

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
November 2015

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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 73 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 66 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

St. Bartholomew's Harvest Festival (Simon Clarke)

This year the Harvest Festival was held at 11.30am on Sunday 27th September and the service was conducted by Rev. Keith Haywood. A record-breaking attendance, with 47 people in the congregation, makes it the best supported Harvest Festival in recent years. The service was followed by a 4 course Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The harvest produce left in the Church has now been taken to the Pathway Project in Lichfield. This charity is a refuge for battered wives and men and their children and is one of the charities that St. Bartholomew's regularly supports.

Appointment of New Vicar (Simon Clarke)

Since the departure of Fiona in January, the Parishes of Hints, Weeford and Whittington have been in a period of Interregnum i.e. without a vicar. I am pleased to say that this Interregnum is coming to an end. After a lengthy process, which included detailed discussions between the 3 Parishes, advertising and finally interviewing, a new Vicar has finally been appointed. Jason Phillips, a local man who is presently living in Stafford and working in Parishes around the Walsall area, will be inducted at Whittington Church on Sunday December 13th at 3pm. Hints have been allocated 30 tickets for this – would anyone wishing to attend please contact Jeannette White on 01543 480066. His first service at Hints will be the Christingle/Carol Service on December 20th followed by Supper in the Village Hall to welcome Jason to the village.

Jam Jars (John Toogood)

Hints famous marmalade maker, Ann Meadows, is in desperate need of some marmalade/jam jars. These need to be 1lb size (approx.) with screw tops and not having been previously used for pickles. Anyone who has some they can donate please contact Ann via chris@habberleym.freeserve.co.uk.

Hints Golf Society (Gilly Fifield)

October saw the Hints Golf Society's 10th bi-annual tour. Nine members set off for Bridgnorth Golf Club on Sunday 18th, and after a nourishing brunch in the clubhouse, played the challenging 18 hole course. Stuart Turton, narrowly beaten to first place by John Taylor, took second place. The team comprising Peter Kinson, John Taylor and Stewart Baker won the yellow ball competition.

Having checked into the Falcon Hotel in Bridgnorth, members set off for a mighty climb up steep steps to Higher Bridgnorth. Here they were royally fed and watered at The Kings Arms. Afterwards they somehow made it back down the steps to the Hotel. With breakfast over, HGS moved to Astbury Golf Club. Under the Society rules, John had to lose a shot having won on the first day. But he was not fazed by this, and indeed won with the highest score again. On this occasion Simon Clarke was the runner up. The team comprising Simon Clarke, Stuart Turton and John Taylor won the Yellow Ball competition.

Having the highest individual score over the two days, the President presented John with the HGS Trophy – see photo. (Ed – don't know why it's upside down, but that's how I received it! Maybe they really were standing on their heads or hanging from the ceiling? Maybe too much to drink...)



This was yet another resoundingly successful tour, organised by Elaine and Simon Clarke to whom much appreciation was offered. In particular the members present on the tour wished to thank Elaine, who having done such a wonderful job arranging the tour, was sadly not able to be present herself. The next HGS meeting is on Monday 16th November at Whittington Heath Golf Club.

Your Village Hall needs YOU! (Graham Whittaker)

You have probably received a flyer from Graham regarding the Open Evening in the Village Hall on Friday 13th November at 8 pm, when he hopes residents will attend to exchange ideas about what the Village Hall is doing. If in doubt, contact Graham at grahamwhittaker@gmail.com or phone 480090.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The Parish Council now have the full funding for two defibrillators and storage cabinets. One for Hints Village Hall and one for Quinney Hall. As previously advertised, Hints Quarry have donated £950, M6 Toll Road £450 and County Councillor David Smith two £500 out of his community fund. At the next Parish meeting we will be placing the official orders for both. Another project for the new year will be updating the disabled access to Quinney Hall. After thirty odd years it has been discovered that there is not sufficient room for a wheelchair to safely use the ramp in an emergency situation! Staffordshire Highways seem determined to stop all right hand turns out of Slade Road onto Sutton Road in spite of people's objections and alternative suggestions. They had advertised it in the Lichfield Mercury. How readily available is that paper to the people who are most likely to be affected in Roughley and Four Oaks? Next meeting, with our new clerk is at Quinney Hall on Tuesday 10th November.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members enjoyed another excellent and enlightening evening. We welcomed Katherine Insley on 8th October. She brought with her a vast array of old garden tools that she had gathered over many years and demonstrated how many of them had been used by past generations, many of the items before mechanisation had occurred. We were fascinated to see hedge cutters with three and sometimes four scissor actions which must have been extremely hard work for trimming hedges. How glad we were that we are able to have electric or petrol hedge cutters these days.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th November at 7:30 pm when Patrick Clement will be talking about garden butterflies and moths.

A committee meeting has occurred to plan the Christmas Social evening and plans are in hand for commencement after the AGM in 2016. More news to follow soon. Everyone welcome to our meetings on the 2nd Thursday each month.

Christingle & Carol Service (Val Edwards)

Advance notice – combined Christingle & Carol Service at 6:30 on Sunday 20th December followed by a Shepherd's pie supper at the Village Hall courtesy of Jez Holloway.

Remembrance Service (Simon Clarke / John Toogood)

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 8th November at 10.30 at St. Bartholomew's and will be taken by Trevor James. This service will remember not only those who fought in World Wars, but the more than 12,000 British Servicemen and women killed or injured since 1945. Poppies are available to purchase from the Village Hall.

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St. Bartholomew's CHURCH SERVICES November 2015

8 November	10:30 am	Remembrance Service Trevor James
Readings	Heb 9:24-end Mark 1:14-20	tba tba
22 November	6:30 pm	Evening Service Claire Kirk
Readings:	Rev 1:4-8 John 18:33-37	tba tba

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are continuing our introductory look at the history of German art. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. £3 per session, refreshments included, all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

The breakfast club will be on Sunday 29th November. Please contact Graham Whittaker to book. grahamawhittaker@gmail.com

Football Pontoon (Graham Whittaker)

We currently have 23 players and are looking for more. It is only £1 a week and all I need is your e-mail address. You do not have to have any understanding of football to play. All proceeds go to the church and we have raised £1700 so far. Please contact me to start playing.