

**HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**November 2013**

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**Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 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 40 takers. Please help by saving postage and printing costs! I'm a bit short of copy this month so please consider contributing – by e-mail is best!

**Quiz night (Stuart Turton and lots of others)**

Got to say-was a great night – Well done Graham & Debs! (not forgetting all those who helped set up during the day, helped during the night and clear up the next day.) A special note of thanks to Mick & Sarah Hartland who gave up their Saturday evening to serve behind the bar.

The bar was stocked with a variety of drinks and wine on offer. The 108 pints of real ale (less the 24 we drank on the Friday watching the footie) went by 9 o'clock (your drinking powers were underestimated!).

**Christmas Craft Day (Debbie Whittaker)**

Please note Friday the 13th December in your diary for this years Christmas Craft day.

Make your hearth, table or door decoration.

Fresh or dry materials available on the day, to buy.

Expert advice on hand, along with plenty of merriment, mince pies and mulled wine.

Doors open at 1.00pm - last arrangement 6.00pm.

Please let me know if you are able to join us, so I can reserve some spruce.

We don't mind if you want to just pop in for a mince pie!

Deb at The Vicarage 01543 480090 or [deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk](mailto:deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk)

*We advise the day is not suitable for young children due to the nature of the event.*

**New Years Eve Party (Debbie Whittaker)**

We would like to arrange a New Years Eve party in the Village Hall this year.

We would like to hear if you have any ideas for a party or just interested in coming to something organised on New Years Eve. If you are interested we will be in the Village Hall on Friday the 15th of November to discuss ideas.

The newsletter will keep you updated.

Contact Deb at The Vicarage 01543 480090 or [deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk](mailto:deb@interiorsforkids.co.uk)

## **Football (Stuart Turton)**

### CONGRATULATIONS ENGLAND

England (2) v Poland (0) World Cup final qualifier – a great night had by all those attending on Tuesday evening, watching England closing out their qualification for the 2014 finals in Brazil.

The attendance was a record for these qualifiers and the atmosphere in the hall is hotting up - roll on the finals. Can we fill the hall?

The half cask of Imperial IPA from the Tower brewery was supped with ease, the half time pies were sold out and everyone went home with a smile on their face.

Thanks to Rehana for supplying the complimentary samosa snacks.

Representatives from Norman Davies TV and Video who supplied and installed the projector and screen came along and even they were surprised at the quality of the picture on the large screen!

We will release news about coverage of the finals as soon as we are able- any special and reasonable requests for available drinks and snacks we can consider. Just contact us.

## **Beer, Wine & Cider Festival (Stuart Turton)**

Reminding you all of this event on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 from Noon till late.

## **Hints Golf Society (David Outen & Simon Clarke)**

Hints Golf Society travelled to Woodhall Spa near Lincoln for their Autumn Tour on 20th October. The Society had been there in March but due to torrential rain which caused the course to be unplayable, it was decided to go back in the autumn and in, hopefully, drier conditions. Twelve golfers travelled to Woodhall to test their skills against the notorious bunkers and heather of the Hotchkin course which is ranked in the Top 25 courses in the UK.

The Bracken course, which is not quite so punishing, was played on Sunday in beautiful autumnal weather. The magnificent course coupled with the weather led to some good scoring with Jonny Shaw winning with 36 points. However, the outlook for Monday's weather was not looking good as the members had a post round drink or two and listened to Jonny's prowess at chipping which seemed to get better as the evening went on.

The Society stayed at the Dower House Hotel only a couple of minutes from the course. The accommodation, evening meal and breakfast were all top quality. At breakfast the weather forecast proved to be correct as the rain started to fall. However most people were keen to play – albeit in their waterproofs. The Hotchkin course proved to be a much tougher test in the dreadful weather – the bunkers and heather being very penal.

Fiona Wylie won the day with 28 points with Ann Meadows second on 24 points.

The contest for Tour Champion was very close with Fiona narrowly beating Jonny Shaw by 1 point. Everyone agreed that the venue and hotel was exceptional value. A massive thanks to Elaine Clarke for organising the tour which is the Society's eighth Tour.

The accommodation and dining, arranged by Elaine, proved very successful although, due to injury, she was unable to attend herself and was greatly missed by all.

The last game of the season will take at Whittington Heath Golf Club on Monday 18th November weather permitting.

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

On Thursday 10th October we had another excellent meeting of members and we were entertained with good slides as we learned more about Swinfen Hall. Our speaker at this meeting was Paul Wooley who had spent much time working in the park and gardens of the hall.

We saw excellent slides as Paul talked us through several years of development. He gave details of the pigs, who at one time were resident and then how the land was neglected and lay fallow for a period of time. Then a small herd of deer were brought into the park and things began to change and improve.

We saw the initial planting of a leylandii hedge which was planted to hide the view of the prison next door. and then we noted how rapidly it had grown. We saw woodland views over the 100 acres of parkland and the replanting of the lawns adjacent to the hall. Unfortunately just after these lawns were planted someone had driven a car over them and then they had to be re-levelled. We saw pictures of the formal gardens and flower beds. An excellent and informative evening, learning more of something, which is so local to our village.

The next meeting for Garden Guild will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm and our speaker will be Helen Whitehouse, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Association in Lichfield. She will be talking about the Heritage of our Canals. Everyone welcome.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
CHURCH SERVICES November 2013**

<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service Ann Colgreave</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Gilly Fifield Val Edwards</b>	<b>Mica 4:15 1 Cor 15:50-58</b>
<b>Sides person:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship Rev. Fiona Haskett</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Glyn Smith Val Edwards</b>	<b>Jer 23:1-6 Luke 23:33-43</b>
<b>Sides person:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	

**St Bartholomew's Church – Remembrance Service (Fiona Haskett)**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 am.

**St Bartholomew's Church – advance notice! (Fiona Haskett)**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Candlelit Carol Service and Christingle followed by mulled wine and nibbles in the Village Hall.

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