

**HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**October 2013**

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**Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)**

I would like copy for the Newsletter before (about) the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. I need to print 90 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 40 takers. Sorry the newsletter's a bit late – I've been waiting for contributions!

**St Bartholomew's Church – advance notice! (Fiona Haskett)**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Candlelit Carol Service and Christingle followed by mulled wine and nibbles in the Village Hall.

**Village Hall Notices (Graham Whittaker)**

Football Pontoon – we have currently 26 players. It would be nice to have some more players for the next draw. It is £1 a week and you do not need to know anything about football. The rules are on the various notice boards around the village. All proceeds go to the church. Please contact me on 01543 480090 or [grahamwhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamwhittaker@gmail.com)

**Quiz** - Tickets are now available for the quiz on Saturday 12 October. Teams of 6 or 8 and you can't include Google as a team member! It is not serious; it can't be I am doing the questions. Tickets are £7.50 to include a fish and chip supper with all profits going to the village hall funds. There will also be a raffle, prizes are needed.

**Breakfast club**

There will be a breakfast club on Sunday 27 October. A full English breakfast and a catch up with friends for £4. Graham Whittaker for details.

**Football – (Stuart Turton)**

There's a programme for watching Football on the big screen over the ext few months - watch this space! Next fixture is England v Montenegro on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> – the Village Hall will open at 19:15, half time drinks and MEAT PIES! Next will be England v Poland on Tues 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Hints Golf Society (David & Anne Outen)**

Members of the Hints Golf Society met on the afternoon of Monday 16 September at Aston Wood Golf Club for another keenly contested competition. Whilst two of the biggest hitters were absent , namely the resident Simon and Charlie, weather conditions with blustery winds up o 50 mph added to the demands of this difficult course. This was reflected in the low scores returned with Lloyd ( recently of Hints) topping the field with a creditable 30 points. Fellowship of the members attending was reinforced over drinks and a good meal at the club in what proved to be probably the most economical event held so far this year. Our thanks once again to Elaine for organising things and we look forward to the winter tour at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire on 20-21 October. Please contact Elaine for more details (01543 483312 or [elaine@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:elaine@manorfarmfruits.co.uk)) – all welcome!

### **Hints in bygone days (follow up from Pam Aze)**

Following on from Janet's "Hints in bygone ages". Yes, Janet, the bread was lovely, wish it was there today! I will tell you what it was like down here at the end of the population (except for Petford's at the bottom of Dark Lane). The estate was not here, it was a Market Garden worked by Fred Bates. If I decided to have salad to go with my fresh bread, I would go round to Woodview Cottage and Fred would go and gather lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, radishes, spring onions and new potatoes for me, lovely, couldn't be more fresh! In the Autumn he grew prize Chrysanthemums, the smell was lovely but it meant winter was not far away. Access from my back gate was the Court Yard, now divided into 2 houses – the Court Yard (now the Clock House) and The Poppets. This was a Chocolate Factory; dates came and were stored and dipped into chocolate. They were called Daisy Dates, made by Paynes – bad for the figure!

Where Nick is now there was a walk through to the ford, lovely for my dogs! Just round the corner was Hints Hall. Goldingays had a sack cleaning factory: dirty sacks would arrive in a van, cleaned and looked like new; the van returned in 2 or 3 days to collect the cleaned sacks. Some days it was smelly! Janet didn't mention that we had a petrol station where the bungalows are. Malcolm (who ran it) also did minor repairs which was useful for me as I'm not mechanically minded.

That's my bit – at almost 81 years old I wonder if I shall see any more changes, except of course if HS2 goes ahead!!!

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

Our members gathered in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th September and although once again we were few in number we had an enjoyable and enlightening evening as we listened to our speaker Roger Hailwood who took us on a journey to the other side of the world with its different cultures and way of life.

We saw beautiful slides of the temples, the gardens, the terracotta army and the wall. For me this was an experience of re-living the visit I made to China a few years ago, with the very different sights and sounds. We were reminded that where, in the past, even in Bangkok, everyone travelled by bicycle where today the roads there are packed with cars, hence the mist and smog over the city.

Roger and his daughter had visited the Forbidden City by travelling on extremely crowded busses and wider afield by trains as they visited the sight of the terracotta army which in itself seems to stretch a great distance but it is now protected and under cover but we noted that each of the soldiers has different uniforms and faces.

The great wall of China stretches for many miles and Roger had walked part of the wall and visited a shrine or perhaps it was a prayer station that had some steps down from the main thoroughfare of the walkway on the wall.

The next meeting of members will be on Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and our speaker will be Paul Woolley telling us about the development of Swinfen Hall and gardens.

### **Parish Council (Ann Outen)**

Regarding concerns re excessive speed and HGVs using the "old A5" and also down School Lane, it appears that this monitoring can be done but needs to be paid for by either Staffordshire County Council or Hints with Canwell Parish Council or shared between the 2. It can cost up to £400 for each site monitored so we are enquiring further as to who actually should be paying for this as it is quite a large sum out of the PC's small budget. Also the feeling amongst Councillors is that if this involves drivers breaking the law it should be a police matter.

Does anyone who walks regularly on the footpaths no 377 & 378 (behind and parallel to the Lodge on the old A5) have an update on the leaking sewage on that path? Please let me know.

We are getting a price for a "kissing gate" to be put at the entrance of the field diagonally opposite to Quinney Hall, so it can be accessed by locals as it is owned by Hints with Canwell Parish Council

The clerk is enquiring about blocked drains in School Lane which have caused flooding to a property.

Neighbourhood Plan - an open meeting is to be arranged for villagers some time in the future so that the whole scheme can be fully explained by our new County Councillor David Smith: details soon.

Grants were paid to both Canwell Parish Church and St Barts in Hints towards the upkeep of the churchyards.

The Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and Management plan for Hints Conservation Area is currently open for consultation. The area has been expanded slightly and there is a list of house, which are now deemed as being of interest and any planning applications associated with these will be subject to closer scrutiny. These are older houses in the village –so do check to see if yours is included

The document is available for viewing and for consultation at <http://lichfielddc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. You can also check the document at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/info/511/conservationareas](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/info/511/conservationareas) The deadline for your views is 6 October 2013.

### **HS2 News**

A new consultation on property compensation has now opened which closes on Wednesday 4 December. This follows the successful Judicial Review last March .All the documents can be viewed at [www.dft.gov.uk/orderingpublications](http://www.dft.gov.uk/orderingpublications) or you can order by phone via 0300 123 1102. There is an information event set up by HS2 Ltd at Hints Village Hall on Monday 7 October from 12 pm – 8.00 pm You will be able to view the consultation materials and speak with HS2 Ltd. staff about the proposed scheme.

Meanwhile HS2AA have been given leave to go to the **Supreme Court** in order to pursue their challenge re the lack of a robust environmental assessment prior to the announcement of the HS2 scheme. This will take place on 15 and 16 October. A win here would be very powerful when added to all the cogent arguments against HS2, now circulating from many respected quarters.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S  
CHURCH SERVICES October 2013**

<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	<b>2 Kings 5:1-3 &amp;7-15c</b>
	<b>Val Edwards</b>	<b>Luke 17:11-19</b>
<b>Sides person:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b>
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Glyn Smith</b>	<b>Rom 15:1-6</b>
	<b>Val Edwards</b>	<b>Luke 4:16-24</b>
<b>Sides person:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	

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**Chairman of Hints with Canwell Parish Council**

**Geoff Kynaston 0121 308 6145**

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**Art History - Val Edwards 480088**

**V. Hall Bookings Sec. - Gill Needle 481220**

**Art Classes – Janet Clarke 481214**

**Cleaning/Domestic services (Val Evans)**

I am a mature lady seeking cleaning/domestic duties in Hints Village. I have recently moved into the Village – we may have met at the BBQ or at the Village Hall on Friday Nights. References are available from a private retirement home: contact Mrs Val Evans on 01543 481352 or 07794 231690.