

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER October 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 75 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 64 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs!

World Cup Rugby – England v Australia (John Toogood)

An interesting statistic for us all to hang on to - *In the last 5 meetings between these two sides, England have won 4!*

Hold that thought and come and join your friends, neighbours and fellow optimists in YOUR Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October to watch England continue to the next round of the 2015 World Cup. Kick off is 8pm but the doors will be open from 7pm to ensure glasses are filled for what promises to be a very exciting match. The normal refreshments will be available including a selection of beers from Church End Brewery, and pies will be available at half time for those who order before 7.45.

Remember also Rugby on Saturday 10th October – England v Uruguay, kick-off 8 pm!

Sunday Lunch (John Toogood)

Debbie and Tracey are putting on a special Sunday Lunch in YOUR Village Hall on 8th November and have invited you to apply for a place. The final menu has yet to be agreed but will be a *starter* followed by *roast beef* and then a *selection of puddings and cheese*. The cost will be in the region of £15-£20. Numbers will be limited so could I ask that you let us know whether you would like to be included in the guest list, as soon as possible.

Hints book (Val Wilkes)

This is just a little note to let you know that Lichfield Record Office and the William Salt Library in Stafford have each now got a copy of the Hints book, together with some research and supporting papers. These two books have minor alterations from the Hints book. Once the books have been processed and catalogued through the library systems they will be put on the shelves for public use.

79 Watling Street (Bryan & Laraine Hughes)

We are moving back from Wales where we have lived for the last 2yrs before then we lived in Tamworth for 25yrs. Expect to see lots of skips and builders if you drive past. Moving from a small village community over here Hints ticked all the boxes when the house came up for sale and we are both looking forward to meeting the local community.

I am currently doing a feasibility study for a major telecoms company, (sorry, cannot say anymore at the moment due to being under NDA) but some of their Fibre cables run past the village to Lichfield mast. I have spoken to one of the area managers today and explained the poor broadband speeds from BT. They have said that they would consider installing their network including video if there was enough interest and it being cost effective. If people are interested please drop me a mail with house number to my e-mail (bryan1363@hotmail.com). Please let me know by the end of October so I can pass the information over to the company for a surveyor to do a plan of the area. I have recently "done" a similar sized village near Bath that was accepted, so you never know!

Hints Golf Society (Ann Meadows)

On Monday 21st September a depleted number of members braved the weather to visit Walmley Golf Club. 3 groups of 3 set off in what can only be described as miserable drizzle, but as the afternoon progressed so the weather improved. The greens had been recently spiked so some of the putting was a bit wayward (well that's my excuse), but the course itself is fairly straightforward with no nasty rough or too much water so a reasonable game was had by all.

It was nice to welcome Ron Gibson back to the Society after a prolonged absence, and unfortunate that ill health caused him to retire after 9 holes.

Lloyd, Aaron and Ron's team managed to bring home their yellow ball, and Lloyd won the overall competition, scoring a very good 33 points.

The players were joined later in the village hall by quite a few villagers to enjoy a supper of beef in ale with jacket potatoes produced by Jez with his usual flair. These post-game get-togethers in the village hall have proved very successful this season, and have shown what a talented lot of chefs we have in our midst. I hope we can continue the trend next summer.

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The Parish Council have now acquired funding for two defibrillators, one for Hints and the other for Quinney Hall. Tarmac Quarry have generously contributed £900.00 and we have a promise from M6toll of £450.00. Our County Councillor, David Smith, has donated a further £1000.00, sufficient to cover the shortfall and to have both installed and maintained for several years. The advertisement for the parish clerk vacancy has had a good response. All applicants have experience in local government procedures. Staffordshire highways are about to consult further on a banning of right hand turns at the Slade Road/Sutton Road junction. I understand that this will commence on 8th October. Details will be available at Lichfield Library or on their web site. The neighbourhood highway team have been busy in both Hints and Canwell. A result of Mary Lee visiting the area a few weeks ago. Quinney hall management committee AGM on Thursday 29th October at 7.00pm. Next parish meeting at Quinney Hall on 10th November at 7.30.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Members enjoyed being out and about during the 'summer' months but September saw us all back in the Village Hall. The speaker for September talked about digging but not in the usual sense of gardening but an enjoyable evening. Stephen Dean the principal archaeologist at Staffs County Council was our speaker on Thursday 10th September, he came to enlighten us all about the Staffordshire Hoard, that very well documented find just up the road from us in the Hammerwich and Burntwood area.

We saw maps of the area and historical information which assumed a link to the Roman Road where the hoard could be identified when the time was right to bring it back into circulation but which obviously didn't happen, so it was a joy to see so many of the pictures of the many pieces and the beauty of the workmanship. Many of the members stopped on after the tea and coffee to hear much more and to ask questions.

The next meeting of members will be on Thursday 8th October at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Katherine Insley will be demonstrating old garden tools from her extensive collection. Everyone is welcome.

Scarecrow photos (Elaine Clarke)

As you will no doubt be aware, Charlie spent some time taking photos throughout this year's Scarecrow Festival and the pictures are shown on the link below. I think you will agree, he has managed to capture the atmosphere of the day really well and there are certainly plenty we can use to help publicise next year's event!

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B0c3rviGj4kcVTJaN3gwQIJ4eW8&usp=sharing>

Thank you Charlie for sending these through and for anyone who doesn't get the Tamworth Herald, we had a two page spread of photos in last week's edition which was great to see!

Ed – I've put in the winning scarecrow, as John Toogood was too modest to include it! Mole Catcher.



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St. Bartholomew's CHURCH SERVICES October 2015

11 October	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Readings	tba Tba	tba tba
25 October	6:30 pm	Holy Communion
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Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are looking at 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 25 October. 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; I don't I, am a Walsall supporter (ED – Boo, Hiss, but I suppose someone has to support them!). All proceeds go to the church and we have raised £1700 so far. Please contact me to start playing.