

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2016

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 68 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 70 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

This month's breakfast will be on Sunday 27th November. Please contact Graham Whittaker on 01543 480090 or grahamawhittaker@gmail.com for details and to book.

Comedy Night (Graham Whittaker)

The Doug Parker music and laughter show will be on Saturday November 12. Please put the date in your diary, and book (immediately!!) with john@johntoogood.co.uk

Fun Bridge Afternoon (David Fifield)

Hints Village Hall, Tuesday 1st November, Duplicate Bridge from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Tea/coffee and homemade cake plus fun and prizes. Tickets cost £15 per playing pair and are available in advance from David Fifield or Sheena Blackmore. All proceeds to St Bartholomew's and Hints Village Hall.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints Fortnightly Walk start at the Village Hall at 10.00 am. It is FREE and you even get FREE refreshments! The walks are around 3 to 5 miles and you need to climb stiles. The next walks are 11th and 25th November. For more information contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

The topic for this year, following on German Art in 2015-6 and Spanish art before that, will be British art, starting with the Anglo-Saxons and seeing how far we get! The format will be as usual, meeting at the village hall, courtesy of the Village Hall Management Committee on Monday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, £3 per session to include refreshments.

Hints History (Sheena Blackmore)

Val Wilkes and Eddie Shaw, who very kindly donated the pictures of the original Hints Hall, that currently hang in the Village Hall, have been hard at work producing two more books about the history of Hints and of the Hall. These include some lovely pictures of the Hall before and during demolition, photos of the village in the 1930s and earlier and the 'genealogy' of the families that owned and lived in the Hall since 1588. We would like to thank Val and Eddie for their untiring research and for collecting together so much local history into these two beautiful books. Any villagers interested in knowing a bit more about our local history please contact Paul or Sheena Blackmore.

"Food for Thought" (Janet Clarke)

I'm short of bits and pieces for nature news, so hope the following quotes will be of interest from "The Quotable Farmer."

"Look at those cows and remember that the greatest scientists in the world have never discovered how to make grass into milk."

"If you would like to leave footprints in the sands of time, you had better wear work shoes."

"I was once at a tractor show watching a proud gent carefully roll his fully and beautifully restored ALLIS WC off the truck bed to take it to the exhibit area. He took a handkerchief from his pocket and gently flicked some road dust from the manifold. I turned to his wife and said, "I'll bet he doesn't treat you like that." Somewhat wistfully she replied, "He used to."

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The council have now purchased their own computer and associated equipment with the central government grant they gave us. We have nominated a company to set up our own dedicated web site which should be up and running in November. We had a visit to Hints Quarry in September and they updated us on their restoration programme and future quarrying plans. Some renovation works have been done to the main gates to the parish field at Canwell. The field has recently been mowed and the hedges cut. Parishioners are reminded that the field is available for recreation purposes to all residents during daylight hours. Canwell residents are still concerned about the no right hand turn at the Slade Road/Tamworth road junction, and Staffordshire Highway's reluctance to engage with their concerns. Buzzards Valley are doing a survey to see if a public meeting would be feasible. You can register your support by e-mailing them on buzzardvalley@btconnect.com. Our next parish council meeting will be on 8th November at 7.30pm in Quinney Hall Canwell. Members of the public are welcome to attend and raise any relevant points concerning the parish during the fifteen minute public consultation period.

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

The October meeting of the HGS normally consists of a two day tour with an overnight stay and two rounds of golf. However due to unavailability due to holidays, recent births, farming needs and other commitments the tour was cancelled. However five players attended an outing on Monday 17th October on the Derby Course at the Belfry. In general good weather but with one major downpour lasting 4-5 minutes the players played as a two and a three ball. The course is fairly short but the trees lining each fairway and fast and sloping greens still made it a good test. Carol Conwell made a welcome return to HGS after missing a fair chunk of the season and played well in finishing third overall.

The results of the outing were

1st place Stuart Turton (cut two shots for winning and scoring more than 36 stableford points)

2nd place Lloyd Ansermoz

3rd place Carol Conwell

4th place Aaron Turton

5th place John Taylor

This result now takes Stuart level with Johnnie Shaw on points in the Race to Whittington with one final outing that will take place on November 21st at Whittington Heath golf club. This year the attendance at HGS meetings has

been down on previous years and there has been some discussion about handicapping changes for next year.

HGS outings are on every third Monday of each month March through November with a tour in March and October. It is open to all golfers of all abilities and plays a selection of golf courses within approx 45 mins drive from Hints. The tours are usually further afield and consist of two rounds and an overnight stay.

Christmas Themes in Renaissance Art (Val Edwards)

...or what you might find out from your Christmas cards!

St Michael's Lichfield and St John's Wall have been contributing to a small charity which supports the effort to help refugees who have arrived at the Greek island of Symi. At present they are raising money to fund the fuel costs of a further consignment of aid (the first was funded entirely by the owner of the vehicle used). I am hoping to give a talk on the way biblical themes connected with Christmas were depicted in Renaissance art (and which find their way into the cards we send and receive at Christmas without our really thinking about it). This will be at St John's Wall, on Friday November 25th at 2pm, followed by tea and cakes (for which St John's is apparently famous!). Free entry but donations invited to the Support Symi campaign. For further details contact me on 01543 480088 or contact Linda Hoskins of St John's at linda.hoskins@hotmail.com

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Our last meeting was held on Thursday 13th October and proved to be a most enjoyable and informative evening. I guess with a title of Raised beds and 'no-dig' cultivation we were all looking forward to cutting back on the hard work of winter digging in our gardens. Our speaker was Mick Poultney who kindly donated some raffle prizes for us and kept us entertained with the comments of how he started the raised bed idea on his allotment and how to start building a frame with scaffolding planks, plastic linings, good compost, removing stones and adding manure which then produced bumper crops for him. He also showed us slides of his involvement with helping the young disabled to carry on gardening from wheelchairs. Our next meeting will be on 10th November and we look forward to hearing our speakers, Graham and Judy White on how they created a National Garden Scheme garden from an uncultivated field 20 years ago.

We recently attended a committee meeting for planning ahead for Christmas and speakers for April 2017 onwards. An interesting meeting and we can now extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along to our CHRISTMAS PARTY on 8th December. We plan a good social evening and as usual the menu sounds good and we have invited along the Cherrywood singers to entertain us during the evening. I can assure everyone of a relaxing evening, they are very good singers with a guitar and also provide laughter with stories and poems. Please book in advance with Pam or Kevin.

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St. Bartholomew's Church Services November 2016

Sun 13 November 10:30 Remembrance Sunday Service

Anne Colgrave

Readings:

Malachi 4:1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Sun 27 November

18:30 Evening Worship

Clair Kirk

Readings:

Isiah 52:1-12

Matthew 24:15-28