



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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VILLAGE HALL

We hope you will agree that Gala Day, organised jointly by the Malt Shovel Sports and Social Club, Bubbehall Football Club and the Village Hall Committee, was a great success. The weather was beautiful which encouraged many more people than before to venture down to the field, and a total of £390 was raised by the three organisations, apart from that which was raised by the individual stalls. Many thanks to everyone who helped stage the event and everyone who came along and supported us. The money is to be split three ways between the organisations.

Congratulations to Alan Roe, the Village Hall Treasurer, who successfully completed the Castles sponsored run between Kenilworth and Warwick Castles and donated all money raised (£52) to the Mercia Sound Birthday Appeal through the Malt Shovel Sports and Social Club

On several occasions recently, after events in the Village Hall, perishable rubbish has been left inside the Hall which has caused great problems to our caretaker, as often when she finds it, it is smelly and bug-ridden. Would you please ensure that all perishable rubbish is taken home and disposed of by yourselves, and all dry rubbish is placed in the dustbin. If the bin is full, dry rubbish may be placed in sacks in the disabled cloakroom for disposal.

We have been asked by the 50+ Club if we could possibly find a piano for the Village Hall; if anyone has a piano they wish to dispose of, or knows of one for sale, would they please contact a member of the Village Hall Committee.

Arrangements are now in hand for the annual Bonfire Night firework display to be held on the playing field on 5th November. Please save all your burnable rubbish - we will need it for a really good blaze. This year we will be collecting entrance fees from house to house before the event and will be asking for a contribution of £2.00 per family attending.

Another reminder of the Grand New Years Eve Dance to be held in the Village Hall; tickets to be available in October will be limited so book yours now!

Finally, a reminder that to book the Hall, telephone Maggie Ward on 306006. We would like to thank her and Mrs.Brandrick for the time and effort they devote to the Hall, and to everyone else who works towards the upkeep of the Hall in whatever way.

Sue Wareham, Secretary, Village Hall Committee

Coventry 306894

PARISH COUNCIL

Casual Vacancy on Parish Council The Parish Council at its last meeting decided to co-opt Mr. Anthony Brian Glover of 33 Coopers Walk, Bubbenhall, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. C.R. Grey.

Development - "Old House Farm" Site Arising from the last issue of the Newsletter, the Parish Council received a petition with 220 signatures regarding the proposed naming of the village road, unofficially known as "Pit Hill". As a result, the Parish Council arranged for the proposal to call this road "MURCOTT HILL" to be withdrawn from the Warwick District Council meeting and referred back to the Parish Council for further consideration.

This was done and at its last meeting the Parish Council withdrew its original proposal and has now asked the District Council to formally name the village road "PIT HILL" with "DARFIELD COURT" as the name for the cul-de-sac access road into the new development.

Landfill Sites - Methane Gas The Parish Council's attention has been drawn to a newspaper report on conclusions reached by the Department of the Environment Pollution Inspectorate with regard to explosive methane gas from refuse tips on landfill sites. The appropriate department of the County Council has been asked what action is being taken to monitor this situation in respect of the two landfill sites in the parish - Ryton Landfill Site off Pagets Lane and the Smiths Concrete Landfill Site at Weston Lane.

Public Footpaths It is understood that the application for the diversion of public footpath W154 from the Parish Church to "Riverside" has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council is also actively engaged on matters concerning other public footpaths in the Parish, particularly W152 from the A445 through the Waverley Edge development to the top of Weston Lane hill.

Footway, Home Close to Moat Close This footway is now lit.

Speed Limit - A445 The Parish Council has taken up with the County Highways Department the question of imposing a speed limit on the A445 covering the stretch between the Bubbenhall C.E. School and the Ryton Landfill site entrance.

School Transport Collection Point As a result of representations made to the Parish Council, the question of the safety of school children congregating at the present pick-up point at the junction of Coopers Walk with Lower End was raised with the County Education Department, with the suggestion that the pick-up point should return to the "Three Horseshoes".

A letter has been received from the Area Education Officer stating that many years ago the official pick-up point was outside the "Three Horseshoes" and was moved from there to the present location by parental request. Before considering the matter further, the Area Education Officer would like to know if the feeling amongst parents has now changed as it would appear that the parents have to decide whether they want a "safer" pick-up point with the inconvenience of a longer walk to the "Three Horseshoes" or the retention of the existing pick-up point and its potential danger.

In order that a consensus of opinion may be gained, parents of children using the school bus are asked to inform the Chairman of the Parish Council, (Councillor C.B. Haynes, Coventry 303444) if they wish to retain the present pick-up point, or move it to the "Three Horseshoes".

Weston Lane Various matters concerning the narrow part of Weston Lane have been discussed with the County Highways Department. A letter has now been received from that Department stating that it was considered to be important that the "country lane" aspect should not be destroyed, which was

GARTER GROUP

Having enjoyed a succesful Barbecue on July 9th, Garter Group took a break for the summer holiday period. We resume in September and will be delighted to welcome any new members. Programme up to Christmas is as follows:-

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| October 13th | Making and Decorating Continental Chocolates
A demonstration by Sue Dixon. |
| November 10th | "Wine and Cheese" Evening . By popular
demand a return visit from Peter Dominic's of
Leamington, this time covering German wine. |
| December 8th | Christmas meal at the Grand Union Restaurant. |

Chris Dunn, Chairperson

Coventry 302481

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Referring to the Neighbourhood Watch item concerning the use of the "999" call system, the Parish Council have taken up this matter with the various services concerned, and below are summaries of the three replies received:-

Warwickshire Ambulance Service, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa.

"As you are aware the area is connected to the Coventry Telephone Exchange and all 999 calls are routed direct to the West Midlands Ambulance Service Control. All calls received by that Control are immediately passed to us for action. Whilst appreciating the concern I feel that any deviation from the well-established 999 system would create problems. May I suggest that representation be made to British Telecom to enquire whether the area could be placed on another exchange (e.g. Marton) which is routed direct to the Warwickshire Ambulance Control.

J.Robinson, Deputy Chief Ambulance Officer"

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Warwick Street, Leamington Spa.

"The '999' service is the recognised emergency number in the United Kingdom and I am sure you will appreciate should be retained. The delays on the system over many years have been minimal, even on misrouted calls. Telephone subscribers in Bubbenhall are on the Coventry "Toll Bar" telephone exchange and upon dialling '999' are connected to the Coventry Auto Manual centre, calls for the Fire Service are then connected to the West Midlands Fire Service who in turn pass the call to the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. This is achieved within one minute, and a fire appliance is normally mobile within a further minute.

W.W.A.Redford, County Fire Officer".

Warwickshire Constabulary, Leek Wootton, Warwick.

"Concerning the use of the 999 system at Bubbenhall, I have contacted British Telecom, and they confirm that calls made in the Bubbenhall area are directed via the Coventry Exchange to Birmingham. After taking the call, the operator connects the caller to Police Headquarters at Leek Wootton. I personally was not aware that calls were routed in this way. Persons living in the parish who wish to contact the police can ring Leamington Spa police station, but I would recommend that where a serious incident has occurred, they continue to dial 999 as vehicles can be directed by the force control room, using the VHF radio system, a facility that the Leamington Spa police station control room does not have.

D.M.Hornbrook, Chief Inspector."

THANKYOU to all contributors to this issue. Next issue due out early December. Copy in writing please to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall (Coventry 301727).

PARISH COUNCIL (Contd.)

likely to happen if the land was widened at this point and made more attractive to vehicles with a consequent increase in number and speed. The County Highways Department proposes to proceed, in the first instance, by signing the narrower section of Weston Lane with "SLOW" road markings together with "ROAD NARROWS" signs and "BEWARE ONCOMING VEHICLES IN MIDDLE OF ROAD" signs. The effectiveness of these would be monitored.

Meetings Parish Council meetings for the next quarter will be held at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall on:-

Tuesday, 13th September
Tuesday, 18th October
Tuesday, 22nd November.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The Bubbenhall Football Club had a very successful 87/88 Season, winning the R.Elliot Cup, beating Baginton in the final, and the H.Oliver Cup, beating Kenilworth in the final, and have now been promoted to the Coventry and North Warwickshire Premier League.

Anyone interested in joining the Club, or giving their help or support please contact me, also if there are any under 16's who train regularly and would be prepared to make up a friendly team for matches.

Steve Kingham

Coventry 302715

CRICKET CLUB

We were perhaps rather too ambitious to hope to produce a wicket within six months of starting, and the weather has not helped. However, with some work during the Autumn and Spring of next year, we should have a reasonable playing surface for 1989. We do ask members of the village not to walk on the new wicket and not to remove the stakes and wire surrounding the wicket.

There is going to be a meeting of all those who have not only signified their wish to join the Club to me and Steve Kingham, but anyone else who is interested, in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 21st September, at 8 p.m. Please all turn up and then we can get the Club off the ground for 1989.

Alan Gibson

Coventry 307933

50+ CLUB

Our Club continues to flourish and since the issue of the last Newsletter members have enjoyed a number of social outings, one of the highlights being a Strawberry Tea given by Mrs.Peacock at her new home on a gloriously sunny day.

We also visited Tissington for the Well Dressings - and the coach made a detour through the Derbyshire Peak District on the way home. This day was very pleasant and was really worthwhile to see the attractively dressed Wells.

An afternoon out on a canal boat is a trip to which we are looking forward, and a talk in full regalia by the Town Crier of Coventry is anticipated on the 24th August.

50+ CLUB (Contd.)

An evening Mystery Tour plus a meal on the 21st September at the Green Man at Dunchurch is arranged, and a Theatre outing to see Old Time Music Hall is a date for early October.

We took an active part in the Gala Day events and have recently held a Boot Sale, the proceeds from which are helping to fund a coach trip to Blackpool for the 50+ Club. Bingo sessions are to continue in the Autumn - thus making a pleasant interlude for any wishing to participate.

All these arrangements and various interesting talks are among the happenings of this Club, and the happy nature of our Wednesday afternoon meetings is depicted in a photo album, which anyone interested is more than welcome to view.

Do come and meet us if you enjoy the companionship of a similar age group.

Mrs.K.McBroome, Secretary

Coventry 306915

BROWNIES

A somewhat depleted Brownie Pack has nevertheless enjoyed the Summer term, with several of our meetings having been held on the playing field.

This year, for the first time, we entered the Division Swimming Gala. Great efforts were made, a lot of enthusiasm shown, and a lot of fun was had by all. We didn't actually win anything, but came a healthy halfway down the list of points gained!

We are a small pack at the moment and would welcome all girls aged 7-10 years to join us in the Autumn term, starting September 7th.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall on Wednesdays, 6.00-7.00 p.m .

Contact: Suzie Bristow Coventry 418425
Jackie Lloyd Coventry 302836

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is a meeting of co-ordinators of the above in the Village Hall on Thursday, 22nd September 1988. Please make every effort to attend.

Difficulty has been experienced with the use of the "999" system. This is due to the fact that as the local telephone numbers are under the 'Coventry' exchange, all calls go through to the West Midlands Centre in Birmingham. All residents are asked to make it clear that they are in the Warwickshire rural area and want contact with Police HQ at Leek Wootton, or, alternatively, it is sometimes quicker to dial Kenilworth Police on 92-52121.

A case of burglary has recently been reported in the village so all residents are requested to keep a friendly eye on neighbours' houses, especially those away on holiday, and to report anything suspicious to the Police right away.

R.B.Gardner, Chairman of Co-ordinators, Neighbourhood Watch, Bubbenhall.
Coventry 303546

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Recent winners:-

June	£100 - M.Frith (No.55)	£12.50 - L.Karayiannis (No.83)
July	£25 - G.Vice (No.15)	£12.50 - D.Hollway (No.84)
August	£25 - M.Barker-Davies(No.34)	£12.50 - B.Cox (No.7)

BUBBENHALL MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group meets on Tuesdays 2.00-3.30 p.m., Thursdays 10.00 a.m.-12 noon at the Village Hall. All pre-school children and parents are welcome; we are a Committee run group and Mums are encouraged to help set out toys,, clear away etc. We have a rota system for this which works well.

On September 13th we have our A.G.M. at the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. As usual, members come and go, but we would like to say Thankyou to Rosemary Pickard and Sally Holloway who have done a great deal for Toddler Group in the past year.

Dates to note:-	15th September	Websters Wool Fashion Show Village Hall - Tickets £1.00
	25th October	Usborne Books + Judy Hartland (Photographs) Village Hall 3.15 - 4.00 p.m.
	29th October	Halloween Buffet Dance

Enquiries - Geraldine Leman

Coventry 304621

BAGINTON PLAYGROUP

We have places available for the coming year for children aged 3 and over. We meet in Baginton Village Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 9.15 - 11.45 a.m.

Our programme of events for the Autumn is varied. The following dates have been fixed - see posters nearer the date for full details.

September 13th	Jumble Sale, Baginton Village Hall - 7.30 p.m.
September 15th	Websters Wool Fashion Show (in association with Bubbenhall Toddler Group). At Bubbenhall Village Hall 8.00 p.m. Tickets £1.00 including a glass of wine and a "goody bag".
September 29th	Seconds sale. Baginton Village Hall - 8.00 p.m.
October 7th	Barn Dance 8.00 p.m. - Midnight.
October 13th	A.G.M.

For more information contact Sheila Cluff (301317) or Lesley Goodhead (306964).

BUBBENHALL SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

On Friday, 15th July, a party was held in the Village Hall for Miss Baber, to mark her retirement after eight years as Headmistress of Bubbenhall School. Past and present parents and ex-pupils attended to make it a memorable evening.

Mrs.Rossborough will take over as acting Head for a term only from September. In January we welcome Mrs.W.Thomas who will be taking over as Headmistress.Mrs.Thomas is at present Deputy Head at Long Itchington school. We wish her every success in her new appointment.

Our next fund-raising event will be a Jumble Sale on 27th September. Please save any unwanted items.

Janet Thomas, Secretary.

Coventry 305460