

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2014

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Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print about 80 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 54 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Thursday 9th October and our members were gathered in the Village Hall ready to enjoy an evening with Howard Drury. There were many of us who remembered his popularity when he was on TV so regularly and he presented approximately 600 episodes of the Central Television programme – Gardening Time.

We had been looking forward to hearing all about the Cottage Garden Story and as we sat in the warm comfort of the Village Hall we went on a journey with slides taking us right down to Cornwall and many other places as we walked with our speaker down both narrow and wide pathways looking at beautiful flowers and healthy vegetables growing side by side. A most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on November 13th at the usual time of 7.30pm and our speaker on this occasion will be Patrick Clement who will be talking about ponds and meadows and how we can attract wild life into our gardens. Everyone welcome.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Lafarge Tarmac/Cemex have forwarded several new quarrying proposals to Staffordshire County Council for consideration. One involves extending Hints Quarry towards Bucks Head Cottage, which I understand most people in the village have been informed. The other is over the A51 in Hopwas Woods. This proposal has been on Radio 4 and the national press as it involves ancient woodland. I note in one of the press reports that Lafarge are saying that, because of the woodland fire in 1970, the particular area that they are interested in is no longer ancient! Incidentally, the Parish Council were in the process of organising a Quarry visit before this announcement was made. Will keep villagers informed. Note that on the Hints extension estimated annual output 6 tonnes, estimated extraction period 700000 years. Someone not very good at proof reading!

Next Parish Council meeting on November 11th at Quinney Hall at 7.30

Champions League Football in YOUR Village Hall (John Toogood)

Real Madrid v Liverpool FC Champions League qualifier to be shown in **YOUR** Village Hall on Tuesday 4th November. Kick off is 7.45pm but the doors will be open for pre match drinks at 7.15pm. With all the talent that will be on show, this promises to be a great game. As usual, there will be draught beer plus a good selection of Lagers, Wines, Spirits and soft drinks together with crisps and bar snacks. For those who would like to savour the full atmosphere of a football match, there will also be pies available at half time. Make sure you order yours before the match starts.

Hints Calendars (Gilly Fifield)

If anyone would like to buy a calendar with views of Hints (£5 minimum donation - all profits to St Barts) please phone Gilly: 482042.

Hints Golf Society Autumn Tour (Jez Holloway)

Hints Golf Society travelled to The Macdonald Portal Golf Club in Cheshire for their Autumn tour on the 19th/20th October 2014. The first day saw Nick Pound post the highest score of 34 points assisted by a fortuitous rebound from a tree branch on the par 3 17th hole during a purple patch of 10 points in 3 holes. After the recent rain the course was soft which made it difficult unless you were a long driver. After a convivial evening in the hotel and some impromptu cabaret from David Fifield, the society embarked on the second round on the championship course. President Simon Clarke carded 4 birdies in the opening 7 holes to comfortably see off his nearest challengers Andy Hicks, Jez Holloway and Stuart Turton. Simon finished with an aggregate score of 66 points over the 2 rounds to be crowned Tour champion for the 2nd time. Stuart Turton's second place sets up a thrilling final round head to head at Whittington next month with Ann Meadows lead over Stuart in the overall HGS Order of Merit now a slender 1-point. Once again the tour party were very grateful to Elaine Clarke for organizing another successful trip.

Church funding (John Toogood)

There is a simple way that you can contribute to St Bartholomews Church without it costing you a penny!! It is true - there is a website called **easyfunding** which has 2700 retailers in its portfolio and once you have installed the set up, every time you go on a website that is registered with **easyfunding**, a taskbar will come up showing that whatever you buy on that website, the retailer will contribute to your chosen charity. Once you have completed your purchase, the **easyfunding taskbar** will disappear. It's as simple as that - automatic and there is absolutely no catch and every time you buy from one of the 2700 retailers currently in the portfolio, St Barts will benefit. Click on the link below, register and start contributing to St Barts and make sure you don't lose **YOUR** Village Church. If you have any problems or want any further information please either call or email me but please do something **now** so that St Barts can benefit from the **fortune** that you will be spending online between now and Christmas.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

Quiz (Graham Whittaker)

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz on 11 October. The evening was a great success raising over £600 for village hall funds. The winners were The Top Road team lead by Jon Cooper.

Christmas craft making day (Debbie Whittaker)

This year it will be held on Saturday 6th December. Doors open 12.30 until 6.00, making **Hearth Arrangements, Table displays and Door wreaths**. Send me your shopping list for fairy lights, door wreaths, ribbons etc. Please let me know if you would like to join us so I can order enough blue spruce. debwhittaker@btinternet.com or Deb on 01543 480090. We hope to have Barbara here with a design for our Christmas cakes. Numbers will be required for icing etc...so get baking! Due to the nature of this event sorry no children under the age of 10

New Years Eve party (Debbie Whittaker)

Two course meal supplied by Packington Farm. £15.00 per head. Dress code Fancy Dress or Black and White, decorate your own tables. The bar will be open. More information on booking. All reservations and payments by the 6th December .To make your reservation please contact Deb on 01543 480090 or debwhittaker@btinternet.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The next breakfast will be on 30th November for the princely sum of £5. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

For sale (Gilly Fifield)

Chaise Longue in immaculate condition. £80 o.n.o. See photo in Village Hall or phone for more details: 482042

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CHURCH SERVICES November 2014**

9th November	10:30 am	Remembrance Service Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Amos 5: 18-24 Matt 25: 1-13	tba tba
Sides person:		tba
26 th October	6:30 pm	Holy Communion Rev. Fiona Haskett
Readings:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Matt 25: 31-end	tba tba
Sides person:		tba

New experimental pattern of Church Services

It was decided at the PCC meeting held on August 27th to try a new pattern of services, to accommodate the needs in particular of families with young children. There will be a Family Service at 10.30 on the 2nd Sunday of the month starting in November, (light breakfast available in church from 10.00); the service on the 4th Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion at 6.30. **Note however that the service on 9th November will also include a Remembrance Service.**

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are meeting as usual on Monday evenings at the Village Hall. The topic for the autumn is "Realism to Minimalism, European and American art movements from 1860 to 1960". We have a newly joined member, so newcomers (or old returners!) are always welcome. Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Village Hall. £3 per session, including refreshments; all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.