

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### October 2017

#### **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 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)**

PILATES - Suffering with general aches and pains, stiff spine and joints, pain or loss of mobility or feeling unfit??... then Pilates can help enormously. Pilates is a conditioning method that targets the postural muscles of the spine, by sequencing flowing, but structured movements. Can greatly improve mobility and ease back and joint issues, enhances wellbeing with the use of controlled breath. With consistency, the effects of the Pilates Method are amazing, both physically and mentally. Contact Emma Wollaston on: [07974145055](tel:07974145055). Body Control Pilates classes @Hints village hall@ [6:30-8:40pm on Wednesdays](#). Beginners [6:30](#) (currently 2 spaces available) Intermediate [7:40](#) (needs prior experience, and currently 4 spaces available).

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

Walks start at Hints Village Hall 10.00

Alternate Fridays – dates currently unknown but contact Deb Whittaker 480090 or [Debwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:Debwhittaker@gmail.com)

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

The next Breakfast Club will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com).

#### **Comedy Night (Graham Whittaker)**

Put 18 November in your diary for this year's comedy night. Full details to follow.

#### **Hints Curry Club (John Toogood)**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Steve and Andrea are resurrecting the Hints Curry Club. The way it works is that we will provide you with a menu (send your email address to [john@johntoogood.co.uk](mailto:john@johntoogood.co.uk) if you're not already on our circulation list) and you then phone your order through to the restaurant before 9.00pm on Thursday, and they will deliver to the Village Hall at around 7.30pm on Friday. You can then enjoy great Indian food with drinks from the bar together with friends and neighbours in the surroundings of **YOUR** Village Hall.

### **Mercian Singers (Peter Cooper)**

Following a superb concert at St Barts recently, there is another concert on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Coton Centre, Comberford Road, 6:15 for 7:00. Contact Katie Smith on 07585 559172 for tickets.

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

Sara Mallen, Staffordshire County Council liaison officer on HS2, will be holding an open forum in Hints village hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November between 5-7pm. All members of the parish and those affected by this project are invited to attend. Note this is Staffordshire County Council not HS2 themselves. Now is your chance to try and obtain some information. The parish council recently visited Hints Quarry to get an update on progress and renovation. Tarmac side of the quarry is well in hand with their renovation schedule. Hopwas quarry on the other hand, still under Cemex control, are way behind. They have apparently completed the contouring but are still awaiting final decisions on the plans for renovation. We have eventually obtained a copy of the road safety audit that highways did on the "no right hand turn" at the A453 Sutton Road/B4151 Slade Road. This was done in April and we had to twist Highways arm to get a copy. It is very superficial quoting only two minor accidents since the alteration. I have a record of another two that I had e-mailed highways about and photographs of a third. We are not impressed with their report and have advised them of their omissions. Next two parish council meetings will be at Quinney Hall Canwell on November 14<sup>th</sup> and January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. In the meeting room at the rear of the hall.

### **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)**

The September outing was held at the beautiful Handsworth golf club. The field was small with 6 society members playing. This was the 8<sup>th</sup> outing of the season and it produced the 8<sup>th</sup> different winner of the season. Ann Meadows came through as winner on the day with 34 points from Stuart Turton in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 32 points on his slashed handicap of 8. Stuart, Ann and Charlie Wylie won the yellow ball. The next outing will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Normally this is the Autumn Tour but due to limited interest it has been cancelled. So with two events to go the President's Plate and eclectic is very much there to be won by several players. Members please check emails and the web page for further information.

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

Another enjoyable evening at Garden Guild,, the speaker Mike Herbert was unable to come so had sent a delightful lady who enlightened us on the work of the Trentham Gardens for well over an hour with many slides and information and I feel sure we were all encouraged to visit the gardens soon. New meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October, usual time and place, our speaker will be Philip Aubrey on the History of Birmingham Botanic Gardens, everyone welcome.

### **Quiz Night (Graham Whittaker)**

7 October. Tickets £10 to include Fish & Chip supper.  
Contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) or 01543 480090.

### **3 Chickens need a good home! (John Toogood)**

Amanda and Anthony will shortly be leaving the village and the home they are moving to is not suited to chickens, they are therefore looking for a new home for their 3 friendly egg laying chickens. They have a coup, all the equipment necessary together with food and it is all free of charge to someone who will give them a good home. Please contact Amanda [amandah-s@hotmail.com](mailto:amandah-s@hotmail.com)

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning (Val Edwards)**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September. We have raised approximately £550 (some more contributions may still occur). This was a marvellous response to a very good cause. Thank you again to those who attended, or donated refreshments or financial support.

### **Line dancing (Deb Whittaker)**

There will be a line dancing club starting on Tuesday 31 October at 10.30. Please contact Daphne on 01827 464861 for details.

### **Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)**

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

### **Wedding – (Caroline Smith)**

For many reasons, we were delighted when our daughter decided to get married at St. Bartholomew's Church. We were fortunately graced with beautiful weather and the whole day was amazing. We would just like to say a special thank you to a few people who were 'there for us on the day'. The church and grounds looked lovely and I understand Jeanette White had a large influence on that and she was on hand to advise us with regards the 'does and don'ts. A few special thank you's as well to Gilly and David Fifield who, according to our son Toby were amazing. and as vergers went above and beyond. Sue Petford..Thank you for your continued....prolonged Amazing Bell ringing.apologies for your sore hand (circumstances beyond our control). Finally an extra special thank you to the village lavatory attendant who opened her home to help a young pregnant lady in need, To quote Gill 'she didn't even offer the requisite penny' Thank you all for your support.

### **Harvest Festival (Val Edwards)**

The service on Sunday 8 October will be an evening service, not at the normal 10 am. Dr Trevor James will lead a Harvest Praise service from 6.30 to 7.30. Help with decorating the windows would be gratefully accepted as would donations of produce (fresh, tinned or packet) which will be donated to the Pathway Project (which aids the victims of domestic violence) after the service. There will be a hot supper in the Village Hall afterwards. The cost will be £8 per person (which includes a hot main course, a dessert and cheese and biscuits).

If you can help with decorating a window, or would like to come to the supper, **please let Jeannette White, Sally Shepherd or Val Edwards know by Friday 6 October. We can be contacted on: Jeannette 01543 480066, Sally on 07974 955719 and Val on 01543 490088.**

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### St Bartholomew's Church Services October 2017

Sun 8 Oct	18:30	Harvest Praise
Readings:	Trevor James	
	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	
	Phil 3: 4b - 14	
	Matthew 21: 33-end	
	Followed by hot supper in Village Hall	
Sun 22 October	18:30	Evening Worship
Readings:	Fr Jason	
	Exodus 33: 12-end	
	1 Thess 1: 1-10	
	Matthew 22: 15-22	