

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER November 2018

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 61 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 78 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs.

Pilates (Emma Wollaston)

Every Wednesday in the village hall. Beginners 6.30 intermediate 7.40. Also Mondays at 10:30. For more information contact Emma at ewpilates@yahoo.co.uk or 07974 145055.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Hints walking group meet November Friday the 9th and 23rd. Walks start at 10.00 at Hints Village Hall. There is a charge of £1.00

NEW Sunday walk and a pint or two or three... (Deb Whittaker)

Introducing a new Walk in Hints on the 4th November. A Sunday Walk around Hints village lasting around 1.00 - 1.5 hours. A good stout pair of shoes and ability to climb stiles is all you need. The bar will be open when we arrive back with draught beer on sale. Walk starts at 11.00. Meet at Hints Village Hall. For more information contact Deb on debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

Wagon Wheels Line dancing (Daphne Neill)

We have been running the line dancing club for over six months now, and it is proving to be a big success with the ladies and gentlemen who attend. We are a very friendly group who welcome all newcomers, even offering a free cup of tea or coffee afterwards. If anyone would like to join us please come to one of our classes on Tuesday mornings 10.30 to 11.30, the more the merrier. neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club is on 25th November. £5. To book, contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com.

Football pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

Thank you to every one of the players this season. We have now raised £3000 for the church. The game will be back for the new football season. It is only £1 a week so contact grahamawhittaker@gmail.com if you wish to play.

Christmas Concert (Nicky Smith)

Ho, ho, ho!..... Come and celebrate an evening of Christmas music with 'Voices Entwined Choir' in our beautiful village church of St. Bartholomew on Saturday 15th December, 2018 from 7pm onwards. Recapture the spirit of Christmas in the candlelit church followed by a lantern lit procession to the Village Hall where Christmas refreshments will be on sale followed by a finale to the evening in the hall by the Choir. Tickets priced £3 will be available from Andrew and Nicky Smith, 01543 480030

Christmas Craft Day (Deb Whittaker)

Friday, December 14th, Hints Village Hall, £12.50 entrance includes a buffet lunch with coffee and your basic greenery. RSVP & payment by November 30th to debjmwhittaker@gmail.com 01543 480090

Village Newsletters - a delve into the past (Janet Clarke)

I've been looking through old newsletters starting with November 2006 when I took over as editor from Gerald Blackburn and Peter Edwards took over from me in 2013. So many things have changed, sadly. We then had around 10 readers on the Reading Rota for the church services (which were then held every Sunday) and around 6/7 ladies on the Cleaning Rota. It is now increasingly difficult to find readers and cleaners for our church. Looking around the village there are very few "old timers" (no offence intended). Some have sadly passed away and others have left the village having sold their houses to HS2 to rent out. Hints is no longer the village it was. Do any of you remember Chris Clarke who died recently? Chris and Christine left the village nineteen years ago. He was a brilliant singer and he and his singing partner gave a concert in church (date forgotten) and he said that the acoustics in Hints church were first class and that he so enjoyed singing there. Vera Coleclough who had lived in Hints for many, many years with her husband Don who was Chief Inspector of Police in Tamworth, has recently died. I'm sorry I haven't any bird news this time. We are using many bags of bird seeds to keep them happy. More news next time along with recollections from the past. And finally, my first quote in the 2006 newsletter - "If we wait for the moment when everything, absolutely everything is ready, we shall never begin." (Ivan Turgenev)

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are hopefully continuing to meet on Monday evenings in the Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.30. We are still concentrating on aspects of the large variety of Chinese art forms from ceramics and jade and lacquer work to portraiture, landscapes and other genres of painting. £4 per session (£3 for St Bart's church, £1 for the Pathway project) including refreshments. For further details contact Val Edwards on 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Altar Flowers in Church (Val Edwards)

The services in November are on November 11 and November 18. If anyone is interested and willing to provide altar flowers for these occasions, please contact me. 01543 480088 or val.weardrive@btinternet.com

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

Following on from my report last month we are still awaiting highways to jet out the blocked gullies in Hints and Canwell, although we have had confirmation that it is in hand. The police contact concerning unsocial behaviour in the ford area has not materialised. Revision of the Quinney hall management contract is being progressed, now that both parties agree that abnormalities in the original contract need rectifying. All parish council meetings are open to the public and they are allowed a fifteen minutes session at the start of the meeting to raise relevant matters. Next meetings will be held in the committee room at Quinney Hall Canwell on Tuesday 13th Nov 2018 and Jan 8th 2019, both at 7.30pm.

Beetle Drive (Sally Shepherd)

A big thank you to all who supported this event held at The Village Hall. There where 54 people who played and we raised **£346** which is a fantastic achievement and will help enormously towards the annual running costs of St Bart's. It was a most enjoyable evening and was a great opportunity to socialise with friends, villagers (old and new) and visitors. **Ian Reeley** tried to defend his title of Adult Beetle Champion but it was not to be and was piped to the post by **Mat Bridgwater**. The Junior 2018 Beetle

Champion was **Dylon O'Hanlon D'vier**. The best drawn beetle was awarded to **Terry**. Runner up this time was **Roger Smith** who graciously received the wooden spoon. Thank you to all members of the PPC and villagers that helped organise/donate/wash up/sell tickets etc. Also, to Jeannette for organising the delicious Fish and Chips. Sue Petford and David Fifield for delivering us all with much needed Liquid Refreshments throughout the evening. Lloyd and Peter for being "The Beetle" MC and adjudicators' and keeping everyone thoroughly entertained and under control. We are currently in the process of arranging "**A Barn Dance**" in the New Year. Date and details to follow. Again, many thanks to the people who continue to support this/other events throughout the year. It **really** does help to keep the Church open. Thank you.

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members gathered in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th October ready to listen to a talk by Mike King on Carnivorous plants but sadly we were very few in number on this occasion. Pam and Geoff were on holiday and we really missed them but it was an interesting talk. Our speaker brought a collection of plants for sale and told us just how his collection had grown from very small beginnings. He told us of how much all his plants outgrew one cold frame and greenhouse many many times and we enjoyed the beautiful slides which were manned by his son and also the usual tea, coffee and biscuits after the talk. The next meeting is on Thursday 8th November and our speak will be Gwen Johnson with a slideshow of an 8 acre site on the Garden House Devon which is situated close to the ruins of a 16th century vicarage and we would welcome and visitors to come along and enjoy some time with us.

Quiz Night (John Toogood)

Quiz night on Saturday 19th January 2019. Bar 6:45, quiz 7:15, fish & chips £10. Watch this space or contact Graham (see back page)

Film night (Steve Bourne)

Saturday 1st December, bar opens 7pm, food (chilli and baked potato) 7:15, film 8:00. Contact steve.bourne@me.com or 07976 724581.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services November 2018

Note there will not be the usual 18.30 service on the first Sunday of the month (4 November) Instead there will be a Remembrance Service on November 11. Refreshments will be available in church from 10.00, with hot tea or coffee to fortify us for the outdoor aspects of the service which will start at 10.45 in order that proceedings will time for gathering at the War Memorial by 11.00.

Sun 11 November	10:45 Remembrance Service Dr Trevor James
Readings:	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20
Sun 18 November	10:00 Morning Worship Dr Trevor James
Readings:	Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13: 1-8