



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL.

Our thanks to all residents who responded to the A445 Traffic Calming proposals. The response from Bubbenhall has apparently been better than from any of the other villages in the County who had been similarly contacted. Naturally, there were some reservations, but in general there was overwhelming support for the scheme which hopefully will be in operation by the end of this year.

Approval is still awaited for the proposal to provide extended grass borders to the footways at the Lower End/Spring Hill junction. Details will be circulated to those residents most affected. The suggested one-way system around Spring Hill/A445/Pitt Hill, however, has been categorically rejected on the grounds of funding, urbanisation and need.

In response to complaints about inadequate lighting in this village, the District Council has agreed to install additional footway lights in Lower End, and in Spring Hill between the A445 and the 'Spout'. This is subject to discussion with those residents who are most affected.

Peter Bird,
Clerk to the Parish Council.

Coventry 305448.

50+ CLUB.

We had an unfortunate start to our Summer timetable as several members could not attend through ill-health and had not recovered sufficiently to participate in the activities on Wednesday afternoons. We trust that all will be well eventually.

The death of Mr. Freeman, our Chairperson's husband, who passed away suddenly on June 15th, was a tragic loss for the Club, as he supported us in many ways since our inception. He will be sadly missed.

In my wanderings through the village, after a short stay in hospital, I could not help but be impressed with the colourful gardens, when tubs and hanging

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baskets created stunning displays, together with the June/July roses, thus making my walks such a delight.

Members of the 50+ Club will no doubt be competing in the Flower and Vegetable Show on 14th September, so once again, we wish them success with their exhibits.

After the August holiday break our meetings will recommence on 4th September. We can look forward to our usual friendly gatherings and new members will be most welcome.

Kath McBroome,
Secretary.

Coventry 306915.

BUBBENHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Recently an attempt was made to "hold up" Mrs. Sayers at the Post Office, by two men who appeared to be armed, but, very bravely, she frightened them off. A suspicious resident saw the vehicle they were using, took the number, and passed it to the Police, who quickly made an arrest. Congratulations to all concerned.

A burglary later committed on the outskirts of the village and one other in a neighbouring hamlet, were also cleared up and the thieves arrested, again due to the vigilance of a resident. "So it does pay to be observant and suspicious at all times."

Here I must state again that "it is most important that any resident witnessing a suspicious incident should report it directly to the Police and not to the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, as he or she can only pass on the message, and further valuable seconds are lost."

Problems of delay are being experienced on 01926-451111 (due to reorganisation) so all vital calls should be made on the '999' system, informing the operator that you are a resident of Warwickshire, or by ringing 01926-52131 direct.

R.B.Gardner,
Chairman of Co-ordinators.

Coventry 303546.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

First of all may we say a big Thank You to everyone who supported us at the May Fair. The weather was so cold and wet, but we had a very good attendance. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us next year.

On September 14th we are holding our Flower Show and Car Boot Sale. This will be held in the Village Hall and Playing Field. In the evening all Flower Show produce will be sold at our Grand Auction in the Malt Shovel Garden. For details ring Coventry 302840.

If there are any new Senior Citizens in the village who would like to be included on our Christmas list, please give your name to Mary Long, 1, Avon Terrace or David Johnson, Malt Shovel.

Mary Long

Coventry 302840.

AMERICAN COUNTRY LINE DANCING.

the time this Newsletter is circulated.

Please 'phone Mrs. Joan Brandrick during the first week in September for information.

Joan Brandrick.

Coventry 302354.

DOCTOR FREEMAN.

As many villagers may already know, Dr. Freeman is retiring in late September. Mrs. Brandrick is planning to make a presentation of a retirement gift to the Doctor, who has served the village for many years in the Village Hall surgery, and will carry out a door-to-door collection in early September.

BAGINTON PLAYGROUP

The Autumn term starts on Tuesday, September 3rd, and we have vacancies. We will be registering for the vouchers that will be issued to all four-year olds in April 1997.

On Tuesday September 17th at 7.00 p.m., we will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall. Helpers and goods for sale are needed please.

Half-term holiday - October 21st all week.

We are planning a Fashion Show on Tuesday October 22nd in the Village Hall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

Sheila Cluff

Coventry 301317.

NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Due for circulation in early December 1996. Items for publication, in writing please, to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, CV8 3JE. 'Phone - Coventry 301727.

THANKS.

Grateful thanks for the prompt submission of interesting and informative reports.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP (Contd.)

Thursday, 14th November, Village Hall, Pauline Prior-Pitt
- an ex local school teacher, turned professional poet, will be visiting to read us some of her poetry. Pauline has appeared on television and radio - you will find her work fascinating, funny, poignant and above all most enjoyable, with subjects ranging from 'The Waste Bin' to 'Goodbye'.

Our December meeting will take the form of a Christmas meal, venue to be arranged.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member, visitor or new member to our meetings.

Sue Wareham.

Coventry 306894.

ST. GILES CHURCH.

Harvest Supper. A reminder of the date - September 28th.
Supper followed by Country Dancing. The more the merrier, so do support this.

A Music Evening is planned for November 2nd, with a visiting choir from Solihull. More details nearer the time in the monthly Church newsletter.

BUBBENHALL ENTERTAINMENTS GROUP - BEG.

We all enjoyed an evening of Bavarian Shunkling in June, and raised the sum of £167.00. The raffle raised a further £67.00 for the church clock fund.

Our next event will be a Barn Dance and Supper on Saturday 9th November. Tickets will be available in September from any of the following committee members:-

Margaret Robinson, Judith Chettle, Heather Holmes, Helen Johnson, Elena Johnson, Christine Tait.

Sue Wareham

Coventry 306894.

COVENTRY AIRPORT REPORT.

At the Coventry Airport Consultative Committee Meeting (8 July 1996) it was reported that between 1 April and 30 June there had been a decline in aircraft movements of 3.5% compared to the same period in 1995.

All the decline was in commercial flights. During this quarter, only one complaint was received from Bubbenhall concerning the noise and low flying aircraft (which seems to have taken almost two months to obtain a response!).

I would be happy to take up any future complaints on behalf of Bubbenhall residents and would certainly expect to obtain earlier acknowledgment and action.

Patrick Aylward.

Coventry 306747.

AMERICAN COUNTRY LINE DANCING.

The above classes will start again in September.

Dates have not yet been finalised, but information will be available at

RAINBOWS.

Our Summer term has been an exciting and extremely busy one.

We visited Kenilworth Fire Station in May, where the girls had the opportunity to help put out a fire and learn about the role of a fireman. Our visit culminated with all the girls being taken for a trip round the town in the fire engine, complete with flashing lights and wailing sirens.

The girls have also tie-dyed T-shirts in bright colours, and we hope to make this a regular activity, and use them as our Summer uniform.

Our contribution to Environment Day in early June was to put up a bird-box - which was kindly donated - somewhere in the Village Hall grounds and playing field. See if you can find it when you next walk round the field. We will keep watch and inform you if any birds choose to make it their nesting site next year.

For Father's Day, the girls had great fun making "grassheads" to look like their Dads. Some needed more grass seed than others for the hair!

To celebrate American Independence Day, the girls made pizzas in the shape and design of the American flag. Thankyou to Christine Tait for coming to help us on that evening.

We also teamed up with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from the district for a Family Fun Day at Wicksteed Park, to celebrate both their's and the Queen's Birthday. The girls thoroughly enjoyed all the rides and there was great debate as to which was "the best".

We have enjoyed the good weather and spent some of our meetings out of doors. For our final meeting in July the girls made sandwiches and we had a picnic on the field.

We look forward to many more enjoyable meetings when we resume after the Summer break on 5th September.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. For more information please contact:-

Margaret Robinson
Dawn Hands

Coventry 305931.
Coventry 306073

BROWNIES.

Summer term means it's time for Pack Holiday and for lots of outdoor activities and challenges. Most of the older Brownies were able to enjoy the Pack Holiday weekend at Great Alne. Snowy Owl was in charge - gaining her Pack Holiday licence, in fact, and a good time was had by all. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Snowy in July, but we wish her well in her new job.

Most of the Pack has worked for and gained their Conservation Badge, our theme for the term having been Re-use, Reduce and Re-cycle.

During July we were invited to join the Guides in an outdoor activity evening on the playing field, and to be present when two of our ex-Brownies made their Guide Promise. This term we welcomed six Rainbows to the Pack - a record number making their Promise at the same time.

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The Pack is still full, but for any information please contact either of us.

We meet at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. - and the new term starts on September 10th.

Jackie Lloyd
Coventry 302836.

Jackie Hennah
Coventry 301978.

GUIDE COMPANY.

We have just returned from our Summer camp at 'Horley Scout Camp Site' near Banbury. It is a lovely site surrounded by trees and wild flowers, and lots of wild life and insects! Every night we had to have an earwig tent search before one of the patrols would retire for the evening! Thanks to all the efforts of our Patrol Leaders, we are now a very experienced camping group. Congratulations to Catherine Busby, Vicki Robinson, Nikki Goodhead on gaining their Patrol Camp Permits, and to Rosalynd Holmes on becoming our 'Best New Camper for 1996' and to Elizabeth Busby on being voted 'Camper of the Year' - Very well done to everyone!

Thankyou to everyone who supported our Coffee evening at 'Top House'- this raised £160 for our funds - many thanks to Miss Grimes for her hospitality - we also helped Peugeot with the 'French Twinning Fun Run' at Ryton-on-Dunsmore - they kindly donated £80 to our funds. This has been spent on extra equipment for the Patrols in Camp. The Guides had a wonderful time at the 'Fun Run', throwing wet sponges at handsome young Spanish and French men; and we got paid as well!! They all volunteered to do it again!

Guides for girls aged 10-14 years meet on a Tuesday, 7.00-9.00 p.m. at Ryton Church Youth Centre. First meeting next term Tuesday, September 10th.

Lesley Goodhead,
Coventry 306964.

Sandra Barnsley,
Coventry 303876.

MOTHERS & TODDLERS.

Our weekly meetings restart on Thursday September 5th 1996, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.

On 12th June 1996, 26 people enjoyed Playdays Live on Stage at Warwick Arts Centre.

Our end of term event at the soft play area of the Midlands Sports Centre for the Disabled was very successful and the children all seemed to enjoy themselves.

The AGM will be held mid-September and new committee members are being sought. Further details will be given at Toddlers on 5th September 1996.

We are constantly looking to replace old/worn toys and equipment. If you have anything suitable which you no longer want but it is still in a reasonable condition, please contact Karen or Jan.

Karen Tuckey
Jan Stobart

Coventry 301799.
Coventry 303093.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL PTA SUPPORT GROUP.

At a meeting on the 15th July, the P.T.A. was formally closed. If anyone wishes to see an audited sheet of accounts, please contact a P.T.A. member for details.

A disco was held at school on the last Friday of term - an event to thank the village for its support throughout the years. The weather was kind and helped

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turn this into a very memorable night.

The P.T.A. would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and teachers for their help and commitment in providing the "extras" for the children.

Finally, we wish the new Provost William School every success for the future.

Jeanette Tipper,
Secretary.

Coventry 306153.

BUBBENHALL LEO CLUB.

Winners - April to June 1996.

April	1st prize	No. 25	J.R.Deely.
	2nd prize	No. 84	D.Hollway.
May	1st prize	No. 48	Mrs.H.M.D.Powell.
	2nd prize	No. 29	I.Ward.
June	1st prize	No.117	Mrs.P.Hankin.
	2nd prize	No. 49	N.Pardoe

An annual subscription of £12.00 per year gives immediate entry into the monthly draw. Renewals for existing members or a subscription for new members, please contact me on the telephone number below.

Mike Leach.

Coventry 306855.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP.

Garter Group has had a busy and enjoyable year. We have tried to alternate meetings in the Village Hall and speakers ranging on subjects from holidays to Christmas decorations, with visits to places of interest such as a chocolate evening at 'Sweet Seductions' and an antique evening at Phillips of Solihull.

At a recent meeting it was decided that we would adopt a charity, to which we would donate any profits we had made at the end of the year. Several charities were nominated, but the favourite was Acorn Childrens Hospice, and we hope that one of their representatives will be able to join us at our AGM to tell us about the work of the hospice and accept our cheque.

Our programme for the Autumn will be as follows:-

Thursday 12th September AGM, Village Hall, Plate Supper.
Subscriptions will be due, new members most welcome. (If you don't know whether you want to join, just come along and see what goes on).

We will be looking for one or two new committee members, please don't be shy. We have a lot of fun organising meetings and it really isn't too much like hard work. Should you be interested, mention it to your contact when you see or hear from her next.

Thursday, 10th October - Visit to the Jewellery Museum in Birmingham.
A fascinating trip around an old working jewellery workshop. We are hoping to organise a coach and if there is enough interest, a fish and chip supper at Harry Ramsdens on the way back. The cost (including supper) will be in the region of £15.00 each.