

# BUBBENHALL



# NEWSLETTER

**W**e would like to thank all our readers, who most generously responded to our request for donations, to cover the production costs of the Newsletter. We distribute 270 copies of the Newsletter to houses and businesses in the village and following our appeal for financial support, 73 envelopes were returned, containing £241 in total. These funds are most welcome and along with the advertising revenue and small grants we receive, will enable us to continue publishing on a quarterly basis.

Anyone still wishing to make a donation to the Newsletter, can return their contribution to a member of the committee or to Gill Green at the Post Office.

Which brings us to the sad news that Gill has reluctantly had to reduce the hours of the Post Office, which is now open on Monday and Thursday only, from 9.00 to 5.30. Gill has been a staunch supporter of the Newsletter and we thank her for her kindness in collecting in the majority of the recent donations.

Our best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Clerk and Finance Officer who provide the necessary support and expertise which enable the Council to function.

Since the last Newsletter there have been developments in our talks with Smiths Concrete to restore the spout flow. Following a study of the situation by the Spout Sub Committee, plans for a suggested solution are being submitted to the appropriate interested parties.

We are still awaiting the results of the traffic count which was carried out in Spring Hill recently. Meanwhile, a questionnaire was sent out to all residents of Lower End (from Coopers Walk down), Avon Terrace and Moat Close, researching the options we could submit to the authorities in an attempt to relieve traffic congestion and improve road safety in that area. The results of the questionnaire have yet to be analysed, but a preliminary count shows that approximately 45% of residents responded.

It is interesting to note that many of those who did respond, used the opportunity to bring other concerns to our attention and these will be noted and attended to if possible. If, however, any resident has a concern which they wish the Parish Council to deal with they are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings which are advertised in the Parish Notice Board in Lower End or to contact any member of the Parish Council. A full list of members will shortly be posted on the notice board

In late September I collected, on behalf of the village, a framed certificate and cheque for £100.00 for the Most Improved Village in Warwickshire. The

money has been used to buy daffodil bulbs, which have been planted in the Spout Garden. My thanks to the team who helped to plant them, I am sure that the splash of colour will be much appreciated in the Spring. Also many thanks to everyone who worked hard to secure that award.

The Parish Council was recently asked to consider a planning application for amendments to the Section 106 agreement at Coventry Airport. Residents will remember that this agreement was opposed by us, but granted on appeal and we felt that any relaxation would result in a probable increase in operational activity. We have therefore objected to it, but we have yet to hear the results.

Finally, members of the Parish Council who had worked with Alan Gibson, recently held a dinner in his honour and made presentations to him in appreciation of the achievements he has made on behalf of the village. Some may not know that it is entirely through Alan's efforts that we have the village hall (and its extension) and the multi sports court. Although Alan has retired as a member of the Parish Council, he will continue as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and will continue to apply for every grant available to us in an effort to improve and add to village facilities. Thank you Alan for all your hard work — you are an inspiration to anyone who wants to get things done!

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

*Sue Wareham,  
Chairman, Bubbenhall  
Parish Council.*



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3.30pm The above class finishes  
4.15pm Primary Ballet age 5 to 9  
5.00pm Tap Class age 5 to 10  
5.45pm Disco Class  
6.30pm Grade 4 Ballet Class  
7.05pm Tap Class Grade 2 & 4  
8.00pm Adult Tap

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*Mrs Sarah Cooke, MIDTA & RAD Teaching Dip.*

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## Newsletter Committee

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3 Orchard Way,  
(024 76307747)*

## PARISH COUNCIL

As Rosemary Cragg our Parish Clerk is on holiday as the Newsletter goes to press, I have been asked to write the Parish Council Report. I am delighted to do this, especially as this is the last Newsletter of the year and it gives me the opportunity to thank several people who have made a real contribution to the community during the year 2000.

January sees the first anniversary of two new village ventures: the Youth Club and the Friendly Club. I was recently asked to attend a meeting of the Youth Club and I was amazed at the activities which were taking place. The atmosphere was fun and friendly with older and younger people mixing in together. Credit and thanks for this must go to Dave and Sandy Rombach, who along with Frank Moon and the rest of the committee have worked so hard to establish this facility.

The Friendly Club (Over 60 s) have had an eventful first year

providing a regular meeting point and outings for the older members of our community. Again thanks must go to the organisers, Chris Morgan, Chris Dunn and Beryl Locke for their commitment and to the members for their support.

Of course there are those people who are always there, working in the background, Margaret Robinson who organises the Christmas Fayre and the children's discos. She is also the Rainbows Leader, a member of Bubbenhall Entertainments Group Committee and helps with the Mother and Toddler Group

Our thanks must go to all of these people and many more, too many to mention individually, who run a particular activity, each working to make Bubbenhall a better place to live in.

I personally would like to thank the members of the Parish Council, both past and present for the contribution they make to village life. Also to Rosemary Cragg and Peter Bird, our Parish

# ST. GILES CHURCH

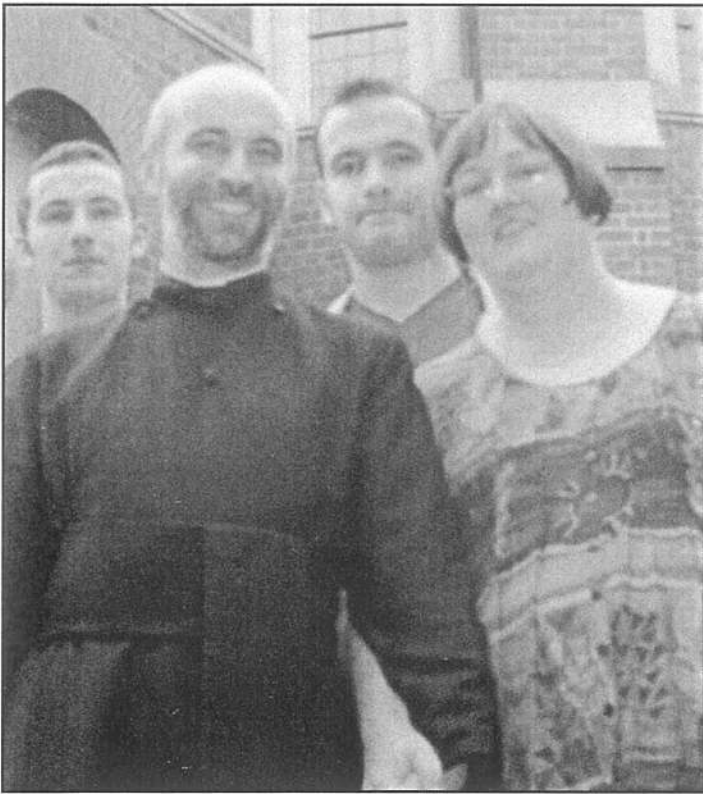
It's almost a year now since the restoration work started in the Church. After months of builders, bell founders and the BBC, it's good to be able to get on with regular church life and worship again.

mugs made. They are very attractive - bone china with a picture of St Giles Church on. We will enjoy using them after services, but we also have some for sale they are available from any member of the PCC.

To celebrate our new kitchen we have had some special coffee

*Jackie Lloyd*  
76 302836

## Welcome to David, Frances and Family



This is really just a short note to say hello to the village. My name is David Wintle, and I am the new(ish) Priest-in-Charge of Ryton and Bubbenhall. I lived in and around Cinderford, a small town in the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, for 37 years, before moving to Birmingham and then Coventry, where I was a curate for 5 years at St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Chapelfields. Before I was ordained I was an analytical chemist in the precious metal industry. I am married to

Frances, who works for the Diocesan Board of Education, and I have three sons, Oliver, William and Thomas. Oliver, the eldest, is reading law at the University of Kent, and the twins have finished school and are as yet undecided about their futures. When my commitments to the Church and my family allow, I am a keen morris dancer; I teach morris, dance it and play the music (not usually all at once).

I have been in post now since the end of September, but if I

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Once again it is my pleasure to report that Bubbenhall continues to be a Low Crime Risk area as since my last report and the preparation of this one only one burglary has been reported and property stolen.

Difficulty is still being experienced when trying to contact the Police with

haven't been as visible around the place as you or I would like, it is at least partly because I have been commuting from Coventry since I started. By the time you read this, though, we should be pretty close to moving into the Vicarage at Ryton, and we hope to be able to play a full part in everything that goes on around Christmas - but please, if you hope or expect your parish priest to turn up somewhere or to do something on a particular occasion, or if there are things that Trevor always did that you would hope that I would continue, tell me about them.

And that applies at all times, not just Christmas. The Church should be at the centre of village life, and the better our relationships and the more we exchange information, the closer we will get to that ideal. I try to keep my ear to the ground, but I don't pick up everything. I'll get better at it, though, the longer I am around.

(After my saying all that, you may think it strange that I haven't given you my telephone number. The reason is that we don't yet know what the Vicarage number will be - except that it will be different from what it used to be. Until I move, my number is 024 7669 1392.)

I wish you all the happiest of Christmases, and a good New Year, and I hope to see you soon, in church or outside.

consequent delay. If and when it is necessary to use the 999 system it must be stated that the caller is a resident of **Warwickshire** and not the **West Midlands** area as they are the recipients of your call. You can also ring 01926 451111 that should connect you with the Police Headquarters at Leek Wootton but unfortunately delays have been experienced here also. The Police have promised to look into this matter and improvement is hoped for.

As Christmas approaches quite a lot of additional property and drink etc will be stored and residents are advised to keep such property under lock and key until required for use and thereby depriving any enterprising burglar of an unexpected Christmas present.

Please continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious incident, person or vehicle to the Police at once, and only later, if thought necessary to the local co-ordinator.

Wishing you all a very happy and crime free Christmas and New Year.

*R. B. Gardner Chairman*  
02476 303546

## VILLAGE HALL

Could all users of the Hall please ensure that they confirm arrangements with the Bookings Secretary, prior to advertisement of events, so as to avoid any chance of disappointment through double booking. Please note: The contact number for booking the Hall changed during the summer and is now

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*Caroline Coles*  
Secretary to the Village Hall  
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We are pleased to announce that Post Office Counters has started a new Post Office which is now open within Baginton Village Stores. This Post Office will be open six and a half days a week including Sunday morning 11.00am - 2.00pm and Saturday afternoon until 4.00pm.

# CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

## SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in placing an advertisement, contact any member of the Newsletter Committee, see details on back page

### BE SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO.

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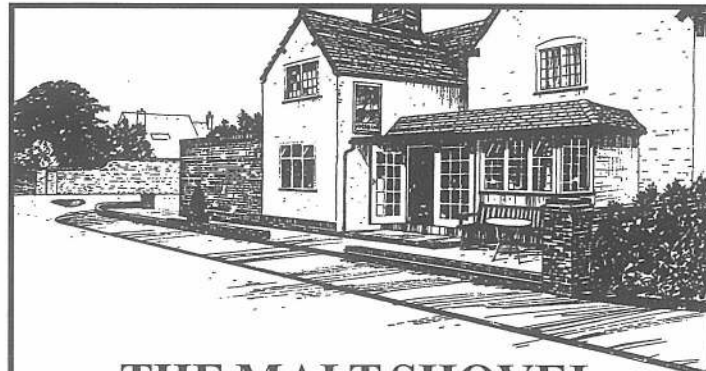
Come and find out more about the range of opportunities to work with children, of all ages, in Warwickshire at our:



## Childcare Job Fairs

Tuesday 12 December 2000	Royal Pump Room Annex, The Parade, Leamington Spa	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Wednesday 13 December 2000	Rugby Library, Little Elborow St, Rugby	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Thursday 14 December 2000	Atherstone College, Radcliffe Rd, Atherstone	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Friday 15 December 2000	North Warwickshire & Hinckley College, Hinckley Rd, Nuneaton	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Thursday 11 January 2001	Royal Pump Room Annex, The Parade, Leamington Spa	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Friday 12 January 2001	Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgefoot, Stratford Upon Avon	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Wednesday 24 January 2001	Polsworth Learning Centre, High St, Polsworth	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Thursday 25 January 2001	North Warwickshire & Hinckley College, Hinckley Rd, Nuneaton	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Wednesday 7 February 2001	Rugby Library, Little Elborow St, Rugby	11a.m. to 2p.m.
Thursday 8 February 2001	Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgefoot, Stratford Upon Avon	11a.m. to 2p.m.

For further information please contact the organisers, Kinderquest on 01933 446820



## THE MALT SHOVEL

BUBBENHALL Tel: 024 76301141

Alex, Richard and staff wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Our opening times this year are:

Christmas Eve 12.00 — 3.00pm / 7.00pm — 11.30pm  
Normal menu applies for the evening. Booking advised.

Christmas Day 11.30am — 1.30pm

Boxing Day 11.00am — 1.30pm Walk and Auction  
Closed in the evening. No food available.

Weds thru Saturday 12.00 — 2.30pm / 6.00pm — 11.00pm

New Years Eve 12.00 — 3.00pm / 7.00pm till 12.30am  
Bookings only for evening meals.

New Years Day 12.00 — 3.00pm / 6.00pm — 11.00pm  
Normal menu applies.

### The collection of Wroth Silvers

Once again Bubbenhall was represented at the ceremony of The Collection of the Wroth Silvers (see newsletter Dec. 1998).

Martinmas Eve (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>) dawned very cold and pouring with rain. Having made the effort to get up at 6.00am however, we decided to be brave, so donned wellies and cagoules and set off.

We made our way through large puddles and a very muddy field to the small tumblers on Knightlow Hill, where we found a large group of people gathered around the square, hollow stone which is all that remains of an old wayside cross.

The Duke of Buccleuch's agent arrived and duly read the Charter of Assembly after which the Parishes liable to pay

the fee were each called forward in turn. Each representative then threw the required sum into the stone — Bubbenhalls now being 1p in modern coinage — calling out Wroth Silver as he did so. It was interesting to note that the agent checked each coin carefully by the light of his torch! Just to make sure he wasn't being shortchanged!

All was well though and no Parish was fined the 20 shillings for every penny unpaid or forfeited a white bull with red nose and ears of same colour!

The ceremony only lasted a few minutes, though in the rain the dawning sky was quite invisible!

Those who had been able to get tickets for the celebration breakfast then headed off to the Bull and Butcher. Those of us who hadn't made our way home to more humble fare!

Jackie Lloyd

## Financial Help for Farmers and Small Rural Business in General

The state of the rural economy has been of concern for many years. Village shops and schools across the country have become victims of competition and economies to scale and the current petrol price problem hits villages harder than cities. At Warwickshire College we are deeply concerned with these issues and in a bid to support the rural economy recently applied to Advantage West Midlands, for funding under their Skills Development Fund, for monies to address the problem. Our bid has been successful and, with partners from across a wide spectrum of

concerned organisations, we have been awarded £185,000 to support training initiatives across four counties - Warwickshire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

The project is called REDI - Rural Enterprise Diversification Initiative and is based at Moreton Morrell. Essentially, the money is to be used to subsidise the cost of training, with as much as 100 hours training being available for as little as £50. Many courses are much shorter - as little as half a day - and cost as little as £5!

All small rural businesses, particularly but not exclusively farming businesses, are being offered support with a wide range of training - from computer and management skills to rural tourism, environmental skills, help with diversification, organic food production and marketing. If you run any type of small rural business and require help with training costs contact us now on 01926 318273

## BUBBENHALL POST OFFICE AND SHOP

Due to lack of support I have to inform you that the Post Office will now only be open two days per week:

Monday and Thursday 9.00am to 5.30pm inclusive commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> December

As is well known, rural village shops are closing around the countryside at an alarming rate, due to competition from the supermarkets.

To be able to provide a service to the village, the shop needs 90% support of the community that it serves, which we are not achieving.

A Government study has revealed that a house in a

village that has a shop is worth 5% more than one that has no shop.

It would seem a village shop is a romantic notion, everyone likes to think that we have one but it needs customers over the threshold to be financially viable.

It is with regret that without customers I cannot continue to provide this service.

I would like to thank all the valued customers I have served, who like myself, have tried to keep a heart in our community.

Gill Green

## MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF WORLDS LARGEST COFFEE MORNING

Sue Wareham would like to thank all those who supported this event in the Village Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We

raised a staggering £260.00 with 46 people adding their name to the grand total. *Many thanks*

## BUBBENHALL SURGERY DECEMBER 2000

Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice, 16 Clarendon Street, Leamington Spa CV32 5SS

Please contact the main surgery if you wish to see the doctor at Bubbenhall. The Bubbenhall surgery is open at 11.00am on the dates given below

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Dr EA Chan, Dr K Chapman

Tuesday 5th December OPEN

Thursday 7th December OPEN

Tuesday 12th December OPEN

Thursday 14th December OPEN

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# REGULAR GROUPS

GROUP	MEETS	VENUE
Friendly Club	Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4.00 p.m.	Village Hall
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group	Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Village Hall
Rainbows	Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Brownies	Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Guides	Tuesday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Baginton Parent / Toddler	Tue 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Baginton Village Hall
Cubs	Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m	Methodist Church Hall Cubbington
Scouts	Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre
Bubbenhall Garter Group	Monthly	See notice boards
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Every Friday 9:00 a.m.	Visitors Centre
Young St. Giles Saturday Club	2nd and 4th Saturday of every month	Church 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
WCC Monday Mobile Library	Every fortnight 2 : 00 p.m.	Bottom of Coopers Walk
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every fortnight (Watery Lane) 11: 00 a.m. (Weston Lane) 11: 30 a.m.	Junction of Stoneleigh Road and Watery Lane, and bottom of Weston Lane
Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-12 years	Every Saturday, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Village Playing Fields
Bubbenhall Youth Club	Friday 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Wednesday (see advert for times)	Village Hall
Tang Soo Do	Monday 6:30 - 7:30 p. m.	Village Hall

## COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE AIRPORT ACTION GROUP (CWAAG)

### PARCELFORCE

Between now and Christmas they will be putting more freight mostly mail through the Airport.

### AIRPORT

At the latest consultative committee the following matters and topics came up.

Complaints are less than the comparable period in the previous year.

Whilst the overall number of flight movements are down on the previous year, freight movements and freight (kilos) are up.

There continues to be efforts to develop the site, some of these developments such as a new training school, airwing 2000 and new headquarters for the Air

Atlantique group are supposedly allowed under the permitted development rights that the airport operator believes it has. Other items such as a new terminal building on the south side are covered by the section 106 agreement (original planning agreement). The concern is that the airport operators are trying to renegotiate the section 106 agreement in order to allow them much more freedom to expand the airport operations. Many of their initial requests seem quite harmless, consideration needs to be given to resisting any changes as one variation leads to another. One has to ask if the restrictions were seen as appropriate originally and the Atlantique group knowing of their existence was happy to proceed with taking on the

airport why are they no longer appropriate and require changing? Perhaps the biggest single item of contention is a new terminal, there are specific restrictions within the section 106, however it was stated that these were unworkable as far as

the airport was concerned if passenger flights were to expand to the level desired. It was indicated that behind the scenes negotiations were taking place to change this restriction.

(CWAAG)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December

- 11<sup>th</sup> Garter Group Christmas Flower Arranging - Village Hall
- 11<sup>th</sup> Friendly Club Lunch & Entertainment - Village Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> Weston WI Meeting - Weston Village Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> Toddlers Christmas Party - Village Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Guides Carol Singing
- 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Walk - Malt Shovel

### January

- 5<sup>th</sup> Children s Christmas Parties, Youth Club New Year Bash & 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Disco - Village Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Friendly Club 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> Weston WI Meeting - Weston Village Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Guides Pantomime - Village Hall

### February

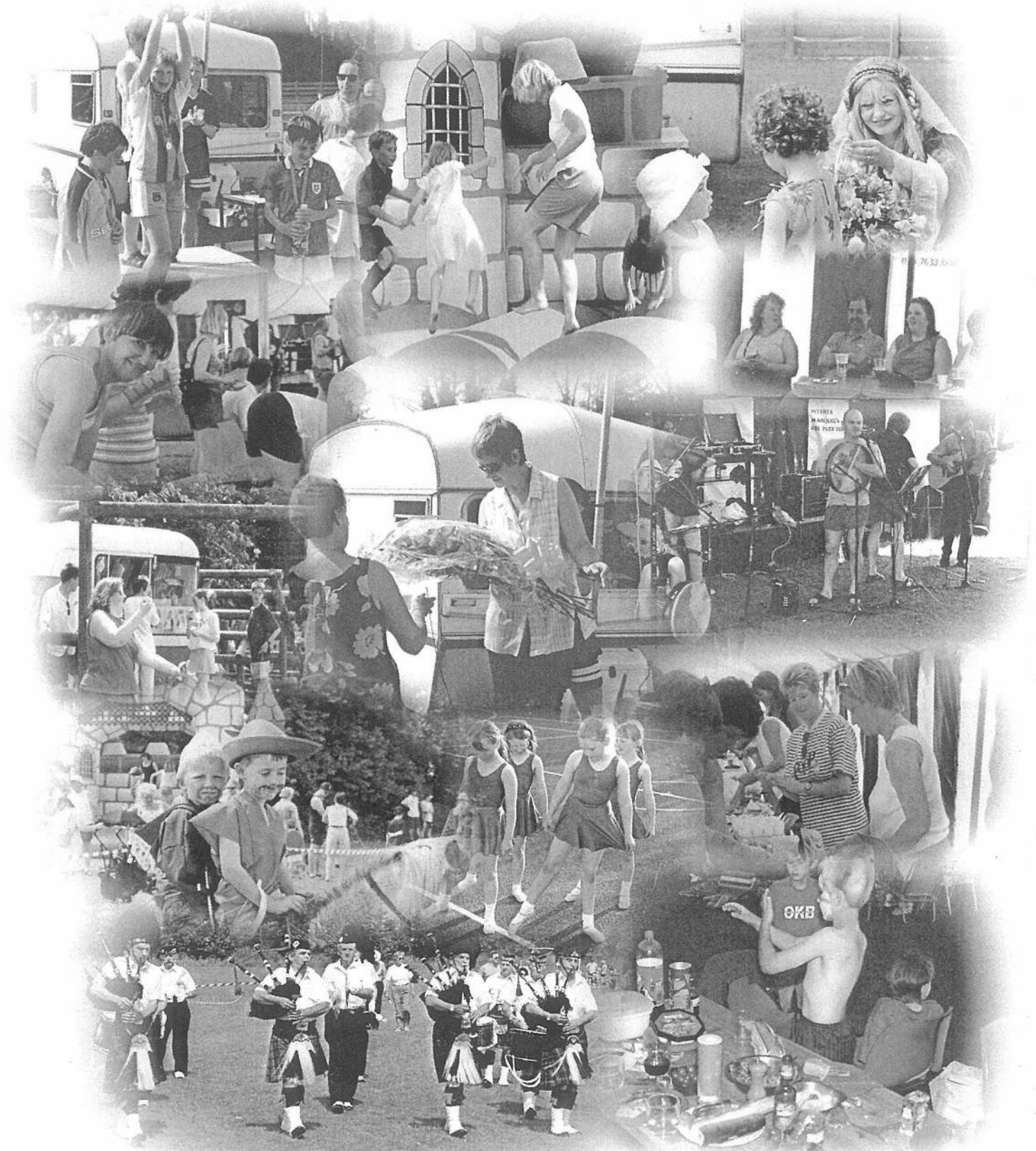
- 8<sup>th</sup> Garter Group Talk (Feng Shui) - Village Hall

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> BEG Entertainment with The Odd Sods - Village Hall

# THE PARTY IN THE PARK

With Christmas almost upon us, the Newsletter takes a look back at one of the hottest and most memorable days of the summer for Bubbenhall.



## A KICK ABOVE THE REST

Congratulations to Joseph Batchelor and Edward Prudhoe for gaining their Orange belts at the recent Tang Soo Do grading which took part at Exhall Grange School on Saturday 2nd December. Although nervous at having to grade in front of the Master Khan, the excellent training provided by Jim Batchie ensured the boys came through with flying colours.

There will be an article and photographs featured in the next Newsletter giving all details for any one interested in the art of Tang Soo Do (self defence). The sessions will start again on 8th January.

## MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

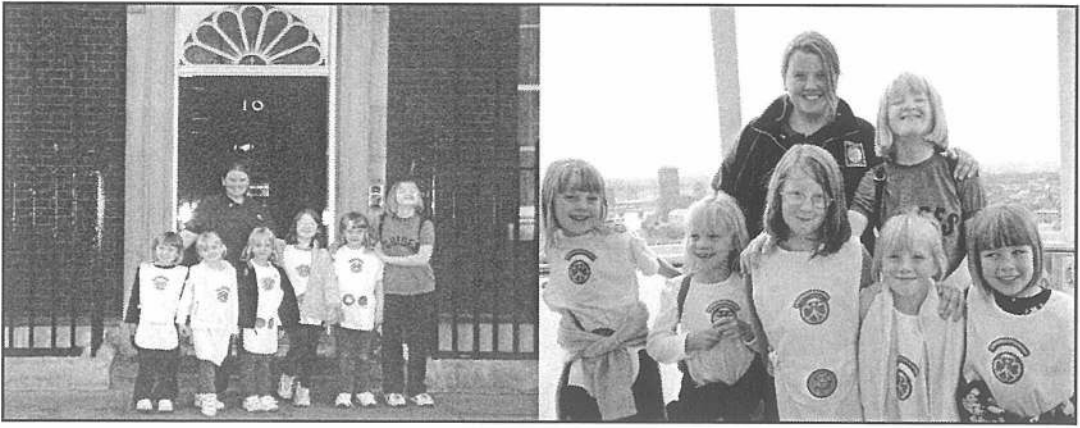
The highlight of this term will be the children's Christmas party on 14th December, when Father Christmas will visit us and bring a gift for each child. There will be lots of fun and games for the children. Party food and drinks for children and parents too. The mums are looking forward to their pre-Christmas night out.

If you have pre-school age children and are interested in joining us, we meet every Thursday during term time at the Village Hall between 9.30 and 11.30am. New members will be made very welcome, so come for a coffee and a chat and make new friends — children and adults alike.

If you would like any further information, please telephone

Lori on 024 76 305355.

# RAINBOWS



Since starting the new term in September, all of us at Rainbows have really been enjoying ourselves! Firstly we went on a trip to London where we went on the London Eye, on a boat trip up the Thames, chased pigeons in Trafalgar Square and visited No 10 Downing St — but there was no one home.

During October we were joined by families and friends for a bear drive, to promote what fun guiding is. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all!

On 5th November we joined other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from our District on a trip to see Disney on Ice and on 9th November we held a Birthday party to celebrate our Tenth Birthday. We invited all ex-Rainbows, Guiders and helpers to join in the celebrations. Everyone joined in with both new and old games and helped in eating our very colourful birthday cake.

This term seems to have been full of parties, excursions and

generally having great fun! We now have an amazing seventeen rainbows who attend every week, the highest numbers we have had in a number of years. However, if you would like to put your daughters name on our waiting list, contact Margaret Robinson on 02476 305931.

We meet every Thursday night at Bubbenhall Village Hall 6 — 7pm. Rainbows is for girls aged between 5 and 7 years old.

Margaret Robinson

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Due to the late break up from school, we have decided to hold the Christmas Parties on 5th January 2001. They will be of a similar format as other years.

2.00pm — 3.00pm Pre-school children 1 — 4 years Cost £2.00 per child

4.00pm — 6.00pm Primary School children 5 — 9 years Cost £2.00 per child

8 years and over will be invited to the Youth Club, who will run the evening party as part of their 1st birthday celebrations. To give us an idea of numbers,

please complete and return the booking slip. Donations of food gratefully received.

Margaret Robinson  
02476 305931

Jeanette Tipper  
02476 306153

### Christmas Party Booking Slip

Please return to Margaret Robinson, 21 Moat Close, or Jeanette Tipper, 18 Home Close, ASAP.

Name.....

No of younger children (Pre-school 1 — 4 years) @ £2 per child.....

No of older children (Primary school 5 — 9 years) @ £2 per child.....

Please pay on the day of the party on arrival. Donations of food gratefully received.

## BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP

At our meeting in October we decided rather than have a formal committee, that one or two ladies would take it in turn to organise an event. We have been very lucky to have enough volunteers to organise the next year's programme which we have made as varied as possible to ensure there's something to suit everyone's taste. Many thanks also to Elena Johnson who agreed to act as Treasurer for the Group.

Details of each event will be circulated to all members so if you want to be kept informed make sure you complete and return the attached membership form with the £5 annual subscription as soon as possible

November meeting - Thanks to Sonia Bettles, 20 of us enjoyed a fun time at Notcutts Garden Centre in Solihull. We learnt how to make and decorate swags and wreaths for Christmas - for those who didn't have the DIY know how thankfully there was a vast array

of ready made goodies. Notcutts stayed open till late and the 20 of us were able to shop till we dropped - we're still not letting on whose bill was the largest!!!

December Meeting - To keep the festive spirit going Jeanette Tipper & Lee Hayden have arranged a Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration at the village hall on Monday, 11th December. As well as seeing the professional Sue Gregory demonstrate, everyone will have the chance at making a table decoration. - To find out what you need to bring along for this evening contact Jeanette on 76316153. This meeting is open to all members, relatives and friends (non members £1) - hope to see you there!!

January Meeting - Debby Deely & Karen Tuckey will be organising a meal out - venue and date yet to be finalised - To find out more don't forget to complete the membership form!!!

February meeting - Jackie Lloyd & Gill Prudhoe are organising a talk in the village hall where members can find out all about Feng Shui

March Meeting - Jan Stobart is organising a Ice Skating trip to Coventry Sky Dome. Other events planned for the year include a theatre trip, a talk and demonstration on hanging baskets, the annual Treasure Hunt and an evening at the races.

Garter group is open to all ladies in the village. Usually we arrange our meetings for an

evening the second week in the month.

We hope the above programme will tempt you to join us, if it doesn't then join us anyway and let us know what type of event would appeal to you - if you're really lucky you might be asked to organise it for next year's programme!!!

Don't forget to fill out the membership form below. Please return form and subscription to Elena Johnson at 19 Orchard Way as soon as possible

Liz Paul 76302047

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Please return Garter Group membership form and £5 subscription to 19 Orchard Way.

## Weston District Womans Institute

At the recent November meeting, Gillian Andrews gave an informative talk on her 'Life behind and in front of the TV Cameras'. She has appeared in several television programmes, such as Keeping up Appearances, Casualty and the Bill.

The December meeting has been scheduled a week earlier than normal on Wednesday 13th December. Mrs Sidoli will be demonstrating the making of 'Special Favours', beautifully presented gift boxes for those special occasions. Samples of her craft will be available to purchase and to celebrate the

festive season, mulled wine and mince pies will be served as refreshments.

The January meeting, on Wednesday 17th will include a talk by Sylvia Sturman titled A New Look for 2001.

The Weston District WI meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the new Weston Village Hall at Weston under Wetherby. New members are always welcome.

Mrs C Kirkwood  
President Weston  
District WI  
01926 632368

## Malt Shovel Social Club

The Boxing Day walk will be taking place as usual, leaving the Malt Shovel at 10.00am. There will be a bowl of soup for all the walkers when they return. We shall be having a raffle and an auction during the lunchtime. All money raised will go to Myton Hospice. Please join us if you can.

I will be collecting dog food during the weeks up to Christmas to take to the Dog Rescue at Honiley. Please help if you can.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Mary Long  
76 302840

## Bubbenhall Entertainments Group

Plans are being made for events in 2001 that will include:

3rd March — Entertainment with the Odd Sods — an Irish Folk Band

24th June — Summer Dance Disco — Everyone welcome

If you would like tickets for any of the above events or need any further information, please contact

Margaret Robinson  
02476 305931,  
or Sue Wareham,  
02476 306894.

# Bubbenhall Friendly Club

We are now well into our autumn programme and beginning to make plans for Christmas and the club's first anniversary in the New Year.

In October twenty five people boarded a bus bound for Cadbury World. We all enjoyed the experience and, judging by the number of carrier bags we brought back, everyone should be well stocked with chocolate for Christmas.

Despite terrible weather there was a good turnout to hear Peter Edwards interesting talk

on the history of Leamington Spa. We also enjoyed a visit to the Belgrade Theatre to see Phantom of the Opera.

On a serious note we must mention our sadness at the death of Elsie Peake in September. Elsie had been an active member of the Friendly Club from its beginning and she will be very much missed. All of us send our sympathy to her family and Bill.

We went on a visit to Notcutts Garden Centre on November 27th which provided plenty of

ideas for Christmas decorations and presents.

Make sure that you have a note in your diaries that our Christmas lunch will be held on Monday 11th December, when we will be entertained by folk singer Colin Squire, who promises to get us all singing along.

Plans are now being made for our New Year programme. The season will begin on Monday 8th January 2001, when we will be celebrating our first anniversary.

The club is open to anyone over sixty and we are always glad to see new faces. We meet on alternate Mondays and can arrange transport for anyone who needs it. If you would like further information, please contact any of the committee members listed below.

*Chris Morgan 7630 6131*

*Sue Wareham 7630 6894*

*Chris Dunn 7630 2481*

*Beryl Lock 7630 6246*

*Joan Draper 7630 1309*

## YOUTH CLUB

This issue we'd like to share with you one particular evening, November 3rd, and show you what we get up to on a Youth Club night.

This was one of our busier nights and although it all happened between 7.00pm and 10.00pm the preparation started well beforehand.

Three and a half hours on Monday evening, at the wholesalers, saw us crawling home with 260 bottles of drink, numerous boxes of fireworks, a large box of chocolates and 4 balls of string - all will be explained!

Health freaks would probably have had something to say if they saw us wheeling the trolleys round Tesco's with nothing but Pizzas and a ton of chips in it - not forgetting the biggest bottle of tomato sauce that we could find.

Then it was down to the hall for 3.00pm to start unloading all the goodies and setting up for the evening - snooker tables, table football, darts, tables and chairs inside while outside 150 metres of wiring was run out to power the 2 floodlights at the tennis

courts. Then it was out to the field to prepare the ground for the fireworks.

By 7.00pm the ovens and hot cupboards were warming up and the first of the members were arriving with bags of clothes - tonight, those who wanted to, were going to be making Guys (using the balls of string!). As they arrived, Sandie was collecting final numbers and money for the visit to Laser Quest in two weeks. With kids and Guys taking over the hall Gill Prudhoe's offer of extra help was quickly accepted (along with Gill Greens cup of tea!) - things were now in full swing - unihok was being played by the kids outside while those not making the guys were either playing games, chatting or watching the video of last weeks MTV.

9.30pm was the time set for the judging of the Guys by Sue (Chareham) Wareham so the rush was on to finish in time.

With Pat running between kitchens, the smell of pizza started to make everyone hungry and as with most things in life everything then started to happen at once - parents were

arriving for the firework display, pizza and chips were ready to serve to all 53 kids and Frank & I were about ready to start the fireworks. In the end we got under way shortly after 9.00pm and everyone was treated to a firework spectacular for the next half hour. For once the weather was in our favour and a great time was had by members and parents alike.

The evening was not yet over - Sue had had a sneaky preview of the guys and decided that the best was a combined effort from Nicola Veasey, Ceara Hayden, Amy Howes, Alice Bevan, Tom Simpson, Edward Simpson and Tim Hunt - they must have made a limb each!

Then as everyone started drifting we started the hour long job of packing up - only to find that there were still 10 kids outside playing unihok - and they only stopped after 10.00pm with the switching off of the floodlights.

It was a tremendous amount of hard work on everyone's behalf but well worth it and I'm sure something to be repeated next year.

The night wouldn't be complete without the regulation bottles of beer at home and a de-briefing on how it all went.....now, on to next week!!

Other News ....

In the last issue, I omitted to include Thomas Simpson in the list of successful candidates on the babysitting course. Well done Thomas and my apologies for the error.

Our programme for the end of this year is pinned up on the notice board each week and we will be getting down shortly to preparing for 2001 - if there is anything you would like us to consider you need to let us know now.

We have had a lot of help and support from parents this year for which we thank you all. From all of us to all of you have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on January 5th - this will be our Grand New Year Bash & 1st Birthday Disco. Christmas fancy dress to be worn so you have plenty of time in the holidays to get prepared - Ho, Ho, Ho!! As usual this is open to everyone over 8 years old (whether Youth Club members or not) so invite your friends along for the evening and catch up with the Xmas gossip. Admission will be £2.00 on the door, which includes a buffet. Tuck shop will be open as usual.

*Sandie & Dave,  
Gill, Pat and Frank*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bubbenhall Brownies

Brownies are on Tuesdays on school nights. We go on trips and make things. We also get to take things home. We wear yellow jumpers and badges that go on our sashes. We also wear skirts and brown trousers and yellow hats. You are allowed to start at the age of seven and finish at the age of ten. The Brownies are at Bubbenhall Village Hall and is at 5.30pm —

7.00pm after school. *Reme Miller-Bartlett*

Brownies is on a Tuesday. We do badges and parties. We make things and go on trips. We play games. We wear a Brownie uniform like a yellow jumper and T-shirt with the Brownie motto on it and a brown skirt and trousers, a sash for badges and a yellow hat. It starts at 5.30pm

## GUIDE COMPANY

This term so far has been busy for the Guide Company. We have attempted to do something special every month of the year 2000 and we have just about made it.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September we travelled to London with 200 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and their Leaders from Rugby Division. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed a trip on an open top bus to the London Dungeon where we were suitably scared! The afternoon was filled by a boat trip up the Thames, followed by tea on Oxford Street. We arrived home tired after our long day but having some good memories of our Millennium trip. The following week we held a Bear Drive as part of a national recruitment campaign. Run like a Beetle Drive a noisy time was had by all — and enjoyed so much that we repeated it the following week! The proceeds of the Bear Drive raffle - £50 — were sent to Books for Africa appeal being run by the Guide Association and Rotary. November 5<sup>th</sup> saw 12 of us join with others from Knightlow District for a trip to Disney on Ice in Birmingham. The horrible weather didn't dampen spirits or enthusiasm. December will see us at the Christmas Fair — we are planning to sell Jewellery and Suttons Seeds. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we plan to do some Carol Singing around small parts of the village

— unfortunately we can't manage too many houses in one and a half hours! As well as all these events our weekly meetings continue. The Guide Section is introducing a new programme in the new year and we have started to look at the exciting new materials being produced — handbooks being replaced by Filofaxes, uniform changes and themed activity idea packs. All the changes being aimed at keeping the best of the old and introducing new ideas to attract and keep girls. Before we start on the new programme the Guides decided they would like to put on a Pantomime. Casting has taken place and the first read through taken place so before long Guides will be collecting props, costumes etc. The performance will be on 30<sup>th</sup> January — don't miss it, past productions have been most enjoyable. After Christmas our first meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> January for Patrol Leaders only, for everyone else the date is 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Guides meet every Tuesday 7.15pm — 9.00pm in Bubbenhall Village Hall. All girls aged 10-14 are welcome, as are any adults who would be interested in helping.

*Sandra Barnsley  
7630 3876  
Lesley Goodhead  
7630 6964*

and ends at 7.00pm. You have to be 7 to start and 10 to end Brownies and then you move to Guides. *Emily Sarah Johnson Age 9*

Bubbenhall Brownies went to London. We went on the London Eye, a bus and a boat trip. The London Eye was excellent. You could see Big Ben, the Millennium Dome from right

## Bubbenhall Football Club

Firstly I would like to apologise for not entering an article in the last Newsletter.

Now the update of the teams results. After winning all the pre-season friendlies and retaining the Richard Elliott cup, the season started shakily with two or three indifferent results, but now after six straight wins (including 9-0 away win against the Kenilworth Gauntlet) we sit top of our league and in the semi-final of the cup.

The local lads who came to join us in the summer have proved to be influential in our results. Some have now become unavailable due to work, school and injury, but the squad and I look forward to their return.

I would like to thank all the fans that come and watch us, in all weathers. You do make a

## BUBBENHALL JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The group continues to grow in popularity. We now have well over 30 children registered with us and any week we expect to hit the target of thirty children at a single session. Helpers are also continuing to arrive with John Sanders now helping on a regular basis and Matthew Veasey continuing to help as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award. Thanks to you both.

Mind you the last few weeks have been a nightmare with three sessions having to

at the top, and you could see Buckingham Palace. We went to number 10 Downing Street. We all enjoyed our day in London. *By Sarah Tuckey*

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides went to Disney on Ice. There was the Lion King, Tarzan and the Jungle Book and we had an excellent time. *By Alex Kirby*

difference to our performance, so the more the better.

Any other players, 16 or above wishing to join the club should let myself or Mick know. Contact numbers below.

I would also like to thank our Chairman Brian Wells for his backing and support (I think that's a good thing) and also for his use with a bucket and sponge on match days.

Myself and all involved with Bubbenhall Football Club would like to wish good luck and good health to Simon Elliott and wife and Paul (Buddha) Clayton and wife on the birth of their baby sons.

*Steve Ball (Manager)  
02476 307770  
Mick Hodgson (Coach)  
0798 0125294*

be cancelled due to the waterlogged field. Anymore rain and we may have to become a water polo club.

If anybody else in the village would like to join us, the football sessions are held on the village playing fields for 5 - 12 year olds, from 9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday mornings.

*Tonino Ciuffini, 76306840  
Andrew Paul, 76302047  
Gavin Slark, 76305355  
John Deely, 76305212*