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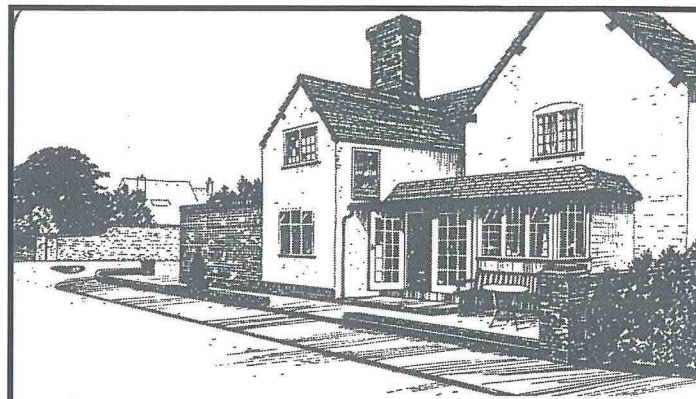
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Enjoy the festive season. "Please don't drink and drive"
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OPENING TIMES

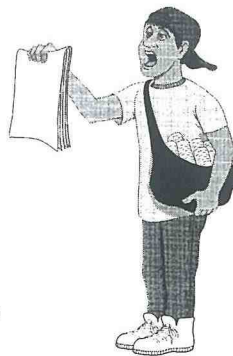
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BUBBENHALL



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Bubbenhall Village Newsletter. As you can see from the picture below, we like to be seasonal and remind everyone that summer is not far away. (There is still time to start training for the 1999 Bikeathon). Congratulations to all who completed the gruelling 26 miles this year.

Margaret Robinson has in fact started her training schedule already. Her first target is to get through the Childrens Christmas Party on the 23rd December and still be with us on the 24th. All village children are invited to this annual event, don't miss it. Fill in the booking form now on page 5.

You have a little longer, if planning to attend the Millennium Party. Ideas for the Millennium Celebrations are being sought and a village committee has been formed to coordinate and raise funds (see page 1), your help is needed to make this a very special occasion.

Looking back rather than forwards, we have a history of Hunningham Cricket Club on page 9, and on page 8 a report on the 'Wroth Silver' ceremony at which Bubbenhall has to pay 'rent' to the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry.

Should any villagers wish to contribute articles to the Newsletter, or if you have

photographs or items of interest to Bubbenhall residents, please contact any member of the newsletter committee. Deadline for the next issue is 15th February 1999.

Finally the newsletter committee would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year and we wish all our contributors and readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PARISH COUNCIL

A quiet summer period as far as local council business is concerned! A Millennium Committee has been formed. Councillor Norman Busby is it's Chairman and he will be happy to hear of any ideas anyone may have on the subject.

The Warwick District Council Youth Sports Scheme once again held sessions on the playing

fields over the October half term. These were very successful and much enjoyed by those who took part.

Warwick District Council Assisted Travel Scheme: Copies of the notice and leaflets about this scheme have been passed to Gill Green for display in the Post Office and a notice has been placed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

The Spout Area: The road surface area around the spout and trough is due to be cobbled and generally tidied up this autumn. This should greatly improve this attractive feature of our village - it would be nice to see it kept free of litter and rubbish.

Planning Applications: Five applications were considered by the Council - no objections were raised.

Dates of next Parish Council Meetings, *Tuesday December 8th at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday January 11th at 7:45p.m.* Meetings are held in the Village Hall. Residents are very welcome to attend - it's most encouraging to hear comments and opinions on matters discussed.

Rosemary Cragg
Clerk to the
Parish Council

Cov. 301827

RUGBY BIKEATHON



Bubbenhall villagers Marilyn Cox, Georgie Busby, Tony Cox, Mark Burrows and Margaret Robinson successfully completed the Rugby

Bikeathon, a 26 mile sponsored bike ride (Wolston - Rugby - Pailton - Brinklow - Wolston) on 7th June 1998. Many thanks to all who sponsored us and helped

to raise the grand total of £650 in aid of The Leukaemia Research Fund (a cause very dear to our hearts).

ST. GILES CHURCH

Planning ahead:

For some time now the P.C.C. has been conscious that up-to-date facilities within the church buildings were sadly lacking, tea and toilets are really considered a necessity in this day and age! Also and most importantly, we have no access to the building for disabled people. Plans have now been submitted to Warwick District Council for the building of a small extension onto the back of the Church. There will be a kitchen, toilets, and a garden store - all with disabled access through to the church. At the same time as work is

progressing on the extension, the P.C.C. hopes to start work on the bell tower in preparation for the re-hanging of the bells.

Harvest Festival:

As always the Church was beautifully decorated and gifts of flowers and produce were later distributed within the parish.

Music at St. Giles:

On Saturday 17th October an appreciative audience was entertained to an excellent evening of singing by the Alexandra Singers. Thanks to Mrs Patricia Pritchard who arranged the concert, which

raised over £250 for Church funds. A further concert has been arranged for Saturday December 12th, when the Cavendish Singers will again be coming to St. Giles.

Sponsored Bike Ride:

Three cyclists rode from Bubbenhall, our thanks to them and their sponsors. Half the money raised will come to St. Giles and half to the Historic Churches Trust. Other current news, and times of services may be found in the monthly Church Newsletter.

Jackie Lloyd,
Cov. 302836

BUBBENHALL MILLENIUM CELEBRATIONS

The inaugural Committee meeting to arrange the Village celebrations took place on Wednesday 28th November and everyone was buzzing with enthusiasm and ideas!

Norman Busby was nominated to be Chairman, with Don Thomas as Vice (Chairman that is), Bob Cragg, Treasurer and Rosemary Cragg (aka Parish Clerk), Secretary. Other members offered to do various jobs, Mary Long, delivering leaflets, Jill Green, official word spreader! More jobs will be allocated as time goes on.

The turn of the century celebrations will be for all villagers, whether young, old or middle aged, plus guests and families. We are planning a night to remember, lots of food, drink

and fun. Most of our entertainment will be brought in from outside the Village, but we would like to tap any talent from within, especially musicians who would be prepared to form a Village Group. So if you can play an instrument, whether keyboard or washboard, euphonium or harp, please let us know so that we can get things moving.

All profits from the sale of the village maps have been donated to get the group started financially, plus various raffles & events, but fundraising will be on going to try and spread the costs involved.

If any member of the Village would like to join the organising committee, or they have any ideas they would like

to put to us, please contact one of our members, we would love to hear from you.

Apart from the Millennium celebrations, the Committee would like to support the Parish Council in a Bubbenhall Millennium Project. The Parish Council is already investigating several ideas, but we want to know what the Village would like as a permanent feature, which will benefit ourselves and future generations. There will be an opportunity to let us know via a suggestions box in the Post Office, or contact Rosemary Cragg on 301827.

**THE MILLENNIUM
CELEBRATIONS ARE FOR
EVERYONE!
MAKE IT AN OCCASION TO
REMEMBER.**

PROVOST WILLIAMS SCHOOL

This term we celebrated the National Year of Reading with Book week, beginning on 13th October. On Wednesday of that week, all Provost Williams children had a LITERACY FUN DAY. They took part in several sponsored activities connected with reading, including word searches, a spelling quiz and a competition to see which class could make the longest 2 pence trail in the school hall.

The sponsor money raised will be used to buy resources for the Literacy Hour which is a new Government strategy to support reading and writing. We need extensive resources for this and are still in need of further sponsorship. If there are any businesses who feel that they could help in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Payne, Cov. 303200, or Mrs Holroyd, Cov. 302166.

On the Literacy Fun Day, all children (and staff!) were invited to dress up as a character from a book. Thomas Green won the Year 1 Prize - he came as Puss-in-Boots.

Mrs Payne,
Provost Williams School
Bubbenhall Site

WANTED

**EVEN MORE
DESPERATELY
Provost Williams
School,
Bubbenhall Site**

A caretaker/cleaner for the Bubbenhall site, 10 hours per week. A permanent position is available, but temporary assistance to cover the next few weeks would also be appreciated.

For further details contact Mrs Payne at the school or Mrs Holroyd on Cov. 302166

OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS

ANSWERS TO FOOTBALL QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 3 years
- Canberra
- One
- Haile Selassie
- Mr Benn
- Gnasher
- Eric Clapton
- Weightlifting
- Helium
- Luton Town

STOP PRESS

FOOTBALL 'LATE RESULT' Cancer Supplementary Cup Bubbenhall 4

Scorers, Mark Elliot, Chris Harrison, Colin Pryor(2)
Old Heart 2

Bubbenhall F.C. defeated a first division team for the first time in their 7 years of playing in the Leamington League.

PROVOST WILLIAMS SCHOOL, OFSTED ACTION PLAN

The Governors are engaged in the process of gathering evidence. It is anticipated that options will be published in January. It should be noted that closure of the Bubbenhall site remains an option.

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Kim and John wish to present our Christmas menu, and take this opportunity to wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

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or
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Christmas Pud with Brandy Sauce
Coffee and Mints



Dancing Classes will be starting on Wednesday 6th January 1999 at the Bubbenhall Village Hall

2.45pm Baby Ballet/Movement class
3.30pm The above class finishes
4.00pm Primary Ballet age 5 to 9
4.45pm Tap Class age 5 to 10
5.30pm Disco Class
6.15pm Ballet Class age 10 and above
7.00pm Tap Class age 11 and above
7.45pm Adult Tap

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The Huningham Cricket Team circa 1931

As this is the close season I thought I would let you know a little about the history of the Club's Ground. Huntingham Cricket Club was established approximately 75 years ago. For the last 60 years it has resided at the ground where it currently plays, situated behind the Red Lion Public House in Huntingham.

The ground in the early 1930's was not quite like it is today. In fact many people would find it remarkable to learn that much of the time cricket was played in far from ideal conditions.

Indeed the competition was as much with the outfield as against the opposition. It was not unusual to play with the grass in the outfield in excess of 18 inches long, disguising as it did hidden traps. These traps were the handy work of the clubs co-tenants, various herds of cattle. Many an unsuspecting player came to grief in pursuit of a ball in the outfield. Successfully dodging the thistles only to land in a cow-pat deposited between the morning clean up and the start of play. The unfortunate individual usually ended up

being banished to the boundary for his pains. He was to be avoided in the "Red Lion" later because of his unusual taste in perfume "Essence de Friesian".

In 1984 the ground was donated to the club by Mrs Wright, who lives on the Fosse near Offchurch, by a Deed of Gift. To comply with the Deed, sport has to be played on the ground at least once a year, if not the land will be donated to the church.

Once the ground was allowed to be fenced off things began to

improve, although the fence still retains a number of stiles along its perimeter to allow the fielder to climb into the adjacent field to retrieve the ball when it has been hit for six. The cricket square has always been very reliable and is the envy of more fashionable clubs.

In the last few years the ground and facilities have improved tremendously but it still retains the character of a village cricket ground with it's wooden pavilion. Last year an all weather batting facility was added and in the spring of 1999 an all weather wicket will be put down on the edge of the batting square. This will enable more Youth Team games to be played, and we are to increase our support of youth cricket by the addition of an Under 15 side. To improve our training of the Youth team, by April 1999, we will have four Warwickshire Cricket Club trained coaches.

We have been especially pleased this year as six of the Youth team have been retained by Warwickshire C.C. for winter coaching. We are looking forward to next year with eager anticipation, and as soon as the Christmas Pudding has gone down we will be into our indoor training at Princethorpe College. Please all you budding junior cricketers, come along and join us, all are welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Winter nets start:-

Sunday 17th January 1999

Youth Team

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (£1 per session)

Senior Team

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (£1.50 per session)

Youth Team

Presentation Night

27th February 1999

Youth Team Tour

30th April - 3rd May 1999
Playing 3 games on the Isle of Wight

Happy Christmas to one and all.

Yours in cricket,

Keith Long.

01203 304653



The Wooden Pavilion as it appears today

BUBBENHALL ENTERTAINMENTS GROUP

Many thanks to all who supported the Autumn Dance with the Likely Lads - everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves and we made a profit of about £150.00 for BEG plus £60 for the Millennium Fund from the 'Lottery'

We are hoping that soon we will be able to replace the storage heater in the main hall and possibly the curtains from the profits we have made since we have been in existence.

Many thanks to the BEG Committee, Judith Chettle, Margaret Robinson, Christine Tait and Heather Holmes who not only work hard to stage these events, but also donate

raffle prizes out of their own pockets. Should anyone out there wish to donate a prize, it will always be gratefully received! Also thanks to Chris Morgan who makes such appropriate table decorations and to all participants who make such short work of clearing the room afterwards - a case of now you see it, now you don't!

Our next event will be on Saturday 6th March 1999, a repeat of our popular CASINO EVENING, a chance to become a MILLIONAIRE, more details in the next Newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Sue Wareham
Cov. 306894*

THE MALT SHOVEL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

First a reminder about the Boxing Day walk, starting from The Malt Shovel at 10 o'clock. There will be soup available on your return and the usual raffle and auction. Any gifts of prizes will be very welcome. All money raised will be given to Myton Hospice. Please help if you can.

We shall be distributing the presents for senior citizens on the weekend before Christmas. These have been bought with the money raised at the Flower Show held in September. Thank you to everyone who took part. It was a very enjoyable day.

I shall be making my usual trip to the Honiley Dog Rescue

Kennels during the week before Christmas. If you could spare a tin of food or a blanket you no longer use, the animals do appreciate them.

Last but not least I must tell you about my trip to Buckingham Palace on November 4th to collect my M.B.E.

It was a wonderful day and I felt very privileged and proud to go and shake hands with the Queen. I have some photographs and my medal at home if anyone would like to see them.

*Mary Long
Cov. 302840*

BUBBENHALL FOOTBALL CLUB QUIZ

CLAUDIO'S BRAIN TEASERS

Here are another set of questions taken from the monthly Sunday night quiz held in the Malt Shovel. Look out in the pub for details of the next quiz dates. Normal service has now resumed, with the Dark Horses running away with the last two quizzes, this despite the fact that one of their team members, Ashley Simpson has now turned 40!! Questions, answers elsewhere in the newsletter. Good luck

1. What is the minimum age for a malt whisky?

2. What is the capital of Australia?

3. How many British Popes have there been?

4. What name was Ras Tafari better known by?

5. 'As if by magic, the shopkeeper appeared' in what TV show?

6. What is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?

7. What former Yardbird joined Ginger Baker and Jack Bruce to form Cream?

8. In which sport would you encounter a jerk?

9. What chemical element is represented by He on the Periodic Table?

10. Which Nationwide Division 2 side beat Coventry City in this season's Worthington Cup?

Bubbenhall Junior Football

I can now confirm the source of the strange noises emanating from the Village Hall area on Saturday mornings. I am pleased to report that with the assistance of Andrew Paul and Gavin Slark, I have managed to launch football sessions for children between the ages of 5 and 11. So far over 18 children have taken part, and we have typically had a dozen children there every week. The children seem to be enjoying it, they keep coming back in rain and on cold days, and particularly enjoy trying to get Andrew and Gavin covered in mud.

The sessions take place every Saturday morning, on the village playing fields between 9:30 and 11:00 am. We warm up, very necessary recently, spend half an hour or so practising, passing, dribbling, shooting

etc., and then split into smaller groups for fun, but incredibly competitive 3 and 4 a-side games. (You try telling a 5/6 year old it doesn't matter if you don't win!!). If there are any other children that would like to join us please contact me on the number below, and if any adults would like to help out any week, as Ian Stobart did, you are very welcome, the more the merrier. You'll also be able to join us for our planning meetings in the Malt Shovel or Three Horseshoes. PS Don't believe Ian, I am sure he was already carrying the injury.

Tonino Ciuffini Cov. 306840

See, I've managed to type the whole article without mentioning Luton's Worthington Cup victory over Coventry. 2-0 to the Nationwide!

BUBBENHALL VILLAGE FOOTBALL

After three victories in the pre-season friendlies the village team were on the receiving end of four straight defeats.

Since then the team has managed to turn things around and are now in a more comfortable position in the league, currently in 6th position.

Goalscorers to 22nd November 1998	R Martin 1, Mark Elliot 1, Sean Bourke 1
Colin Pryor 13, Chris Harrison 7, Kristan Wells 6, Claudio Cardellino 5, Steve May 3, Danny Dodds 2, J Worwood 1, D Sibley 1,	Fixtures in December
	6th Tachbrook Social A 13th Leamington Juniors H 20th Hampton Magna H
	<i>Claudio Cardellino</i> <i>01926 886248</i>

RESULTS UP TO 22ND NOVEMBER 1998

OPPONENTS	H/A	RESULT SCORE	SCORERS
Warwickshire College	A	Lost 0-3	
Cubbington Albion (Cup)	A	Lost 3-4	Steve May, Colin Pryor, Kristan Wells
Mid-Warwicks Police	A	Lost 2-5	Claudio Cardellino (2)
Kineton	A	Lost 1-3	Chris Harrison
Khalsa Res.	H	Won 4-0	Colin Pryor (3), Mark Elliot
Bearley United Res.	H	Lost 2-3	Colin Pryor, Kristan Wells
Warwickshire College	H	Won 7-0	Steve May, Colin Pryor (2), Kristan Wells (2), Sean Bourke, Chris Harrison
Leamington Hibs Res	H	Drew 4-4	Chris Harrison (2), Daniel Dodds (2)
Townhouse	H	Won 8-0	Chris Harrison (2), Colin Pryor (3), Kristan Wells (2), 1 Own Goal
Leam. Hibs Res, Q-F Cup	A	Lost 1-2	George Upton

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BUBBENHALL SURGERY DECEMBER 1998 AT 11.30 AM	Please note the Clarendon Lodge closure times for Christmas and New Year.	The surgery will be closed from 4.00 pm Thursday 31st December and will re-open on Monday 4th January 1999 at 8.30 am.
Tues 1st December open Thurs 3rd December open Tues 8th December open Thurs 10th December open Tues 15th December open	CHRISTMAS	The surgery will be open for urgent matters only on Saturday 2nd January 1999 from 8.30 am to 11.00 am.
	Surgery will be closed from 12.30 pm Thursday 24th December and will re-open on Tuesday 29th December at 8.30 am.	In cases of emergency please telephone Leamington Spa 422094.

SNIPPETS OF VILLAGE HISTORY

We now move on to the 1700's with some interesting dates of various government orders which affected the village life of Bubbennhall.

1601-1834

Poor Law - the parish has to keep details of money collected and how it was spent.

1662

Act of Settlement, when a parish was responsible for it's inhabitants.

1795

Removable order- the overseer issued a settlement certificate to each Parishioner.

1734-1836

You had to be married in an Anglican church which kept two registers, i.e. marriages and deaths

Up to 1800

A school master had to be licensed by the Bishop

1809

National Vaccination centre was set up

1830's

Village Enclosure took place. (Tythe Commutation Act) when money could be paid instead of Tythes. The award was made by the Commissioners.

1834

Poor Law Amendment Act. Poor Law unions were formed as the parish was too small to have a workhouse, and settlement became less important as we had to have a Parish Union.

1838

Pluralities Act which stipulated there was to be only one living per vicar.

1840

Poor Law Guardians enforced everyone to be vaccinated.

More interesting dates in the next issue.
Anon.

REGULAR GROUPS

GROUP	MEETS	VENUE
Bubbennhall Mother & Toddler Group	Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Village Hall
Rainbows	Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall
Brownies	Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Guides	Tuesday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Baginton Play Group	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	Baginton Village Hall
Cubs	Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre
Scouts	Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre
Bubbennhall Garter Group	2nd Thursday of every month	-
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Every Friday 9:00 a.m.	Visitors Centre
Young St. Giles Sunday School	1st and 3rd Sunday of every month 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Church
Young St. Giles Saturday Club	2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Church
Hunningham Cricket Club Youth Team Training	Tuesday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Hunningham Cricket Ground (behind Red Lion Pub)
WCC Monday Mobile Library Service	Every fortnight from 7th December 2 : 00 p.m.	Bottom of Coopers Walk
WCC Friday Mobile Library Service	Every fortnight from 4th December (Watery Lane) 11: 00 a.m. (Weston Lane) 11: 30 a.m.	Junction of Stoneleigh Road and Watery Lane, and bottom of Weston Lane
Bubbennhall Junior Football, Children 5-11 years	Every Saturday, 9:30 - 11:00	Village Playing Fields
St Leonards Playgroup, for children from 2 1/2 years old	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30 - 11:30	Provost Williams School, Ryton Site

ADDITIONAL LOCAL HISTORY, THE COLLECTION OF WROTH SILVERS

Jackie Lloyd, Cov. 302836

This being a curious custom held on Martinmas Eve before Sun-rising in the Hundred of Knightlow in Warwickshire.

A curious custom indeed, dating back to at least 1170. One of the last "rent paying" customs is the ancient ceremony of "Wroth Silver", held every Martinmas Eve (November 11th) at Knightlow Cross, Ryton on Dunsmore, and known to be one of the oldest continuously held ceremonies in the British Isles.

On October 24th 1926, formal notice of the ceremony was given in local papers in the following terms:-"His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch Knightlow

Wroth Silver. Notice is hereby given that the customary audit for receiving the Wroth Silver due and payable to the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry will be held at the Knightlow Cross, Ryton on Dunsmore on Martinmas Eve, 11th November 1926, before sun-rising, when all from whom payments are due are required to attend."

Bubbennhall, being one of the parishes in the Hundred of Knightlow, was duly represented at this years ceremony.

We woke at 6:00 to a cold, clear morning and made our way to Knightlow Hill, where we found about 50 people gathered on the

small tumulus around the square, hollow stone which is all that remains of an old wayside cross.

The Duke's Agent arrived in the just dawning sky and duly read the "Charter of Assembly". The Parishes liable to pay the fee were then called out in turn, each representative stepping forward to throw the required sum into the stone - calling out "Wroth Silver" as he did so. Bubbennhalls' fee being 2 1/2 d, we found that no problem. Had we not been able to pay however, we would have been fined 20s for every penny unpaid, or forfeited a white bull with red nose and ears of the same colour!

The ceremony lasted only a few minutes, finishing just as the sun rose in a glorious sky of pink and gold.

We all then made the perilous scramble across the A45, busy now at about 7:00 a.m. and headed for the "Bull and Butcher". There we sat down to a slap up breakfast. Speeches followed with toasts to the Queen and the Duke of Buccleuch drunk in hot milk and rum. Churchwarden pipes were ceremoniously lit and smoked, (by a stalwart few), and we then headed for home, secure in the knowledge that Bubbennhall had paid it's dues for the forthcoming year.

KIDDIES KORNER

Class 1P are doing some work on Dinosaurs this term, so for this issue we have some dinosaur jokes!



KIDDIES KORNER COMPETITION TIME

The winner of the competition in the last edition was Emily Ledger of Home Close, who correctly told us that it was Winnie-the-Pooh who had a donkey friend whose tail was always falling off.

Emily's was the only entry, congratulations to her.

JOKES

Q. I say, I say, I say, what do you call a cowboy Tyrannosaurus?

A. A T.Tex

Q. Which hand would you use to stroke a Tyrannosaurus?

A. Somebody else's!

C W A A G

UPDATE:-PROPOSED PARCELFORCE DEVELOPMENTAND COVENTRYAIRPORT

PARCELFORCE

The construction continues whilst we continue to wait for confirmation of the leave to appeal. As indicated previously it is very unusual for even provisional leave to be granted unless the Lords believe there is a case to be answered, we will simply have to wait for their ultimate decision.

AIRPORT

The new owners who are responsible for the running of the Consultative Committee, deferred the second Consultative Committee meeting because the room they

usually use was being refurbished and they were apparently unable to find another room large enough to accommodate the meeting. At a time when there is considerable interest regarding the plans for the Airport, even a months delay in a regularly scheduled meeting is not very helpful.

In line with the above casualness as to the importance of when consultative committee meetings take place there appears to be a continuing lack of interest in either dealing with or taking seriously the complaints of local residents. Whilst this organisation and the Parish Council can and does continue to represent your interests it may have further impact if contact is made direct

with the Airport. The Chairman of the Consultative Committee is a Mr RAK Crabtree who is on the face of it also Group Company Secretary of the owner of the Airport. Contact details are as follows:-

RAK Crabtree
Coventry Airport Baginton
Coventry CV8 3AZ
Telephone: 01203 301717
Fax: 01203 306008

We have now received a response from the DETR regarding the control of night flying. The response highlights all the normal avenues that are available when it comes to securing some form of control over Airports, namely Consultative Committees, local planning authorities

and contractually binding restrictions linked to the granting of planning consents. The response goes on to say that any consideration regarding taking control of the Airport as at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted would be considered on its merits, having taken account of the success of the various other measures available.

Given the lack of success achieved through the measures identified above we anticipate an interesting and on going dialogue which should eventually result in proper controls being taken over what happens at Coventry Airport.

T. Marson.
CWAAG

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have, since the last newsletter, enjoyed another crime free period. We must not, however, relax our vigilance and continue to report any suspicious vehicle or person seen in our area. This was demonstrated recently when three different residents reported to the Police that they had seen two suspicious persons in the Village. This resulted in their arrest for taking part in a theft of a tray of pearls from a jewellers shop in Leamington Spa, worth nearly £3,000. By the time the newsletter is printed and circulated it will be nearly Christmas and residents are

again reminded about the possible increase in thefts of presents etc from their homes.

Thefts have continued from garages, garden sheds and the like, of quad bikes, mountain bikes, lawn mowers etc in adjoining areas. So please ensure all such places are securely locked when not in use.

*We hope you have a happy
and crime free Christmas
and New Year*

R.B. Gardner,
Chairman
(Cov. 303546)

Bubbenhall Garter Group

September

On a wet evening we held our annual barbecue in the village hall. Thankfully we were able to cook our food outside due to the efforts of the men who kindly set up a shelter over the barbecue area. After our delicious food we all danced the night away to 'Changes Disco'. A good evening was had by all who attended.

October

We held our AGM in the village hall and much to everyones relief the entire committee decided to stand for one more year. New committee members however would be made very welcome. If interested please feel free to approach any committee member! Our guest speaker at the AGM was Alison Sutton who came to talk to us about Skincare and Healthy Eating. Her talk was very informative and interesting and

all who attended have probably converted back to 'real butter'.

November

A small group of ladies went off to see Smokey Joes Cafe at the Belgrade. It was a lively production which set all our dancing feet going.

December

Once again we ran the cake stall at the village hall Christmas Fayre which was held on Saturday 5th December. Thanks to all members for providing cakes.

10th December

Mrs Pinks came to talk to us earlier this year about sugar craft and we were so inspired by her work that many of us decided it would be a nice idea for her to come back and give us a 'hands on' evening. So by popular demand we are all going to make a sugar craft choir

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

10th - Garter Group Sugar Craft evening at the village hall

12th - Cavendish Singers in concert at St Giles Church

15th - Guides Carol Singing in the Village, 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

26th - Boxing Day walk, Malt Shovel 10.00am

JANUARY

11th - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall

17th - Hunningham Junior Cricket Club,
Winter Nets Starts - see article for details

FEBRUARY

27th - Hunningham Junior Cricket Club,
Youth Team Presentation Night

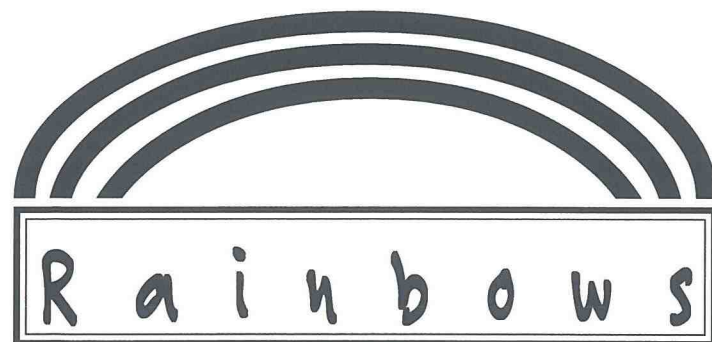
BUBBENHALL VILLAGE HALL

A successful application to the Lottery has provided a £1,117.00 grant for refurbishment of the village hall kitchen. A new fridge and microwave will be purchased and the electric cooker is to be replaced. If anyone is interested in purchasing the old electric cooker please contact Mr A Gibson, 31 Orchard Way.

Funds raised by the Bubbenhall Entertainment Group this year will be used to replace the village hall curtains and one of the 'ancient' storage heaters.

It is hoped that major fundraising will be available in the near future from Entrust and the Rural Initiative Scheme to allow for an extension to the village hall and the construction of a sports area behind the existing building.

Caroline Coles,
Secretary
Village Hall Committee



This term at Rainbows our activities have included, bread making for harvest, Henna hand painting for Diwali, a bonfire theme evening, making stress heads from balloons and fundraising for Children in need. We also coloured pictures of St Basil's Cathedral as part of our Russian Awareness week, these were entered into a competition held in Rugby, and Emily Ledgers picture went forward to the County Finals - Well done Emily.

With Christmas fast approaching we are busy making cards and decorations. We will be running our usual Rainbow game at the Christmas Fayre and look forward to seeing you all there.

Rainbows is a pre-brownie group for girls 5-7 years.
For information contact
Margaret Robinson
(Cov. 305931)
Dawn Hands
(Cov. 306073)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Parties for the Children (0-9 years) will take place on Wednesday 23rd December 1998 in the Village Hall

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Pre-school children
Cost £2.00 per child
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
For older children
Cost £2.00 per child

for children 10 years and over at £2.00 per child

To give us an idea of numbers, please fill in, cut out and return the booking slip below. Donations of food gratefully received

Margaret Robinson,
21 Moat Close (Cov. 305931)

There will also be an Evening Disco. 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jeanette Tipper,
18 Home Close (Cov. 306153)

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKING SLIP

Please return either to Margaret Robinson, 21 Moat Close, or Jeanette Tipper, 18 Home Close a.s.a.p.

Name.....

No. of Younger children @ £2.00 per child ☐

No of Older Children @ £2.00 per child ☐

No of attendees for the Disco @ £2.00 per child ☐

Donations of food gratefully received.

BROWNIES

The girls started off the new term well by passing their First Aid Badge with flying colours. Our thanks to Jackie Ward, Georgie Busby and Cynthia Davies for their help in working with the Brownies. The girls continue to work individually on their journey challenges, and on their chosen interest badges.

We look forward to welcoming Rainbows into the Pack in the New Year, but there is room for anyone between 7-10 years interested in joining us now.

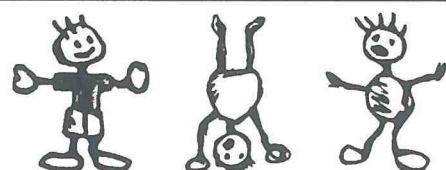
We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Jackie Lloyd (Cov. 302836)
Jackie Hennah (Cov. 301978)

ST LEONARDS PLAYGROUP

St Leonards Playgroup is open three mornings a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30am to 11:30 am at Provost Williams Primary School (Ryton site). We are registered for children from 2 1/2 years old. We provide a wide range of educational activities including

art and craft, music and rhymes, books, playdough, role play, outdoor play and many more creative activities. For more information contact (01203) 302820 during opening hours or **Michaela Cox (01203) 302038** or **Debbie Biddle (01203) 511443**.



Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group

We are a friendly group of mothers with pre-school aged children who meet on a Thursday morning from 9.30am until 11.30am at the Village Hall. The children can play and enjoy our weekly activity (making all sorts of things by sticking, painting, drawing etc) while we can keep a watchful eye on them and enjoy a cup of coffee together.

On Thursday 17th December we will be having our Christmas party for the children, and we have heard that if they have been good Father Christmas will be popping in himself to bring

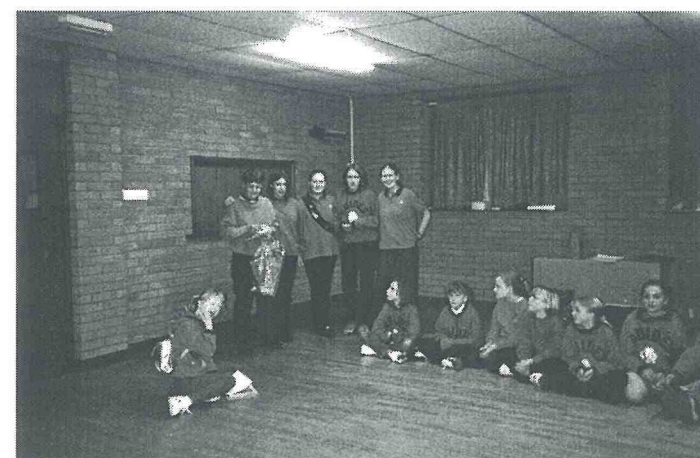
each child a present!! (As we know that the hard working mums have been really good we have organised a Christmas night out for them too!)

If you would like any further information, please telephone Lori on 01203 305355, or you would be more than welcome to call into the Village Hall during one of our sessions. **Any queries please contact:**

Lori Slark
(Cov. 305355).
Helen Sanders
(Cov. 639063).
Karen Cresswell
(Cov. 303084).



Megan, Katy, SJB, Jennie and Liz



BP award 6th October 1998



Narrowboat weekend 19th September 1998

GUIDE COMPANY

In September we welcomed Kim Tipper and Jeni Hennah from the Brownie Pack, and Nicola Veasey who is new to the village. We now have 25 Guides in the unit. This term the Patrols have been working hard to earn the Challenge Badge, this included covering a mile in 12 minutes using Scouts pace, and finding out about the local community. Thank you to Jackie Lloyd for testing this badge for us, and congratulations to all the guides and the Patrol Leaders on their achievements.

On the evening of September 18th, 12 of us set off for our Narrowboat weekend with the Warwickshire Fly Boat Company. We had a wonderful time with Tue our Skipper steering to Braunston and back to Long Itchington. The 9 Guides, including Kristi Kingham, Rosalind Holmes and Rachel Stickley from Bubbenhall all earned the Water Safety Badge, Stage 2. Many thanks to all the 'crew', it was a great weekend, and special thanks to Margaret Robinson and Georgie Busby for their hard work and support. (see Photographs)

October the 6th was a very special night for us all with Jennifer Barlow and Sophie Deely making a Guide Promise and Elizabeth Busby, Katy Goodhead and Jennie and Megan Smith otherwise known as the 'Antony Toad Patrol' returning to be presented with their Baden Powell Trefoil Certificates and badges. This is the highest award available in Guide guiding and does show that a guide has been involved in the company for at least 4 years and has taken part in a wide variety of activities, particularly enjoyment of Camp and Out-of-doors. Among the skills acquired are First Aid, Emergency Helper, learning to work in a small group and planning and communicating

skills, above all, it's great fun!

I wrote a little Ode to Antony Toad for the occasion, I quote the last few lines:-

"Now that the time has come for us to part I know I can say with hand on my heart, Though of Guide Patrols I am sure there will be a load There will never be another like Antony Toad At the end of the road, Of tales there will be many, But we will never forget you Liz, Katy, Megan and Jennie Goodbye, Bon Voyage may your joys be many Congratulations - Well done from us all.

Megan, Katy, Liz and Jennie (See photographs), the girls are all staying in Guiding - Rangers and Young Leaders, so we will not lose contact completely.

Christmas News:

* Christmas Fayre - December 5th - we organised a 'Small presents for Christmas' stall to raise funds to help our Young Leader Claire to attend International Camp next year.
* December 15th - Our last meeting, we will be Carol Singing in the Village for Mencap from about 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. and returning to the hall for mince pies and hot drinks etc., and a final Carol session. We would welcome anyone able to join us on this night, or help our fundraising with a donation. Thank you for your support.

Looking ahead to next term, we are working on a Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, we hope to perform this in February, not to be missed.

Guides for girls aged 10-14 years meets in the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening from 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sandra Barnsley
Guide Guider
Cov. 303876