

## HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 2014

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### **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 about 80 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 53 takers (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

### **Hints Village Autumn Fete & Scarecrow Festival (Jeannette White)**

This event turned out to be a huge success. We could not have wished for better weather especially in late September! The final figures are in; we had 53 scarecrows around the village, 20 lovely flower arrangements in the church and the village hall offered a variety of homemade delights and maybe the odd alcoholic beverage!!! (Figures to be announced in next month newsletter)

The comments received during the day from our visitors and stall holders were all positive. They commented on how welcoming and friendly everyone in the village was and how well the village hall and church were decorated. They also commented on the quality of the cakes and the BBQ as well as the number and variety of the scarecrows around the village. Some visitors commented it was the best event they had been to this year. The Events Committee would like to say THANK YOU!! to everyone who got involved in making this event a massive success! Every volunteer or donation helped raise vital funds for our community.

### **Sunday Lunch (John Toogood)**

On 9th November, Jez and Elaine will be putting on a Sunday Lunch, ably assisted by Debbie and Tracey. The numbers are very limited so it will be on a strictly **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**. If you would like to be one of the lucky few, get in touch with me **NOW**.

### **Village Hall Calendar (John Toogood)**

There are still a few spaces left for the Quiz on 11th October for the few remaining Villagers and Friends who are sufficiently intelligent to not disgrace themselves. I realise this narrows down the potential attendance considerably but at £7.50 to include Fish and Chips you may consider it worth being disgraced. Let me or Graham know if you want to come.

Don't forget YOUR Village Hall is open to all on Wednesdays and Fridays when you can meet up with your friends and neighbours and discuss the goings on or be antisocial and have a game of pool or table tennis.

### **Quiz Night Saturday 11 October (Graham Whittaker)**

There will be a quiz night in the village hall on Saturday 11 October. There is a Fish & Chip supper with tickets at £7.50 a head. There will of course be a raffle and your prize donations will be welcome. The maximum team is 8 people. The winners will receive a scholarship to the legendary school at Knowit Hall. As you will hopefully remember this is not too serious and I am told a microphone will be available!!!! Tickets are available from Graham Whittaker.

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

On Thursday 11th September we met in the Village Hall. Members enjoyed an evening discovering much about Cannock Chase, its history right back to Doomsday times and how at present fifty one percent of the chase is managed by the Forestry Commission with a great variety of trees. Vicky Worrell who works as a ranger on the Chase with many different areas of heathland and bog brought this area of outstanding beauty to life. We also heard about the wildlife and saw delightful pictures of the deer who roam freely over the parkland. On 9th October at 7.30pm we will be welcoming Howard Drury who presented around 600 episodes of Central TV's Gardening Time, everyone is welcome to come along and hear all about The Cottage Garden Story.

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

At the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, Simon Clarke was co-opted to take the place of Louise Baines who resigned having moved out of the area. Several members of the community were present and expressed their concern about the amount of traffic using Brockhurst Lane. A council visit is to be arranged with the quarry to raise reinstatement issues and the apparent closure of footpaths. Grants were agreed to both parish churches to go towards the upkeep of the grave yards. The promised visit of the neighbourhood highway team did not materialise again. The idea of this team is to undergo minor roadwork tasks such as cutting back overhanging vegetation and clearing gutters. Their next scheduled visit is supposedly November. Full minutes of meetings can be accessed on the village web site. Next Parish Council meeting at Quinney Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

### **Autumn Fete and Scarecrow Festival (Elaine Clarke)**

The inaugural Hints Village Autumn Fete and Scarecrow Festival on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September was a resounding success with all visitors having a great time and of course the weather was very kind to us! The event was a welcome and essential fundraiser for both the Church and Village Hall to replace the 'Open Gardens Event', which ran successfully for many years and always raised a lot of money for the village. So, for a first attempt at something different there was an element of trepidation but the Scarecrow Event went off even better than expected! Jeanette White did a great job chairing the Events Committee and through the hard work and commitment of everyone involved, we raised just under £5,000 for the village, which is a very credible achievement! The atmosphere throughout the day was superb, with many visitors commenting on how much they had enjoyed it and the first car park was full some 20 minutes after opening time! With 53 fabulous Scarecrows, a classic car display, lots of stalls and an array of amazing flower arrangements at the Flower Festival in the Church there was loads to see and do for only £3.00/car entrance fee. Much needed refreshment was on offer in the Village Hall with a BBQ outside and other refreshments on offer in the '1940's themed' hall with service by some fabulously dressed land girls! With queues there for most of the day, the catering was a great success and a huge thank you to all involved whether cooking, clearing up, manning stalls, making scarecrows or doing flower arrangements - everyone played a huge part in making it such a great fundraiser! Jenny Clarke scooped the prize for the 'Best Scarecrow' with her excellent 'Queen on Horseback' jumping over their garden wall, although it is very fair to say the standard of all of the scarecrows was excellent. The day culminated with a very well attended Harvest Festival Service in the Church followed by a Harvest Supper in The Village Hall organised by Val Edwards with help from others and this rounded the day off very well. We all now need to get our thinking caps on for scarecrow ideas as it has been decided that we should hold another event at a similar time again next year! One thing is for sure, when we do an event in Hints we do it well - credit to everyone involved! (Editors note - Elaine sent me some pictures, but I ran out of space! Look on the Village website.)

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

The breakfast club had 40 attendees in September. The next breakfast will be on 26<sup>th</sup> October for the princely sum of £5. Please contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

### **Hints Website (Kevin Caine)**

Whilst the website is an important source of historical information, I am also trying to keep it current. There is a link on the home page to the calendar than John Toogood maintains; if you have an event that you wish to include please contact John or myself via [info@hints-village.com](mailto:info@hints-village.com). With recent attention to the 1914-1918 War I have updated the page on those locals who served. There is a link to this on the home page. If you have any information that would be of interest and could be added to the website please let me have it.

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

The season is underway and we have 29 players. Thank you to everyone who is playing; more players are always welcome. All proceeds go to the church. Please contact [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com)

### **60th Anniversary event at the Village Hall (Graham Whittaker)**

Put the date of 13 December in your diaries for a special evening at the village hall. Arrangements are being made with details to follow.

### **New Years Eve (Graham Whittaker)**

There will be an event at Your Village Hall again this year. Details to follow.

### **Goodbye (Peter & Marilyn Reeves)**

We would like to say goodbye to all our friends in Hints. We have enjoyed being in the village for 20 years during which time we have seen many changes. Wishing everyone good luck for the future. Please welcome to the village Lloyd and Mandy who will have moved in to number 5.

### **Another goodbye (Peter Edwards)**

Beryl Tomkinson (3 School Lane) has left us after 18 years in the Village. She has moved to a ground floor flat in Fazeley. Di Robinson knows where she is if you want to contact Beryl.

### **Dave Sillett (Tony & Margaret Lloyd)**

Dave sadly passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> September aged 75. He with Sheila, Tracy & Carley lived in Hints for many years and Dave was always involved with the Village Hall, the Church and Canwell Show. He will be sadly missed.

### **Village fete feedback from a visitor (Kevin Caine)**

Just wanted to say thank you to the villagers for a wonderful day yesterday. My husband and I live in Wilnecote and spent a lovely afternoon with you. We met lots of people we knew but local villagers were very friendly and talked to us, making us feel welcome. The afternoon tea in the village hall was fab - really good cake and great service. We also enjoyed the good quality of the burgers and ice cream. What a delightful village Hints is. We noticed you have lots of activities in the village hall - are they just for local villagers? Well done - a very successful day. Best regards Lynne and Chris.

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**St. Bartholomew's  
CHURCH SERVICES October 2014**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>12th October</b>            | <b>6:30 pm</b>       | <b>Evening Worship</b>    |
|                                |                      | <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b> |
| <b>Readings:</b>               | <b>Phil 4:1-9</b>    | <b>tba</b>                |
|                                | <b>Matt 22:1-14</b>  | <b>tba</b>                |
| <b>Sides person:</b>           |                      | <b>tba</b>                |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b>       | <b>Holy Communion</b>     |
|                                |                      | <b>Rev. Fiona Haskett</b> |
| <b>Readings:</b>               | <b>Col 3:12-17</b>   | <b>tba</b>                |
|                                | <b>Matt 24:30-35</b> | <b>tba</b>                |
| <b>Sides person:</b>           |                      | <b>tba</b>                |

**New experimental pattern of Church Services**

It was decided at the PCC meeting held on August 27<sup>th</sup> to try a new pattern of services, to accommodate the needs in particular of families with young children. There will be a Family Service at 10.30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month starting in November, (light breakfast available in church from 10.00); the service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month will be Holy Communion at 6.30.

**Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)**

We are meeting as usual on Monday evenings at the Village Hall. The topic for the autumn is "Realism to Minimalism, European and American art movements from 1860 to 1960". We have a newly joined member, so newcomers (or old returners!) are always welcome. Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Village Hall. £3 per session, including refreshments; all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.