

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER September 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!

Hints Village Scarecrow Festival and Fete Sunday 20th September, 2015 (Jeannette White)

We still require Tombola prizes, hats, handbags, jewellery, pictures and also books for our stalls. Please leave at the Village Hall or at the back of the Church. Have you sent Stephanie your favourite recipe? We are short of recipes to enable Stephanie to get the book printed so it can be sold on the day (shargens@sbcgobal.net). The recipe could be starters, salads, main courses, deserts, cocktails or beverages. It could also be a breakfast item. Please include a picture for the book if possible. Only 5 recipes have been received to date, so more are needed please. We still need helpers for the day. If you have not already agreed to help and would like to help please contact me (Jeannette 01543 480066). Let's make this the great success that it was last year.

St Bartholomew's Harvest Service. (Jeannette White)

This year the Harvest Service will held on Sunday 27th September at 11.30am, with lunch (using locally sourced products) being served in the Village Hall afterwards. The bar will be open on the day. Tickets £5.00, children under 11 years old £2.50. Please book your ticket with Val Edwards (01543 480088) for catering.

Art and Craft Class (Janet Clarke)

We're thinking of expanding the art class to include any craft ideas which other people might have who would like to join us on Thursday mornings, 10.0 a.m. to 12 noon. We already have a lady who is willing to come and show us how to include collage on water colour paintings, among other things. She will be able to join the class at the end of September. So if anyone can share their skills on crochet, knitting, soft toy making, felt work and other hobbies, please come and join us. We have coffee and biscuits throughout the mornings and you would be made most welcome.

Trees (Ruth Petford)

Scheduled Lichfield Council Approved tree removal will be taking place at "Botley House" later this year. If there are any wood burning residents in Hints who would like to reserve some of the unseasoned wood now (mainly sycamore) for use next winter please contact Petfords after 8pm on 01543 481312.

Spiders Beware (Janet Clarke)

"Two spiders met in church. The first spider said "I can't find anywhere quiet to live in this church. It's too noisy in the organ loft, it's not very peaceful in the choir stalls and if I settle in a nice dark corner under a pew it isn't long before someone comes along with a broom and sweeps me out." The second spider said "You'd better come and join me in the offertory box. I haven't been disturbed for months."

(Ed note – talking to our Organ tuners, it appears that a lot of organ pipes going out of tune is due to spiders falling into the pipes, they cannot get out, die and block the air)

Hints Golf Society (Simon Clarke)

"The Golf Society played the August game at Maxstoke Golf Club. It was a course that the Society had tried to play on 2 previous occasions but for one reason or another were unable to play due to course conditions. The course was well worth the wait with the greens in immaculate condition and the rough not too punishing. With the slightly more expensive green fee, the prize pot could only pay out for first and second place and Johnny Shaw claimed first prize, with 37 points with Fiona Wylie in second with 34 points. Everyone then returned to the VH for a much needed drink and a fantastic BBQ which was attended by over 30 people. Stew Baker made his second appearance for the Society and it was great to welcome back a "Golden Oldie" and one of the original members of the Society – Ron Gibson! Ron has been away from the game through various injuries (similar to Tiger Woods) but played very well coming 4th. His forthright and vocal approach to the game of golf has been greatly missed and everyone was pleased to see him back. In fact, it was as though he'd never been away. A massive thank you must go to Elaine for co-ordinating and buying the food and to all the volunteers who helped with the cooking, washing up and staffing the bar. The next game will be on September 21st with a meal in the VH afterwards prepared by Lloyd and Naomi.

Recipe requests (Stephanie Hargens)

5 recipes won't make a book! We really need your help and your recipes!!

The recipe doesn't have to be one you created; it might be one from your favourite TV chef- maybe Mary Berry, Ina Garten, or Jamie Oliver. It should be a recipe you love to cook and your friends and family love to eat! We are compiling all of these favourite recipes into a recipe book which will be available for sale at this year's Hints Village Fete and Scarecrow Festival on September 20th. Please send your favourite recipes to Stephanie Hargens at shargens@sbcglobal.net by 31st August. Pictures always make recipes more fun so please include a picture of your favourite dish with the recipe. We look forward to some great recipes and good eats!

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

The Parish Council had a visit to Hints Quarry recently, and they gave a presentation on the progress of their reinstatement programme. They advised that they were recently taken over by an Irish company, CRM. Our request for funding for a village defibrillator, although hopeful, has been delayed because of the takeover. On another front we have secured partial funding from County Councillor David Smith. The Parish Field is being maintained on a regular basis and is available to all parishioners. It is also available for private hire on a pre bookable basis. A representative from the neighbourhood highway team recently toured the parish and various general tidying up jobs were discussed. Lichfield planning has differed a decision on the Country Pursuits Planning application at Weeford. Weeford Parish Council have had an independent noise survey done and planning require more time to consider the implications. Next parish council meeting in Hints on 8th September at 7.30pm.

Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Once again our members were out and about, on 13th August we met at Woodhouse Community Farm at Fisherwick. Some of us found it rather difficult to locate where we were meeting but we had been looking forward to this visit to see the walled garden and all arrived by 7.30pm so that we could go off on the tour together on a lovely warm and pleasant evening. It was good to see all the planting that had been done in the garden plum, apples and pears on the walls and we asked about the boxes on the top of the walls and were told they were to deter the squirrels. In the middle of the garden were soft fruits all of which had been grown from cuttings, then we saw potatoes, carrots and cabbages and then were able to visit the shop and purchase items as well as chutney and jam. An enjoyable evening, then as it began to get dark we were entertained by the history of the area as we enjoyed tea, coffee and alight supper. SEPTEMBER 10th and members will be gathering once again in the Village Hall at 7.30pm for something quite different that has been dug out of the ground locally and recently. No we are not on the vegetables this time we are to hear all about the STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD. Our speaker on this occasion will be Stephen Dean the principle archaeologist at Staffordshire County Council. I am sure that readers may remember that it was only a few miles up the road that this very important Gold Hoard was uncovered so we are looking forward with great anticipation to hear all about it in much more detail. If you are not a member, visitors are always welcome to come along, no need to book in advance and tea, coffee and biscuits are always served.

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St. Bartholomew's CHURCH SERVICES September 2015

13 September	10:30 am	Morning Worship Anne Colgrave
Readings	James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-end	tba tba
27 September	11:30 am	Harvest Festival Service
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Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are in recess until Mon 28 September, when we will reconvene for the autumn to look 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.

Check out the Hints Scarecrow Festival on Facebook and Twitter!

https://www.facebook.com/scarecrowfestivalhintsvillage?ref=aymt_homepage_panel
<https://twitter.com/HintsScarecrow>

Annual B-B-Q (Kevin Caine)

The Annual Village BBQ will be on Sunday 6th September and all villagers (old and new) and their friends are invited. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and order your tickets as soon as possible so that we order enough food. We would appreciate it if you could pay before the BBQ weekend. Many thanks and looking forward to seeing you.

Breakfast Club (Graham Whittaker)

There won't be a Breakfast Club in September – try the Harvest Festival lunch in the Village Hall (see above)