

**HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**September 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.

**Pet Service in St Bartholomew's Church (Fiona Haskett)**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6:30. All well-behaved animals are very welcome, or, if you would prefer, simply bring a photo of your pet, or even your favourite Teddy Bear.

**Harvest Festival in St Bartholomew's Church (Fiona Haskett)**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30, followed by wine, bread and cheese in Church. Non-perishable items of donated food will be given to the Pathway Project.

**Bird Update (Janet Clarke)**

Nothing to report this month – the birds are eating and bathing well!

**Village Hall Notices (Graham Whittaker)**

There will be a breakfast in the village hall on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please call me or Deb on 01543 480090 or [grahamawhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:grahamawhittaker@gmail.com) for tickets.

There is a quiz night on 12<sup>th</sup> October in the village hall. Tickets are £7.50 to include a fish and chip supper. Please contact me or Deb for tickets.

As ever if you have ideas for events we would be more than happy to help you with them.

**Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)**

The Golf Society made the short trip to Walsall Golf Club for their game in August. Unfortunately the state of the course did not match the lovely weather with both the greens and fairways needing some attention. However it did not affect the quality of the golf with Ann Meadows winning with 36 points and Lloyd Ansermoz second with 33 points.

September's game will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – venue to be confirmed. Anyone interested in playing please contact Simon – [simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk](mailto:simon@manorfarmfruits.co.uk)

### **Hints in bygone days (Janet Clarke)**

There have been so many changes in our village, which, fifty odd years ago, was quite small. There were no 'new houses' and friendships were made so easily. Far less cars meant that villagers met and chatted when going to the shop, post office, village hall or church. Nowadays cars race up the lane and we have no idea who most of the drivers are. This is quite sad! We had a school complete with a large brass bell which sadly was stolen when it was finally stored in the old shed at the village hall, following the conversion of the school and gardens into flats and bungalows. That was a piece of history, which should have been treasured and conerved.

The village shop and post office was a focal point and the shop sold everything one could ever ask for and if it didn't then the shop owner would gladly get it for you. Nothing was too much trouble. We had a reliable bus service three times a day - the morning service took children to school in Tamworth and brought them home late afternoon. The 2.00pm service was just right to go shopping on. We also had a bus service to Lichfield on Friday mornings, returning at lunchtime.

There was also a bakery situated where Helen and Kevin now live and the bread was delicious. Many a time Roy was despatched by his mother to fetch a loaf of bread and he would arrive back home with the corners already eaten! During the war Clive and Flossie Bates would deliver their bread (during the blackout) with Flossie walking in front of Clive's van with a torch. The enormous dough box spent its last few years at Manor Farm as a plant container. Just over fifty years ago we had deliveries from a butcher, milkman and a mobile greengrocery van would visit weekly, usually on Friday evenings. Happy memories, which cannot be taken away!

*More snippets next month when I shall be searching through the old village newsletters dating from 1990 (promises to make very interesting reading).*

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

The last meeting of members was on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August and sadly it was not well attended due in some cases to holidays and sadly that one of our committee members was in hospital which made an absence of four members immediately as they were visiting him in hospital.

We had an enjoyable evening with plenty of slides of areas in Staffordshire. Our speaker on this occasion was Dianne Barr who is a consultant for Historic Gardens and Landscapes of England. She has also been the co-author of a book on the county.

Garden Follies of Staffordshire took us on a journey not only locally but also back in time into the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries when their popularity was at its height. Two of the local places to find these follies are at Shugborough and Buddulph, both places have been visited by Garden Guild members in the past and I am sure many memories of our visits were recalled as we looked at the slides of Chinese symbols and pyramids. All enjoyed an interesting evening.

In September we will be out on another journey with our speaker Roger Hailwood who will be telling us about China's Palaces and the Great Wall when we meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Roger Hailwood will be visiting us again in February 2014 to tell us about New Zealand and we will look forward to both of these talks. Coffee Rota for September is Linda and Jan.

**The following, written by a young African child, was nominated by the UN as the best poem for 2006. (Janet Clarke)**

When I born, I black  
When I grown up, I black  
When I go in sun, I black  
When I scared, I black  
When I sick, I black  
And when I die, I still black

And you white fellow  
When you born, you pink  
When you grow up, you white  
When you go in sun, you red  
When you cold, you blue  
When you scared, you yellow  
When you sick, you green  
When you die, you grey

**And you calling me coloured?**

**All people smile in the same language**

**Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)**

At the next Parish Council meeting to held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Hints village hall we will have the Lichfield Conservation Officer, Claire Hines, giving us an appraisal of the Hints Conservation Area. All Parish residents are invited to attend to hear her appraisal and ask any relevant questions.

I have been speaking to our community policeman, Kevin Stackhouse, about Smart Water. Villagers are encouraged to adopt this system through the police for a one off payment of £20.00. It involves getting a phial of a unique clear liquid, which you can paint on objects and, should they be stolen and the police find them, they can be traced back to the original owner. To adopt this system through the promoters would cost in the region of £50/ £60 with an annual registration fee. Should 50% or more of the village adopt this Smart Water we can advertise the fact with prominent signs throughout the village, which we are assured deters would-be felons from entering the village. Anyone interested can contact a parish councillor or Kevin direct on 07731790459 or kevin.stackhouse@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk. To date, we have had no responses to the last newsletter item on "Neighbourhood planning"

Future Parish Council meetings:

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at Hints  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at Quinney Hall  
March 11<sup>th</sup> at Hints.

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

We are reconvening on Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to start a new course on the art of northern Europe "From Van Eyck to Vermeer". For further details, contact me (01543 480088) or just turn up on the night. £3 per session, to include refreshments; all proceeds to St Bartholomew's Church.

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

<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Rev. Viv Hatton
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	<b>Philemon: 1-21</b>
	<b>Val Edwards</b>	<b>Luke 14: 25-33</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Gill Needle</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship</b> Rev. Fiona Haskett ( <u>pet service</u> )
<b>Reading:</b>	<b>Glyn Smith</b>	<b>Genesis 6: 14 – 7: 5</b>
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b> Rev. Fiona Haskett
<b>Readings:</b>	<b>Roy Clarke, Janet Clarke, Simon Clarke,</b> <b>Gilly Fifield (all T.B.A.)</b>	
<b>Sideperson:</b>	<b>Val Edwards</b>	

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**Art Classes – Janet Clarke 481214**

**Social Club (Stuart Turton)**

Please note in your diaries the planned opening of the village hall to view the following football events on the big screen as follows:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the evening ENGLAND V MOLDOVA World Cup qualifier

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September in the evening UKRAINE V ENGLAND World Cup qualifier

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the evening ENGLAND V MONTENEGRO World cup qualifier

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the evening ENGLAND V POLAND World cup qualifier

Advance Notice - Sunday 24th November - Beer festival (Wine for the ladies!) followed by Brazilian GP

The Village hall Bar is open Wednesday and Friday evenings from 8.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL WHEREVER POSSIBLE.