

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

November 2017

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 64 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 74 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Deb Whittaker)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40
For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

November dates are Friday the 10th and 24th. Meet at the Village Hall. Walk starts 10.00. All ages welcome. For more information please contact Debwhittaker@gmail.com

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The November breakfast is on Sunday 26th. Please contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com to book.

Village Hall Friday night (Graham Whittaker)

The bar is open every Friday night. It's only £1 a year to become a member. It would be great to see some new faces and the return of some old ones. If you are new to the village this is a great chance to meet your neighbours.

New Years Eve (John Toogood)

We will be organising a function as normal on New Year's Eve with the theme yet to be decided and it would help if we could have an idea of numbers to decide who will do the catering now that Packington Moor is no longer an option. Some of you have already responded to the recent email that I sent out so could anyone else who is likely to want to attend let me know as soon as possible please.

Comedy Night November 18th (John Toogood)

We are already nearing the maximum number for this event so please apply, and pay quickly if you want to attend. Will all those who have applied please ensure that Graham has the money for the tickets now. Thanks

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

MP Chris Pincher's surgery on Saturday 21st was well attended. In addition to Chris, there were also County and district councillors and representatives from HS2. We had people from all four neighbouring parishes paying a visit with varying concerns, that is Weeford, Swinfen & Packington, Hopwas and Drayton Bassett. HS2 announced that they are to start some screen planting late this year/early next year. Further information will be available at their open meeting in the village hall on Thursday 30th November between 5-7 pm, all are welcome to attend and update themselves on HS2's proposals. Next parish council meeting at Quinney Hall on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm. Meetings are held at the rear of the hall in the meeting room. There is an open forum at the start of every meeting for parishioners to raise any points that may be of concern to them.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing to meet at the Village Hall on Monday nights from 7.30 to 9.30, looking at British artists. £3 per session, to include tea/coffee and biscuits, new members always welcome

Hints Golf Society (Stuart Turton)

October is normally the month for the HGS two-day tour but due to most people's personal commitments it was reduced to a normal Monday outing this year. The penultimate outing was held at Great Barr Golf Club on Monday 16th October during the day of the ongoing of Hurricane Ophelia and this gave some pretty strange sky lighting and as the day progressed blustery winds. For the 2nd month running it was a reduced field of 6 golfers, David Fifield, Ann Meadows, John Taylor, Frank Atkins. Charlie Wylie and Stuart Turton. Unfortunately, Sarah Shaw had a late cancel due to ill health. Two three balls teed off with the course being empty with people being put off with the weather. The Autumn day with the winds proved to make it very difficult to find balls in the increasing number of leaves lying and blowing around the course.

The course itself was in good condition but a few greens had recently been hollow tined and not filled leading to a few three putts or more. The results of the day were Yellow Ball winners – John, Frank and Stuart, Individual winner – Stuart Turton with 37 points, Runner Up- Ann Meadows 35 points. Three players on 26 points with Frank 3rd on countback followed by Charlie and David. John was the strongest man in the field.

The results meant that Charlie Wylie leapt into the top spot for Presidents plate but can still be caught by Stuart, Ann and long-time leader Jonnie (who has been unable to play last two outings). The eclectic is very close with 10 points separating the whole field so it is there to be won with some strategic improvements on certain holes. Player of the year is also up for snatching as a good round can overcome present leader Stuart. Handicaps changes after Great Barr means Stuart (-2 shots) is reduced to 6 for last event. The last event is at Whittington Heath Golf Club on Monday 20th November tee off around 11 am because of failing light.

Would all players who wish to play please contact Stuart by text or Email in the normal manner. Let's make the last event a bumper field.

Garden Guild (Kevin Caine)

Members enjoyed an entertaining and informative presentation by Philip Aubury who retired as director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens. We found out about the history of the gardens from its formation in 1829 to date. It was the home to the forerunner to BBC's Gardeners World and the venue for the G8 summit in 1997. There have been a lot of developments in recent years making a visit well worthwhile. Our next meeting is November 9th at 7.30 in the village hall, when 'Wildlife Kate' MacRae will share her garden which has featured on Countryfile and Autumn Watch. Visitors welcome for only £3 including tea or coffee.

Garden Guild Christmas party (Maureen Casson)

The committee and members of Hints Garden Guild extend a warm welcome to All Villagers and Friends to come along to our Christmas Party celebration on Thursday evening December 14th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and to enjoy a demonstration of flower arranging by Anne Brown and to socialize with a drink and nibbles as an early start to the Christmas celebrations. Please ring Pam on 0121 308 6145 for more details and to book your ticket.

Hints Hill Climb (Kevin Caine)

In the August newsletter I reported that the web site received an enquiry about a Hill Climb. Jerry Sturman from the Hill Climb and Sprint Association confirmed that Hints Hill was indeed used for timed trials for almost two years until May 1914, with the Police controlling the traffic on what would have been a busy road. For more information visit this web page <http://www.hints-village.com/InfoReq.htm>

Line dancing (Deb Whittaker)

The first line dancing class was a great success. Please come along and join the fun on Tuesdays at 10.30.

Deb's Christmas craft day (Deb Whittaker)

A date for your diary; Deb's Christmas craft day is on 15 December. Contact Deb on 01543 480090.

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

New players welcome - it's £1 a week and all proceeds go to the Church. Contact Graham Whittaker for details.

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Church Flower Rota (Val Edwards)

12 Nov – Chris & Sylvia Greenhaugh

26 Nov – Val Edwards

St Bartholomew's Church Services November 2017

Sun 12 Nov	10:00	Remembrance Sunday
Readings:	Anne Colgreave	
	Amos 5: 18-24	
	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end	
	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Sun 22 October	18:30	Evening Worship
Readings:	Dr Trevor James	
	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	
	Ephesians 1: 15-end	
	Matthew 25: 31-end	