

Welcome to the 30th Anniversary 2011 edition of the Hadnall News.

Thirty years ago the local Methodist Group brought out a very professional looking newsletter. That came out in February 1981. By October of that year the first of the Hadnall Newsletters appeared. They were printed on a Roneo printer where a typist had to “cut” a stencil and the pages were printed from this stencil. It was a time-consuming process but was an accessible method of producing documents. Most schools had at least one. The first few issues were produced on A4 paper with a staple in the top left hand corner. Later the magazine changed to the more familiar A5 format with a cover on it. Somebody called “Juniper” was responsible for the lovely drawings that have adorned the cover ever since. Today’s cover is very largely “Juniper’s” except that the printers did cleverly add an extra building in the same style. I suspect many of us didn’t spot the addition!

The first editions make interesting reading and I have extracted some items from the first editions to share them with you. They are reproduced elsewhere. By the time you get to read this the history group will have had a meeting where the magazine archive was used to look at early editions and to extract from them a “directory” of businesses which were or still are operating in the village. The next edition will have a report on what was discovered.

As it is the anniversary it is also the time of the year when the magazine deliverers also become the magazine subscription collectors. The annual fee is £2.00 for the six issues. The money collected through the house collections goes to pay for the six editions – each of which costs over £250 to produce. Our margins are not great and a price rise from the printers could make inroads to our resources.

On the subject of the printers, I would like to express my gratitude to James and his colleagues at Yarringtons at Hardwick Stables, who do all they can to give us as professional a looking magazine as they do.

The Parish Council is busy preparing to revise the Village Plan. This will give everyone the opportunity to express views on a wide range of issues relevant to living in Hadnall. The magazine will be in the forefront of the information exchange and I hope everyone will feel able to support the process by completing questionnaires. In this way the Parish Council will have the “ammunition” to defend its position on areas like planning permission and so forth.

I am very grateful to Suzanne Davies for writing two very interesting articles about the history of the Toddlers and the Playgroup. As usual, I will put out a plea to have even

more articles etc for the coming editions. The more material we publish the better value the magazine will be!

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HADNALL CHURCH

Ploughed fields, migrating birds, falling leaves, autumn is certainly here. So is Christmas if the retailers are to be believed as their shops offer us early bargains of seasonal goods not to be missed. Well I for one will be giving them a miss for the moment as I work on the premise that a bit of panic nearer the time helps to focus the mind and I look forward to enjoying autumn as one of my favourite seasons before having to think about the delights of Christmas.

One thing to look forward to on **Sunday October 16th at 11:30am** is our **Harvest Festival**. The service in church will be followed in the village hall by a simple harvest lunch of homemade soup and puddings. There will be no charge for this, it will be simply an opportunity to meet together and share a meal after the service. If you know you will be there please inform Kath, Pat or Di so that they can have some idea of numbers but please don't let this put you off coming at the last moment as I'm sure there will be plenty to go around. We look forward to seeing you for the service and the meal.

The second thing to look forward to is our monthly coffee morning on **Thursday October 20th** at the home of Mrs Irene Dabbs, Hall Drive. This again involves no charge and just provides an opportunity to meet together. If you have not been before why not come along and join us, you would be most welcome.

At the last coffee morning in August Mrs Sylvia Wellings took the opportunity to hold a tombola stall and raised £44:00 which was given to our Compassion funds in support of Kelvin Delsai who we sponsor. Many thanks to Sylvia and all those who helped with the coffee morning.

I have recently received a first letter from Kelvin which I will reply to and then display on the Compassion board in church. He tells us that he lives in a village on the coast with his mother and father and older brother. He loves playing football, singing gospel songs, has a pet cat and his favourite food is yam and egg stew. Please take the time to read his letter but remember he is very young so the letter is written on his behalf.

Finally, our thanks to all those who took part in the Ride and Stride to raise funds for the Historic Churches Trust and our own church. A special mention must again be made of Tom Slack who this year raised over £1,000 in sponsorship, a wonderful achievement. Well done everyone who took part!

Di Clarke

Hadnall Village Hall

The summer months are a quiet time for the Village Hall Committee. After all the exertions of the Village Fete, they “take a break” and things tick over. Now the summer is over (did it ever start?), things begin to happen and the first thing that has been achieved is the installation of a new projector screen for use by any group which wants to have slide shows. The screen is over 6ft wide and is fixed to the wall for easy use. The low ceiling in the hall stops the screen being used to its full extent but it is a useful contribution to the amenities offered by the Hall.

Discussion is underway to purchase new crockery for use at functions and parties. It is anticipated that about 100 settings will be purchased. Most of the existing crockery will be retired with only enough readily available to cater to the occasional group use for tea and cake etc.

I would like to repeat a frequent plea for villagers to join the Village Hall Committee. It is not a particularly onerous responsibility – meetings are only once a month (first Wednesday of the month). We are short about 3 members and would really welcome new members. No particular skills are required only the willingness to get involved occasionally. You won't be expected to grab a paintbrush (we've nearly finished that bit of refurbishment!) or anything like that. If you are interested contact a member of the committee or just come along to the meeting and be sure of a warm welcome.

Tony Collins

Hadnall Parish Council News

At the September meeting the Council was pleased to co-opt two new councillors, following recent vacancies and advertisements. This will bring the Council back up to its full strength of eight, after several months with reduced numbers. Peter Clarke, former Clerk to the Parish Council, is one of the new recruits and began his term of office immediately. George Dickson will start his at the next meeting, in November. With preparations for the new Parish Plan and the Community Emergency Plan beginning to get off the ground, it is vital to have the full complement of Council members to put in the necessary work.

In the last issue of the Hadnall News, there was an invitation to Hadnall residents to be involved with both the Parish and Emergency Plans. Just a couple of people put their names forward and more would still be welcome. Both projects should be interesting and, more importantly, ensure Hadnall meets the needs of all its residents. If you think you may be interested, please speak to the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

Over the summer, ROSPA has conducted its safety report on the play equipment on the Village Green. Also from time to time, the Safer Roads Partnership van has been parked in the Church lay-by to monitor the speed of traffic travelling through the village. Continuing the battle against excessive speeds is always on the agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7 November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. If you would like to come along, please do. Members of the public are always welcome.

Rosemarie Duxbury
Clerk to Hadnall Parish Council

Editorial and Extracts from the first Hadnall Newsletter - October 1981

Editorial

Good communications can hold a community together, keep it friendly, even vibrant.

You have recognised this and have made it possible to produce a village newspaper on a regular basis every other month.

News and articles have come in rapidly, as have advertisements. Funds have also been provided and we thank the Mother and Toddler Group, the Women's Club, the Women's Institute, the Wednesday Club and the Parish Council for their support. They have made this edition possible. We hope other village organisations will be able to support the newspaper in the same way. Future editions need funds.

For those wishing to know more about the newspaper the Committee members' names are published on the last page.

So, here is your Newspaper. Read it. Enjoy it. And support it. And all will benefit.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION DRAW

On the 6th of August there was an election in Hadnall for a Parish Council, the two nominations being Mr. Peter Reginald Brisbane and Mr. Norman Frank Davey.

There was a low turnout of voters, 56 votes being cast, about 20% of the electorate.

When the votes were counted there was an amazing 28 votes for each candidate, unprecedented in the experience of the Electoral Officer. Eventually the old tradition of drawing straws was resorted to, and Mr. Davey was declared duly elected.

W.G.C.

FROM TENNIS COURTS TO BUNGALOWS

On the old tennis courts in station Road, planning permission has been granted for 10 bungalows to be built for retired farm workers.

Trial holes have already been dug for the architects to examine the clay.

However, the charitable organisation for the building say they hope that construction will begin this year, all depends on the central government granting the necessary funds for the work.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Hadnall Mother and Toddler Group have recently celebrated their 1st Anniversary. It has been a successful year, the Group being well attended every session by enthusiastic Mums, toddlers and babies.

It began with a donation from Hadnall Parish Council. This was put to use, buying toys, jigsaws, books and small equipment, as well as second-hand large toys.

Thanks to the energies of "our Mums" we have held a number of fund raising activities, such as coffee mornings and clothes parties. From these we have amassed enough money to buy a new indoor slide for the Group.

The children of Hadnall have enjoyed not only the weekly sessions, but events such as a Christmas party, an Easter Parade, a visit to Bridgemere Bird Gardens and a Royal Wedding Birthday Party. Our "Young mums" are also enjoying a monthly Night-out.

So any mum with a baby and/or a Toddler, who wants to meet other mums with likewise, do come and see us at Hadnall Village Hall, every Wednesday 10am – 12 noon.

P.S. we serve coffee and biscuits as well!

Linda Ratcliffe

HADNALL PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP 1986 - 2011

Hadnall Pre-School Playgroup has just celebrated its 25th Birthday and during this time has seen several hundred children pass through its doors! Back in 1986, some of the mums from toddler group felt their children would benefit from a session without their parents being present and so the playgroup was started. It was not to replace the existing toddler group but rather to compliment it and still today, the two groups work alongside each other really well.

Hadnall Playgroup began on Tuesday 9th September 1986. It was run by Sally Brown and Rosie Duxbury, with one mum helping on a rota basis. Initially the group met on a Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon downstairs at Hadnall Village Hall. Numbers were limited to 12 children aged 3 years and above. By October 1986, the group was fully booked and in full swing!

In April 1992, it was decided to apply to Social Services to become a registered playgroup, which would make it easier to get insurance for the group. By October 1997, the group was registered to accept Nursery Grant, which meant free places for 4 year olds. The group was awarded a lottery grant in October 1999, which enabled the purchase of a climbing frame and safety mats, together with some other play equipment. The climbing frame has been used at every session since!

In 2002, Hadnall W.I. donated a Story Sac to the group and that year also saw plans made to start a Lunch Club in the near future, enabling the children to bring along their own packed lunch and stay for an extra hour. The group started in the Autumn term of 2003 at Astley Village Hall, while Hadnall Village Hall was refurbished. Playgroup was now open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings with Lunch Club on Thursdays. In 2004, the group moved back to the upstairs room at Hadnall Village Hall and this has been their home ever since.

Looking back through The Hadnall News over the past 25 years, fund raising has always been a vital part of keeping the group going. A Winter Fair in 1988 raised £80, a sponsored walk in 1991 raised £107 and in 2010, a musical evening raised £400. As a pre-school playgroup, we try and keep our fees at a reasonable level, currently a 2 ½ hour session costs £7 with lunch club extra so we do rely on fund raising to provide extras.

Today the Pre-School Playgroup is regulated and inspected by Ofsted and is registered for 20 children aged from 2 years. We are open during term time for six sessions a week with optional lunch club. There are now 5 staff working here. Sally has clocked up 25 years service having been here since day one! Chris and Lynn are only slightly behind having each worked here for around 20 years, while Holly has worked here for 7 years and Emily joined this term. The group is a registered charity (Number 1069909) and is managed by a committee of volunteers.

Hadnall Pre-School Playgroup is extremely grateful to all those who continue to support us. By doing so, you are helping to ensure that the group will be here to serve the community for many years to come.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone – staff, parents, committee members, villagers and most importantly the children, who have all contributed to the success of this group over the past 25 years. It really is a remarkable achievement and one which we should all be extremely proud!

Sue Davies, Chairperson Hadnall Pre-School Playgroup

Parish Plan Refresh

A small sub-committee is working on producing a revision on what was called “The Vital Villages Project”. That took place nearly 10 years ago and is due for a re-visit. The process will involve looking at what targets have been met and which have not. From that a new set will be put forward. These targets will be set based upon the wishes of the village people. A new questionnaire will be designed and distributed to get that information. Obviously we hope that everyone will contribute their opinions on the issues raised or indeed raise issues not mentioned.

The “Localisation” Bill which is due to pass through parliament shortly will devolve more responsibilities to the Parish Council. The Refresh will give clear (we hope) guidance as to the wishes of the village on issues like planning and development.

If you have any issues you would like to raise or would like to join the sub-committee to take the plan forward, please contact Caroline Oakes (Caoakes1@aol.com) or phone 210327.

Creating a **Village Emergency Plan** was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 26th September. A tentative plan was submitted for consideration. This plan illustrates the preparation that would be needed and the training that would need to be undertaken by volunteers in order to make the plan workable. Of course we hope that such a plan would never be needed, but being prepared would be far more preferable than not! The Parish Council would welcome villagers’ input in future meetings

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Bowling Club News – October 2011

Once again I have to begin this month's report with news of yet another significant loss to our club and indeed the village. I'm talking of course of **John Tanner** who sadly passed away on the 14th September. John has been a member of club almost since its inception and in that time served as both Chairman and President. John's name appears many times on the honours board proving that he was undoubtedly one of the finest players to have graced our green. He was responsible for building our pavilion and the fact that it is still going strong after so many years is a testament to his skills as a carpenter. John will be sorely missed by everyone at the club, even in recent times when his health prevented him from playing he still came along to support and offer advice. John loved his bowls and the friendship and camaraderie that the game offers and he was never out of place on the green no matter what class of opposition. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Shirley and her family in this extremely sad time.

It seems surreal to talk about events on the green as times like this puts things into perspective. So we'll merely report on the results of competitions that have taken place since our last news.

2nd Finals Day

Mixed Doubles ~ Winners **Steve & Kerry Dance** Runners Up **Margaret Jones & Mike Pemberton**

Men's Doubles ~ Winners **Tim Jordan & Mike Pemberton** Runners Up **Bryan Thomas & Gerry Fitzpatrick**

Ladies Doubles ~ **Kerry Dance & Jackie Price** Runners Up **Catherine Coles & Margaret Thomas.**

Jack Jackson Day

Winners **Peter Sargeant & Julie Fitzpatrick** Runners Up **Jackie Price & Rachel Weaver**

Presidents Day

Winner **Roger Collins.** Runner Up **Kerry Dance**

Finally huge congratulations to **Bryan Thomas & Roger Collins** who won the Shrewsbury League Senior Doubles competition & brought the trophy back to Hadnall for the third time! Previous winners for Hadnall include John Tanner & Peter Maguire!

Just one diary date:

Presentation Lunch 23rd October

Phil Price**Hadnall Ramblers**

We met again on August 2nd when we were led by Shane and Liz. We left the Village Hall and went down Church Lane to Haston, turning right which took us to a footpath through to Smethcote Manor. From there it was on to Plex Road and on to a permissive path to Thieves Lane and turning at Plex Corner and onto a path to Yorton Heath, Merry Lane, Sansaw, Hardwick Stables and back to the Village Hall via Ladymas Road. The meal was at the Redcastle at Harmer Hill

The next walk on August 16th was led by Karen and Tom. This started from the Underhill Carpark and went from Castle Bridge to English Bridge, along Abbey Foregate to the 'Old Potts' Station. From the path at the back of Asda, we followed paths back to Abbey Foregate and back to our cars for the short journey to the Monkmoor Hotel for our meal.

On August 30th Hazel and Val took us to Myddle Village Hall. We set off up the hill turning left through a passage and then crossing Ellesmere Road and taking a path to Balderton and Newton-on-the Hill. The route then took us back to Higher Road, past the reservoir and back to our cars via Lower Road. We then went to the Redcastle for the evening meal.

The last evening walk was a guided tour of the shutts and passages of Shrewsbury led by Marina Triverdi who gave us a very pleasant and enjoyable evening. Many thanks must go to Marina for giving us her time and expertise. The meal following this was in The Coracle, Sundorne and was followed by a short meeting to arrange the Sunday walks in the winter months. Starting at the end of September, the walks are the fourth Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us for the walk or just the meal. To order your meal you can sign up on the board in Hadnall Village Stores.

Tom Slack Chairman - T: 210253

Tom Slack's Ride and Stride walk in aid of Shropshire Churches Trust

Tom's annual charity walk was very well supported - He raised his best ever total of £1111. The money is to be shared equally by the Historic Churches Trust and Hadnall Church.

Tom says "I completed the walk in three hours and forty minutes visiting five churches – Broughton, Clive, Grinshill, Hadnall and Astley. I would like to thank all those people who sponsored me for such a generous amount and I would also like to thank my daughter, Karen Webb, her friend Debbie Jarrett, and Andrew Howard-Carter who accompanied me"

Tom is to be congratulated for his wonderful effort and for raising so much money.

Hadnall Parent and Toddlers

Once again we opened in the summer holidays. The children enjoyed lots of great activities; these included making a pizza on the 1st week, which the children enjoyed eating for their snack. The next three weeks we got creative decorating T shirts and junk modeling, the children made lots of interesting things out of boxes, yogurt pots etc. The children also decorated masks and made crowns. The following week we were going to have a Teddy Bears picnic on the green but the weather wasn't on our side, so we had a play session inside. We got our new large plastic building blocks out, which the children really enjoyed – seeing how tall they could build a tower. The last week of the holidays Deana from the Shropshire Council came and did a messy play session; this included a sand pit, sewing a puppet, play dough and also making pictures with coloured sand. We would also like to thank Emily Duxbury who did facing painting for the children.

Over the summer we have brought some new equipment, this includes the building blocks and an activity table for sand, water etc.

New families are always welcome. The first week is free and then it is just £2.50 per family. If you have children under 5, why not come along and join in the fun. We are open Tuesday Morning, term time from 9.15am-11.30am.

Jane Bebb – Secretary
Tel: 01939 291433

WEDNESDAY CLUB

New members would be welcome: we are a friendly group, meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. During August, we had a most interesting talk and slide show given by Mr & Mrs Chris Neil on the National Gardens Scheme. A brain-teasing quiz and bingo were enjoyed on 31 August and the Bayston Singers visited on 14th September. They entertained us with a variety of well-known musical items. We were joined by several visitors who enjoyed the afternoon which concluded with a Dutch tea.

Mr Stan Steadman will be coming on September 28th to speak on “Shropshire Rivers”. His talks are always most interesting and not to be missed. The Christmas Dinner has been booked for 21 December – a date to which all members look forward.

Beth Prinz
T: 210496

Hadnall Women's Club

Our last meeting of the summer on August 15th was a visit to Fordhall Farm. The weather was not too good but a conducted tour around the farm and fields by Charlotte was really enjoyed by all. The evening finished with lovely refreshments in the new café.

Back in the Hall for the winter on September 5th, Mr Stan Stedman gave a talk on Shrewsbury winning Gold in the European 2007 Town in Bloom competition. With the aid of slides, Stan took us on a wonderful journey in Shrewsbury and around the outskirts of the town where they took the judges on the two days they were here. If you get the opportunity to hear this talk and see the slides, don't miss it, it was a great evening enjoyed by all the ladies.

On Monday September 19th, we welcomed Malcolm Whittle, a cartoonist, to our meeting. Malcolm promised by the end of the evening we would all be cartoonists to which we all laughed, but he did teach us quite a lot and we surprised ourselves as to what we achieved. It was a great evening of fun and laughter.

Coming up is our Birthday meal after which we've a good programme planned, so come along Ladies and enjoy a good evening for £1.50.

Betty Bebb
T:210927

HADNALL PLAYGROUP

The 25 years celebration Open Day was a great success. It was lovely to see so many people. Roly's recipe book is selling well and copies are available to buy for just £5.99 from playgroup anytime or you can contact Jackie Dickson on 01939 210647.

We have welcomed Emily Duxbury onto our staff this term. Emily is a qualified teacher, lives in Hadnall and is a familiar face in the village.

Our topic this term is Autumn. We have lots of activities planned including walks, pictures and cookery.

We are making a picture for Harvest Festival. The children will take this into Church when it is finished.

We are collecting Morrisons 'Lets Grow' vouchers and Nestles Box tops for books. There are boxes in Hall entrance for these.

Sally Brown

Hadnall Women's Institute

The September meeting was our first after the August break. Several meetings a year, one of our own members (an expert) is the demonstrator, this time it was Carol Jones. Carol always shows innovative dishes and makes them look so easy (and we all get tastes as well!)

Being a member of the local W.I. Group we often get invitations from other W.I.s. Coming in October are the main Group Meeting at Harmer Hill (the competition is a naff ornament!) and a new event, a craft Dabble Day. This is at Harmer Hill on October 29th, a Saturday, from 10a.m. to 4p.m. This is a chance to try out new crafts connected with Christmas, it should be interesting.

Our most important event coming up in October is our Produce and Handicraft Show. This shows what we can do, and yes it does include jam! The entertainment is by the Two Gareths, do you remember them? Why not come and listen?

We have been making up our programme for next year and we've realised that in December, Hadnall W.I. is 85 years old - 85 unbroken years! I don't know what Anniversary that is but we are ready to celebrate. We're open to any good ideas, just let us know.

Ivy Bebb

T: 210291

Hadnall and District History Group

There is not a lot to report since the last magazine as we have had a break over the summer – but the committee has been busy planning for the year ahead.

The first meeting of the new season will discuss businesses in the village – both those that remain and those that have long since disappeared. We hope that you will come and join us on Thursday 29th September at 7.30 for what will, undoubtedly, be a lively discussion.

On 27th October there will be a brief AGM followed by 'A History of Hadnall through 30 years of the magazine' and on 24th November we look forward to a talk on 'Shrewsbury from the river' with guest speaker, Nigel Baker.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our meetings which are friendly and welcoming – we only charge £2 a night which includes refreshments.

Sue Collins

T: 210873

BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION by Clive Medical Practice

Plastic bottle tops are once again being collected by the Clive Medical practice to raise funds for equipment for a young person who will be confined to a wheelchair. This ambitious collection needs 300 tonnes to reach its target, but it is hoped for the same rapid success as for the previous collection.

Plastic bottle tops may be left on the table in the Village Hall and are collected at 2pm on a Tuesday after the prescriptions have been dispensed.

Please send your tops along - save the landfill and help a young person who needs important equipment to have some quality in their life!!

THE HISTORY OF HADNALL PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP 1980-2011

The group began in 1980 as there is an article in The Hadnall News from October 1981, announcing that the group had recently celebrated its 1st Birthday. The founder members, I believe, were Linda Ratcliffe, Sally Brown, Meryl Taylor and Dawn Dulson. The group met upstairs at Hadnall Village Hall on a Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon and was known as Hadnall Mother and Toddler Group. In the early days the mums brought along their own toys for the children to play with and had to take them all home again at the end! Hadnall Parish Council made a donation towards the purchase of some toys etc to help get the group started.

In September 1984, the cost per session per child was 30p or 50p per family! The group was extremely popular and the children were kept busy with various activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, visits, etc.

However, by the late 1990's, numbers attending were on the low side. In June 1999, Jill Withington reported with much sadness that Hadnall Mums and Toddlers had ceased to exist. Falling numbers had made the group financially not viable.

Luckily the group was restarted in 2001 as Hadnall Parent and Toddler Group, with the cost per session of £1 per family.

In October 2004, the group changed their meeting day to a Tuesday and subs went up to £1.50. It was at this time that the Hadnall Playgroup Committee took on the responsibility for organising the Toddler Group. Subs rose to £2 in 2006 and then to the current fee of £2.50 in 2009. In 2010, the group was successful in obtaining a grant from Warburton's which enabled us to purchase lots of new play equipment and a new table and some more chairs to use at snack time.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the fun the children have at this group! Having looked back over The Hadnall News from 1981 to date, there has always been a report of an annual trip. In the past, the group has been to Chester Zoo (1982), Rhyl (1983) and more recently Park Hall Oswestry (2011). Every year, the children enjoy a festive party with a visit from Father Christmas.

And so, here we are, 31 years after that 1st meeting and we are still running! Fortunately the group is well supported and there are regularly 15-20 children attending with their parents/grandparents/carers. Tuesday mornings may be messy and noisy but we wouldn't want it any other way!! Thank you to everyone who has attended, supported and contributed to the group over the past 31 years.

Sue Davies, Chairperson Hadnall Pre-School Playgroup

Hadnall C of E Primary School

We have had a lovely beginning to the term, welcoming new children into our school, settling into our new classes and getting to know each other. Class 1 is busy finding out about 'people who help us' and looking at favourite stories. Class 1 is also looking out for dressing up dolls. If you have a doll you no longer need, we could give it a good home in Class 1. They are also collecting old boxes for model making so again if you have any we would be very grateful to receive them. Class 2 is learning about 'The Victorians' and in particular at the moment about Queen Victoria and a timeline of major events and developments of the time. Class 3 is carrying out a Local Study of Hadnall this half term before learning about the Victorians after half term. Last Monday Class 3 took their first exploratory walk around. During the afternoon we looked at the site of the moat, St Mary Magdalene Church, the Village Hall and the Old School. We also looked very carefully for evidence of dates or other clues to the ages of buildings. If anyone has any interesting information they could share to help us with our study please get in touch. We would also like to interview residents of Hadnall so if you are interested in joining in, we would love to know.

On Wednesday 5th October we will be holding our Harvest Festival at St. Mary Magdalene Church at 2pm. Children are busy preparing their contributions and organising causes for donations. If you would like to come along and join in, please do.

Our weekly Mail on Monday is available on our school website and will keep you up to date with events and dates. www.hadnallcofeprimary.org.uk

Lynne Potts

Hadnall Events Diary by Beth Prinz

- October
- 3 Women's Club Birthday Dinner
 - 5 Pub Lunch at 12.30pm
 - Village Hall Committee meets at 7.30pm
 - 7 Parish Council meeting in Village Hall at 7.30pm
 - 11 W I Handicraft & Produce Show
 - 12 Wednesday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
 - 13 Harvest Festival
 - 14 Women's Club Ten Pin Bowling
 - 23 Sunday Ramble Village Hall Car Park - 10am promptly
 - 27 Hadnall & District History Group 7.30pm in Village Hall
 - 31 Hallowe'en Party - Women's Club 8pm in Village Hall

November

- 2 Pub lunch at Astley at 12.30pm
- Village Hall Committee meeting at 7.30pm
- 7 Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- 8 WI AGM and Supper
- 14 "Kenya" – Fiona Pryce at Women's Club 8pm
- 17 Craft Evening at Wood Cottage 7.30pm
- 23 Wednesday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
- 24 Hadnall & District History Group 7.30pm in Village Hall
- 27 Sunday Ramble – 10am Village Hall carpark

- 28 Video Evening at Smethcote – Women’s Club
- 30 Pub lunch

December

- 7 Wednesday Club 2.30pm in Village Hall
Village Hall Committee meeting at 7.30pm
- 12 Women’s Club Christmas Evening 8pm
- 13 WI Card Making 7.30pm
- 21 Wednesday Club Christmas Dinner Village Hall

Next magazine deadline for adverts and articles is:-

FRIDAY 25th November 2011

Copy can be sent to magazine@hadnall.org.uk or put in the Village Hall postbox.

ASTLEY NEWS

Welcome to the Astley pages in the Hadnall News. If you have something to contribute for the next issue please contact Tim King on 01939 211015 or email timothy.king@yahoo.com by 19th November.

Forthcoming Events

6th October – Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper in Astley Village Hall

22nd October - Whist Night at Astley Village Hall 7.30pm. New players welcome. (Note change of date).

12th November – Whist Night at Astley Village Hall, 7.30pm. New players welcome.

16th November – Astley Parish Council meeting, Astley Village Hall, 7.30pm. Public questions will be heard at the start of the meeting.

8th December – Whist Night at Astley Village Hall, 7.30pm. New players welcome.

Village Hall News

To hire the Hall please contact Maryon White on 01939 211015. The current rates are - £25 for

a morning and afternoon session and £50 for an evening with reductions for meetings, band rehearsals etc.

The Hall is now on Facebook so to reach our page put Astley Village Hall in the search box.

Bus News

The new Shropshire Link local bus service has started. Call 0845 678 9068 to find out more. Open from 8am - 6pm Mon - Fri (8pm Mon/Thur) and 9am - 1pm Saturdays. The services must be booked in advance and are flexible so could pick you up from your home. For more information and copies of the zone maps of Shropshire call in to local libraries or look at the Transport section of www.shropshire.gov.uk

As from July 10th there are no Sunday bus services in the Astley area either along the A53 or A49.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you want to be kept up to date with Neighbourhood Watch information please send your email address to Margaret Locke or telephone 210639. Her email address is margaretlocke@lineone.net

Astley Ladies Club

For details of the monthly meetings of Astley Ladies Club please contact Chris Field on 210624.

Church Services

These are advertised in The Benefice magazine available from Margaret Locke.

Days Out Ideas and Local Events

Check out the website www.shropshiretourism.co.uk for ideas.

Astley on the Net

Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Astley,_Shropshire
Village Hall - <http://www.2shrop.net/live/welcome.asp?id=395>
Dog in the Lane - <http://www.doginthelane.co.uk/index.html>
St. Mary's Church – <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/astley-st-mary/>
Geograph - <http://www.geograph.org.uk/gridref/SJ5218>
Astley Parish Council - <http://www.2shrop.net/astleyparishcouncil>

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