attempted break-ins in Hints recently. Please sign up to the Smart Alert system (<https://staffordshgiresmartalert.uk/staffs>) – it will be worth while to find out alerts and be able to find out any suspected crimes in the area.

### **Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting (Val Edwards)**

These meetings were held on Tuesday 17 April. Lloyd Ansermoz and Simon Clarke were elected churchwardens for the ensuing year. Jeannette White is Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council and Val Edwards in Secretary. Other PCC representatives are Roy Clarke and Sally Shepherd. St Bartholomew's church is still functioning but like many rural churches is finding that outgoings (particularly for repairs as well as contributions to the Diocese towards the payment of the Vicar) far outstrip receipts. To try to make up the shortfall the PCC is hoping to hold various fundraisers, starting with the concert by Peter Cooper's Mercia Singers on Saturday 16 June and a Beetle Drive on Saturday 20 October. Please, if you value the church's presence in the village, support these functions in order to help bolster finances!

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## St Bartholomew's Church Services May 2018

Sun 6 May

18:30

Fr. Jason

Readings:

Song of Solomon 4: 16 - 5:2

Acts 10: 44-end

John 15: 9-17

Sun 20 May

10:00

Parish Eucharist

Fr. Jason

Readings:

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15