

Bubbenhall Newsletter



July 2024



Annual Parish Meeting and Council Update

The Annual Parish meeting was held on 14th May. The Parish Council is legally obliged to hold this meeting once a year.

It was chaired by Councillor Jim Roberts, Chair of the Parish Council and was attended by Bubbenhall's two District Councillors and County Councillor.

Jim described how he came to be

Chair:

"You will all have known Jan Lucas, who resigned his councillor position and chairmanship just a year ago as he and Luciole prepared to leave for a new rural life in the Welsh Borders. I must once more express our appreciation for his years of effort.

After Jan's resignation, the other members of the council voted me

in as new Chairman, and at the AGM following this, they will have the chance to throw me out, as the Chairman is elected this way every year although council members themselves are elected for four years."

He then went on to talk about what had been the five key areas for the Parish Council in the last twelve months and has updated it for this report.

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1.. A major responsibility is **planning**, where of course we are subordinate to the decision-making of Warwick District Council although we have a right to comment on applications for the village. While there have been a low number of minor applications, the big one was the proposed conversion of the old barn area off Pit Hill to a meeting room and car park for the Brethren. After many months of discussion by the WDC planning department, and a lot of intervention both by residents and by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents, the planning officer recommended against the application and the application was withdrawn. We have no idea what will happen to the site now.

On wider planning issues, there are two things which are to a degree related.

The first is the **South Warwickshire Local Plan**.

The current timetable for this is to produce Preferred Options for Public Consultation later this year, and then a redraft later next year before submission to the government in July 2026 and after more discussion, adoption in December 2027. So it's a slow programme, for a major project, and of course the new government will be making changes which may affect the plans.

The good news for Bubbenhall is that one of the strategic options, a dispersed approach to new development, appears to have been discounted as it really doesn't meet the requirements for sustainability.

So I am optimistic that we will see no major housing developments around here although never say never. Of course small developments may still be subject to applications.

Our **Neighbourhood Development Plan** is also being refreshed, with Steve Haynes in charge. I hope many or most of you will have responded to the housing needs survey, but Steve will also be reviewing how well we lived up to the current NDP which was adopted around five years ago before proceeding to update the Plan itself in discussion with the Parish Council. Again, with potential changes to the National Policy Planning Framework, we have put this work in abeyance for now.

2. Village finance

Digitalisation of the banking sector, which we all now see personally, needs to be addressed by the PC to ensure that we can deliver our responsibilities to look after your money. We have therefore established a **Finance Working Group** which is currently developing updated ways of working, so that we have the correct controls in place on who has access to the bank account etc.

One of the things we have been able to do under the latest legislation is provide some financial help for **repairs at the church**, as we see this as a key part of our heritage. The boundary wall needs some restoration, and of course this has to be done to appropriate standards with correct mortar, etc.

3. Open spaces

The **new play area**, funded primarily by the FCC Communities Foundation, is clearly a major success for our youngsters to enjoy, but of course needs constant maintenance, the moles being our worst problem, it seems.

Further down the playing field, the **plantation of native plants**, which Bob Powell organised with a large group of volunteers and

funding from the WCC Green Shoots fund, is thriving impressively. At the moment there is a lot to do as the weeds spring back, but in due course the healthy trees will slowly starve the weeds of moisture; in the meanwhile the efforts of a small team of volunteers led by Bob are doing a sterling job of keeping on top of the weeds. It looks so much better now than the wild scrubland and rubble that was there before.

We are also thinking about some regeneration of the hedge behind this plantation, so are exploring the options there with support from The Heart of England Forest organisation.

Footpaths are always an issue of course, and Tony Cox keeps an eye on these to ensure we meet our legal responsibilities.

The other big task is looking after the **Village Green**, including the pond and ornamental pump, both of which were established some year ago with financial assistance from outside but a lot of work by volunteers. Fortunately, a great group of volunteers, the **Friends of the Village Green** (see p20), has come together to look after these features. There is constant maintenance in ensuring that growth on the pond is limited and that feed pipes from the local spring, and to overflow, are kept clear. We are having some trouble with the pumping system at the moment, and hope to resolve this soon.

It also seems we are **paying a high tariff** for the power supply to the pump and purifier system, and this is being looked into. Part of the problem is the changes of clerk and temporary email addresses which were established during those changes, which left us unaware of what was going on.

Unfortunately, there is significant **wetness on the nearby verge**,

and this is causing the huge runoff down Pit Hill which iced badly in the winter. WCC Highways have realised that they need to address this whole area, and we are pushing them to prioritise the work although I think we all see how much work needs to be done on highways throughout the county.

Highways are also well aware of the constant development of **pot-holes** in Spring Hill, and although they are frequently patching these areas, they seem to recognise that there is a major problem, and that this may be caused by faults in the **Severn Trent drainage pipework** beneath. Hopefully they will get a grip on it soon.

We have suffered a couple of instances of vandalism during the year, including the need for a replacement door for the shed behind the village hall, and more recently the smashing of one of the windows in the bush shelter on Pit Hill. We are unsure whether these are insurance claims or not.

4. We maintain a rhythm of **liaison meetings with the industrial developers** on the edge of the village, namely **Smiths quarry and the FCC Landfill** up Weston Lane, and the **Gateway project** on the road to Baginton. Both of

these organisations are good to work with, and very professional. Obviously we wish neither development existed, but they do, and the management teams of both fully recognise and respond to our concerns.

We were delighted that Ray Chambers, who is General Manager for Smiths Concrete, and Mick George, who runs the transport company moving heavy materials around, came to the Parish Council meeting on the 9th of July and assured us that they intend to complete the infilling of the Glebe Farm site in September, with complete restoration of that site to agricultural quality, and restoration of the footpath, by the end of the year. There may be a very short period when the footpath will be closed to allow this to finish.

We should stress that this restoration is made with inert material, as distinct from the landfill site nearby, whose operation will continue for some years yet.

5 The next big change for us is the **transition to our new website** and the features that go with it.

The government is encouraging parish councils to demonstrate

their official position as the lowest tier of local government, and because of this, we have now registered bubbenhallparish.gov.uk. Information will be steadily transferred from the existing bubbenhall.info website, but full updating will take a bit of time.

The new system will allow an appropriate suite of **email addresses** for the councillors and an improved e-news system. We need to set up all the **correct protocols** for its use and for links to **non-parish council sources of information** including **the Village Hall website** and the **village history**.

Jim Roberts, Chairman Bubbenhall Parish Council

Smiths Concrete

Ray Chambers has offered to show a group of villagers around the Smiths activities if they would like to see it.

It would probably be September. Anyone interested please contact jim@warwickblue.com

Ryton on Dunsmore Academy

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks at Ryton on Dunsmore Academy! We ended the last half term with the tradition of Crowning of the May King and Queen. This year we had 2 queens as there are only two girls in Year 3. The CEO of the trust, Michael Cowland, led the crowning ceremony and each class performed their dances beautifully.

The children have been working incredibly hard with special mention to our Year 1 class who scored higher than the national average in their phonics test. This half term we have started improvements to the outdoor area in Early Years, making adaptations that will have the biggest impact on our youngest pupils. We are looking forward to welcoming our new intake as they begin their school journey and say farewell to our amazing Year 6 pupils as they prepare to take the next step to secondary school.



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Brownies

This term the brownies have had lots of fun. We started by inviting our mums for a pamper for Mother's Day. We made some traditional Northern Irish soda bread with Elizabeth, from Marton brownies, and have worked on our 'Express Myself' theme award which includes lots of craft and creativity. We also had lots of fun having a water fight and making some giant bubbles!

If you would like to know more about brownies, please contact Morgan Wilkinson on 07522 997436

Film Nights

At the Village Hall

24th October Tom Hanks "Elvis"

28th November Helen Mirren "Woman in Gold"

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Bubbenhall Breeze Belles



We are now well into summer, and of course the obligatory unfortunately, we have not managed as many rides as normal due to the weather. It's either being, too wet, too windy or just rather unpleasant and we want to enjoy ourselves. Route planning remains a challenge due to road closures for HS2, as we found out last Monday. Roads closed even when the sign advises they are open. We had to do some quick re-routing, but still had a pleasant ride. I'm pleased to welcome our latest new member Andie Lees, who joined us on her first ride last week.

Our routes normally take us along relatively quiet roads with short distances to start with, ensuring everyone is confident and happy, progressing a little further as our rides develop.

We are a friendly and sociable group who love to cycle, have a

Looking forward to seeing new, returning and existing members soon. Contact me for further information or visit our Facebook page: Bubbenhall Breeze Belles.

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A History of Bubbenhall

Vicky Airey

We arrived in Bubbenhall on 15th August, 1945. I was then three years old. We left when I was sixteen, in the midsummer of 1958, but I have always had a great sense of continued belonging to the village, and to Church House where I grew up.



Church House in 1958

During our first couple of years in the village we shared the house, first with an English family, and then with a White Russian family, who had fled the Revolution in 1917. The English family had a daughter six years older than me. We used to go round the churchyard together and she read the inscriptions on the tombstones to me until I knew the names of everyone buried there and began to be able to read the letters and dates myself. This started my interest in the inhabitants of the past and their descendants. We were only some three hundred people in those days.

In the village itself, there were also places that fascinated me. After the war a number of decrepit old cottages and a large old farmhouse, Old House Farm, were gradually falling down. Down at the Bottom End I particularly remember an old timber-framed cottage. One could see inside it

because it was so far gone.



Bottom (Lower) End in 1970

Opposite the Spout, where we used to fetch spring water for drinking, was the Reading Room, where a large-scale map from the Baginton Estate Sale of 1918 hung on one wall, showing all the field names. This I visited often, and eventually bought a large-scale Ordnance Survey map of the village, onto which I copied the field names.

The churchyard, the ruined timber-framed buildings, and the field map, were all important in nourishing my interest in the history of the village. When I was sixteen, I did some work experience at the County Record Office in Warwick. There I started looking at the parish archives. I have been exploring them ever since in various places.

In 1979 I wrote a short history, Bubbenhall Church and its People, and since then I have contributed to the history pages on the village website. However, I have much more to tell. I promised to write a book on the history of the village, but found it

hard to make the time. Then came Covid in 2020, and this was my opportunity. The time scale of my manuscript is from the mid-sixteenth century to c. 1970, when modern facilities made the village what it is now.

Initially I look at the parish landscape, its manorial ownership, and the influence of the church. I then try to give as rounded a picture as possible of the community of the past, through their farms— both the early ones and the outliers resulting from enclosure of the open fields; through the cottages belonging to Pisford's Charity in Coventry; through the mill, the pubs, law and order, and early schooling before 1864. There are also chapters on twentieth century Bubbenhall; dialect, place names and field names; quarries and uses of sandstone; trees and timber; and customs and traditions. I hope to publish in 2025.

Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2nd Monday, when we enjoy a pleasant afternoon. We would welcome new members, so please come along and join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

Contact details:

Margaret Colbert 01788 878961

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

Julie's Summer Recipe

'99' Ice Cream Cupcakes

For the cupcakes:

150g light muscovado sugar	150g unsalted butter, softened
2 large eggs, lightly beaten	100g self-raising flour, sifted
40g cocoa powder, sifted	1.25 tsp. vanilla extract
12 ice cream cup cones	

For the icing and decoration:

100g white chocolate, chopped softened	150g unsalted butter, softened
150g icing sugar, sifted	75ml double cream
2tsp vanilla extract	3 x 20g Cadbury Flakes



The recipe makes 12 cupcakes, but ingredients can be halved successfully to make 6.

Recipe from Good Housekeeping

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C (160C fan) mark 4. Put all cup cake ingredients (except cones) into a large bowl, pour in 50ml just-boiled water and beat with a handheld electric whisk for 1 min, until smooth and combined. Divide evenly among the ice cream cones and arrange in a large roasting tin, spacing apart.
2. Bake for 25-30 min, or until skewer inserted into the centre of the cakes comes out clean. Leave to cool completely in the tin.
3. When the cakes have cooled make the icing. Melt the white chocolate in a small heatproof bowl, microwave or over a small pan of boiling water. Remove from heat and set aside to cool for 5 min, until just room temperature but still melted.
4. In a large bowl beat the butter, icing sugar, double cream and vanilla, until combined. Add the cooled chocolate and beat for 1 min, until pale and silky.
5. Scrape into a piping bag fitted with a large star nozzle. Pipe swirls on to the cooled cakes to resemble '99' ice cream.
6. Halve the flakes to make two short pieces, then cut the halves lengthwise to make 12 long thin strips. Push a flake into the icing on each cupcake and serve.

To store: the cupcakes are best eaten on the day but can be stored in an airtight container on the fridge for up to 2 days.

This was the winner of the cup cake class at the Bake-off and Village Show

London Marathon 2025

Hi all! I am going to be running the London Marathon 2025 in support of Mencap. Mencap support people with learning disabilities, who face inequalities in life as a result. Mencap helps by supporting people to find jobs, access activities in their local community and receive good healthcare. They provide much needed expert advice and information to people and families who need it, while campaigning for changes to bring people with learning disabilities greater equality. Find out more at: [Learning Disability - Down syndrome - Williams syndrome | Mencap](#)

I am looking to raise £2,500 which will form part of a team fundraising target for Mencap – who, in return, are providing me with support and training guidance to get me to the big day!

I am planning two events that I hope you will like to take part in to raise money for this worthy charity:

Sunday 4th August – Indian BBQ:

£20 – adults (includes 1 drink), £10 – children (there will be plenty of chips and chicken nuggets for those who like a little less spice). Enjoy a fabulous summer feast cooked on the day, in our garden, by 'The Jiko' grill masters, you can find out more about them @the_jiko on Instagram. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes to be won. **Please contact me for tickets (kavita.cassidy@outlook.com)– which are limited!**

Friday 22nd November – Indian 'pop up restaurant', venue/ticket prices to be confirmed. Enjoy a homecooked Indian meal with friends, as the winter nights draw in, what better than a curry to keep you warm!

If you can't make the dates, but would still like to support, you can find my fundraising page at: <https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kavita-cassidy>

Thanks so much! Kavita

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

What a great academic year we have had. Thank you to all our students and parents.

We have had great exam results and I am really pleased with two of our students who passed their level 3 Teaching Assistant examination .

We have places in September:
Monday 4.15 Disco / street dance school year 2 upwards
Wednesday 2.15pm Pre- school Dance age 2-4

Wednesday Reception school year 1& 2 Ballet

We have some places in our Ballet grade classes please message to find out more.

Have a great summer break.
Miss Sarah x
Sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Margaret Talbot

24 July 1931-27 February 2024

Mum had lived in Bubbenhall for 91 years and it was lovely to see so many villagers and friends at her funeral. Thank you all for your donations to NSPCC; over £500 was donated.

A special thank you to Craig Greenway for all his support and care for organising the funeral and for finding a lovely vicar "Robert" to take the service, and of course to Mark and the staff of the "Malt", Mum's second home for 40+ years, for a good send off.

Thank you all for your kindness and support.

Love from Margaret's family



Bake-Off and Village Show

First of all thank you everyone who entered whether it was a baked item, preserve or beverage, flowers and plants, precious early harvest of fruits and vegetables, photos and drawings of our village, and new for this year the handicrafts . We had 57 entrants and 240 entries including more than 50 handicrafts exhibits, well done for your efforts.

Trophies were awarded as follows:

Most Points in the Kitchen Produce Section: Julie Veasey
 Best Exhibit in the Kitchen Produce Section: Eleanor Chapple
 Best Flower Arrangement: Glenys Barker Davies



Heaviest Potato: Judith Chettle
 Most Points in the Growing Section: Judith Chettle
 Best Garden on a Seed Tray: Peter O'Hare
 Best Junior Section Exhibit: Tamsin O'Hare

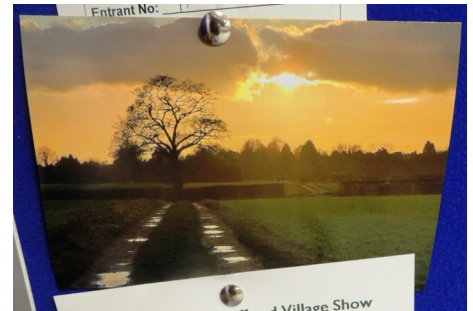


Best Exhibit in the Show : Heather Holmes girls.
 The People's Choice Best Exhibit prize was awarded to Heather Holmes for her handicraft entry.



People's choice was new for this year and everyone at the viewing had a heart sticker to award to the item that was outstanding for them. The magnificent wicker cane heron had caught the attention of the judges too as Best Exhibit in Show. I gather that he's now going to sit by a pond.

For those interested in the male flapjack challenge, our Aidan was the winner and Steve Haynes won the Pakora challenge. Helen and Jon Sanders gave us excellent flavoured vodkas and for the non alcoholic drinks category the judges were delighted with the elderflower cordial made with Bubbenhall elderflowers. The Adult Photography class winner was Sarah Perry and Michelle Clarke won the Drawing class. Diya and Jiya Johal gave us excellent photos in the age 8 years and under class, well done



The Textile Handicraft class was well patronised and very high standard. The winner was Ang Kearns with Julie Veasey 2nd and Caroline Coles 3rd. Well done ladies, it was a very competitive class.



The Non- Textile Handicraft class was won by Heather Holmes for the magnificent heron , Georgina Coles was 2nd and Heather Holmes 3rd in another very competitive class . Well done, we have a lot of talented crafters and the judges were spoilt for choice. Tamsin O'Hare made a fabulous soft toy in the Junior Section and Rainbow girls were well represented.

The Evening auction attendance was blighted by a certain Euros football match going to penalties but we still managed to raise £318 for local causes. Many thanks for the generous bids and the handicraft donations when there was the option of taking those craft items home.

Finally a thank you to everyone who helped us make this happen

Show to Auction, as well as help from other village hall committee members. Also Rose Woodforth stepped in to help Sharon run the evening bar when Covid struck our planned aide. I am also aware that many entrants helped us at changeover preparing the auction lots and the auction goers helped put away chairs and remaining tables, many thanks to all. Our auctioneer Steve Haynes did a magnificent job too, supporting us all the way.

Thanks again for taking part in this community event and we hope to see you all at next year's Show and Auction. Watch out for the schedule with the Spring Newsletter.

Judith Chettle



especially Fiona Pattinson whose show day experience eased us smoothly through the day . We had "physical" help from John Robinson, Michelle Clarke, Mark Waldron and Adrian Chettle for all that table and chair moving in preparing the hall for the Show and the transformation from

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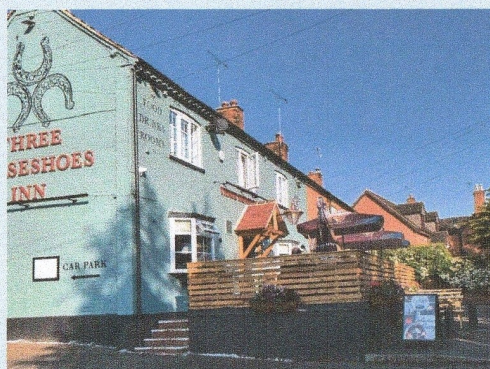
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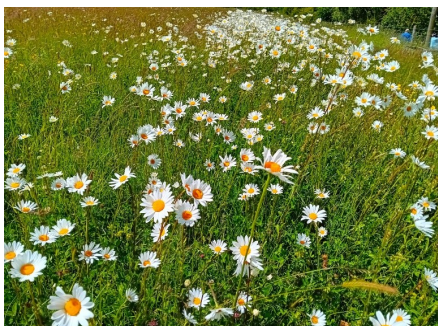
Farmer's Fayre in the Park!

At Easter Farmers Fayre joined us as our new café tenants. After a full refurbishment this exciting addition to the park has delighted visitors with their range of delicious food, drinks and artisan ice creams. Open 8am-4pm daily, why not pop in for refreshment on your next visit? They can be found online at www.farmersfayre.co.uk/ryton-pools/

Events Aplenty!

There was plenty for people to see on the Connecting With Nature Wildflower Walk on Thursday 27 June, where attendees enjoyed seeing upwards of 1000 Pyramidal Orchid spikes on the Paget's Pool bank. This was one of a series of wildlife themed events on offer in the park, specifically designed to give visitors the chance to get closer to nature. This, and many more, exciting events for all ages can be found on our Eventbrite page. Just search for Ryton Pools Country Park to see what is on offer!

An Abundance of Flowers



Mid-June saw one of the greatest displays of wildflowers we can remember in the park. The hay meadow was a delightful palette of colours, with Oxeye Daisy and both knapweed species beginning to assert themselves in the sward.

Around the Visitor Centre and café the stately blue spikes of vipers bugloss were seemingly everywhere. It is rare indeed to add a new orchid species to the site list, so there was particular excitement when twelve Southern Marsh Orchid flowers were discovered in a damp area of the railway meadow.

Volunteers and Work Experience

As ever our volunteers have been very active across the site, providing invaluable help in keeping the site presentable and the habitats well managed. They have re-stained our picnic benches, spruced up the courtyard area and cleared encroaching vegetation beside the paths to name but a few of the tasks recently undertaken.

Throughout much of June and July we have hosted a number of work experience and university placements, providing students with a flavour of the different aspects of working in country parks. We recognise the importance of this experience and are please to do all we can to encourage the next generation of environmental professionals.

Country Parks Newsletter

If you enjoyed reading this article and would like to know more about the goings on in country parks across Warwickshire then please subscribe to our Country Parks digital newsletter: <https://countryparks.warwickshire.gov.uk/news>

With the summer holidays upon us, we hope that the weather finally begins to reflect the season

and to see some of you enjoying the park in the sun very soon!

Craig Earl

The 100 Club

Congratulations to the prize winners in the past three months who were.

May

- 1st Sarah McElhatton
- 2nd Ian Stobart
- 3rd Sharon Spencer
- 4th Sam Kalyan

June

- 1st Sarah Perry
- 2nd Brian Holmes
- 3rd Bernard McArthy
- 4th Alan Prudhoe

July

- 1st Steve Haynes
- 2nd Rose Cragg
- 3rd Julie Veasey
- 4th Jim & Michelle Scott

Thanks to all our members for your continued support.

Alan Roe

Chair

Bubbenhall 100 Club Committee

St Giles' Church

buttercups, and the alders lining the river bank - and gave thanks for the riches of the earth, as well as praying for their future.

Rector: Vacant

Reader: Rosemary King
01788 573067

Church Warden: Craig
Greenway 7630 3918

Easter Foodbank

Our Easter foodbank collection for the Trussell trust was again incredibly well supported and makes a huge difference particularly in the current time to those souls who are not as fortunate as ourselves.



Easter at Church

Very many thanks to the kind and generous friends who donated to the Easter Flowers, and to the ladies who gave their time, gifts and generosity in making the church look so beautiful with flowers.



Flowers and Cakes

Special thanks must go to all our flower arrangers and to those who bring cakes to our services for our regular social gathering at every service. (We have cakes at Mattins as well)

We welcome everyone to our services, but if attending a service feels a little daunting then everyone is welcome for a cake and a chat at 12.00 when our service ends.



Craig Greenway reports

PCC

After Evensong on Sunday, April 14, we held our PCC meeting and all four members were re-elected -

Craig Greenway as churchwarden
Sandra Hoffman as assistant churchwarden

David Hollway as treasurer

Frances Scott as secretary

Rogationtide 2024 at St Giles.

Rogationtide is when we give thanks for the natural world and the people who work on the land and produce our food. We ask God's blessing on this year's crops and on our village and those who live and work here. Traditionally at Bubbenhall, we have gone out into the churchyard and prayed for the crops and the village community, and this year was no exception, as Vicky Airey, who lived here at Church House for the early part of her life, reports. Vicky now lives in Sweden but was here on a visit, and she writes:

This year's Rogation service took the form of early Evensong at 5.30pm. It was a gloriously sunny evening, and we began the service by going outside through the west end of the church. We stood still for a few moments, looking at the field beyond the church with its wealth of

Children at St Leonards Ryton

Children of all ages from Bubbenhall will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. Our Sunday School takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service in church is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children.

In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.

Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.

Rosemary King

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Rainbows

We have enjoyed yet another busy term at Rainbows. The girls have worked really hard to achieve their next badges and awards and to say we are proud of them is an understatement.

We have undertaken lots of crafts activities along the way which have included: cards for Father's Day; pictures using salt and food colouring; making boats and finding out which containers make the best boats and which shape of sail works well. They also completed their 1st Aid badges by learning how to clean a wound and apply a plaster correctly and how to wash their hands properly. It surprised them all after washing their hands and then putting them under a fluorescent light to see just how dirty their hands still were. For the Village show the girls all made hama bead pictures

for the handicraft category, which were greatly admired by people who came to the show.

The week before we break up we



are planning to join Bubbenhall Brownies and Guides for fun and activities at Ryton pools I've heard a whisper there may be ice creams on offer. And at our final meeting of the summer term we are holding a party to celebrate all the girls' achievements which

include 5 Gold, 7 Silver and 3 Bronze awards. As I mentioned at the beginning we are super proud of them all. We will also be saying goodbye to 2 of our Rainbows who will be moving to California this summer.

Come September our numbers will be very low as 7 of our older Rainbows move up to brownies. If you know of any girls aged 4 – 7 years who would like to join us please don't hesitate to contact Margaret Robinson on 02476305931 or alternatively go to www.girlguiding.org and click on Join us

Hope you all have a great Summer

Margaret, Michelle, Sophie, Elsie and Izzi

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Guides

In the summer term, we try to get outside as much as possible and focus on our Have Adventures Theme. We had an outdoor day at our county campsite, Hardiman Fields in Shipston on Stour. This is a wonderful resource, and we managed to book one of the hot weekends. Girls explored the campsite and cooked their lunch on a campfire. We left behind painted stones to add to the collection to celebrate the campsite's 40th birthday, this year. In some of our weekly meetings we:

- made bottle biospheres from plastic bottles and planted seeds in them (and some actually grew)
- created stretchers, using a variety of materials and then had relay races carrying buckets of water
- played human hungry

hippos (on skateboards gathering up balls)

- practised teamwork and co-ordination on 5-man skis
- had a campfire singing session, led by one of our trefoil guild members
- practised tent pitching

One patrol proposed a development plan for Bubbenhall.

Two of our guides have been selected to represent Warwickshire County on a guiding trip to Denmark in 2025.

To round off the term we joined Warwickshire County in camping in a cardboard box at our campsite in Fillongley.

Keep the date free

Rainbows, brownies and guides will be hosting a Macmillan coffee evening on 1 October, keep a look out for more details.

Support needed

We currently have a thriving guide unit but looking to the future we need more adult support. I will be stepping down as leader next summer and would love to work with new volunteers over the coming year. Volunteering can be as flexible as you like. There are wonderful opportunities to develop leadership skills, go camping, lead international trips but just as important is someone who could come for the end of the meeting and help clear up or support admin. Why not come and give it a try? If you are interested and would like to know more, get in touch with me (wearing my commissioner hat)

Stephanie

(stephanie-guides@cantro.uk or bubbenhallguides@gmail.com)

Larry Lloyd 1948-2024



Older residents of Bubbenhall will remember Larry Lloyd who has sadly died. Larry – at 6ft 3in a daunting centre half - moved to a house in Waggoners Close in 1974 following his transfer from Liverpool FC - he scored a crucial goal in their UEFA Cup winning final in 1973. He had a chequered career at Coventry City that was plagued by back and other injuries. But he was an enthusiastic resident in the village. He participated always with great energy in village events; helped

several neighbours with roof and fence repairs after dramatic October storms; played in the New Year's Day (drag) football match on the playing fields (see photo); and generally endeared himself to our community as did his wife Sue.

His transfer to Nottingham Forest in 1977 led to a remarkable resurgence in his career. Paired with an equally uncompromising defender in Kenny Burns, he helped the unfashionable Forest, under Brian Clough and Peter Taylor win successive League titles and European Cups in 1979 and 1980! He also won several England caps under Alf Ramsey – the last in 1980!

We fondly remember him.


Alan Roe July 2024

New Playing Field bench in memory of Bob Cragg



The Lavender Farm was filmed for The One Show, professional artist Adebanji Alade painted the lavender field




Warwickshire Lavender Farm

We would just like to keep the village updated on the plans at Warwickshire Lavender Farm on Watery Lane!

Firstly it is to say THANK YOU for all the kindness and support we have received from the Bubbenhall villagers over the last couple of years, we really do appreciate it!

We are delighted that the cafe has regular visitors on our Saturday morning opening 10 - 2pm and it looks like we will be able to give £5000 to each of our charities, which is fantastic! and we look forward to welcoming new visitors.

We are planting a small vineyard beside our Rosemary plants, on the south east slope where the lavender wouldn't thrive, so soon we may have local Bubbenhall wine for you all to enjoy! If anyone is interested in helping with this project please do come and say hi!

FROM JUNE 21st to JULY 28th 2024 THE FIELD will OPEN EACH DAY, WEDNESDAY THROUGH TO FRIDAY 10am - 4.30 pm, so do come and visit! we hope it doesn't cause too much disruption with a few people lost or looking for bus stops! or the increased traffic.

Best wishes Ian, Pippa and the team!

Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL
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By the time this newsletter has been delivered the **Bubbenhall Bake-Off and Village Show** will have been and gone. The Village Hall committee would like to extend a big thank you to everyone involved in organising and running the event, the team that set the hall up on the Friday evening, the judges, hosts and helpers during the day and the attendees and helpers who ran the evening event and auction. This is a real team effort and as usual was a huge success. Thank you once again to our village for supporting the event.

New Website

Earlier this year we were pleased to announce our new website, we hope that you like it as much as we do. The main aim was to update the look and feel but keep the ability to see the availability of the hall for people wishing to book it along with promoting our events. We are delighted with the finished product and the new booking system via the website is working well. If you haven't seen it, check out www.bubbenhallvillagehall.co.uk

Village Hall Roof Repairs

As you may remember we were raising funds to complete some much-needed repairs to the Village Hall roof. We are pleased to say that enough funds were raised to have the work completed and we now have a fully functional roof and no more leaks. Thank you to everyone that kindly donated.

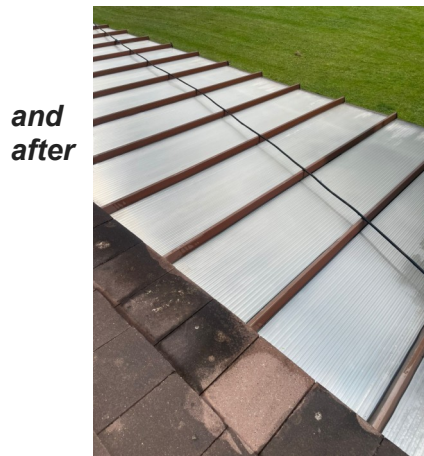
Veranda Roof

We would like to say a big thank you to James at Alpha Power Cleaning for cleaning our veranda roof. A quick phone call and a plea for help and the job was done. Thank you, James, for your quick response and great job as always. I think you will all agree that it looks a thousand times better and the

veranda feels a lot brighter now you can see through the roof.



Before



*and
after*

Dates for the diary

Bubbenhall Breakfast

Our last breakfast back in May was a huge success, making over £300 for our Village Hall funds. A big thank you to Gail and the team for cooking, serving, clearing and helping to make the morning the success it was.

Our next breakfast will be

Saturday 5th October: 9:00am – 11:00am

Serving a delicious full English breakfast. Other options are available so there is something for everyone.

No need to book a table, just come down and enjoy a hearty feast to start your day.

Thank you, James, for your quick response and great job as always. I think you will all agree that it looks a thousand times better and the veranda feels a lot brighter now you can see through the roof.

Village Hall Events

The Village Hall events planning team are in the process of putting together a schedule of fun events for you to enjoy. The first event will be our much-loved **Picnic in the Park**, taking place on **Sunday 8th September**.

This is a great way to meet with your friends and neighbours, to spend the afternoon enjoying some fun games and a picnic (hopefully in the sun).

Come along, bring your friends, children, grandchildren, dogs or come on your own to meet up with our community and meet new people. Everyone is welcome and there may even be some competitive races for you to enjoy!

Film Nights

We are delighted to announce that our film nights will also be continuing with the first film **Elvis** on 24th October (see p4). Please keep a look out for more information on the village website, emails and Facebook pages.

Are you new to the village?

We would like to welcome you all, we hope you are enjoying village life. If you would like to be kept abreast of all things village related e.g. village events, parish notices, community police alerts, lost & found and much more then please email admin@bubbenhall.info and you will be added to the distribution list.

Friends of the Village Green

There has been much behind the scenes activity since our last update in March and much is in progress.

The Green - The first and most evident action has been the appointment of a professional contractor to maintain the care, cutting and maintenance of the Green with regular mowing and strimming. The improvement is evident.

There is also a plan to deal with the Green tree management over time. Correct pruning and the removal of ivy which is covering the trees on Spring Hill are a focus.

The Pond - Assistance is being sought to carry out improvement and some plant clearance to better reveal the day to day pond life of this important feature.

The Spring and Wellhead - It has been seventeen years since we drilled the borehole (see the pictures) to bring back potable - drinkable - spring water free for all. This was to replace the free running historical Spout water, which was deemed not safe anymore. The project was successful and up until this year, potable water was free on tap. We now have a problem pumping the water up the borehole to the tap. We are actively engaging with our experts



Work starts on the green 2006



Well head drilling 2007

B.A.Hull Ltd of Moreton in Marsh to restore this unique Village feature. We may need to seek financial help to fund the solution. More later.

Water running down Pit Hill - Prompted by the Parish Council, work is under way by Warwickshire County Council to investigate the source and drainage pipework to resolve this issue. It's a complex issue but one that needs effective resolution.

So much activity and we would welcome any input from our Village community, from anyone with the knowledge and possibly skills which would help.

Tony Sproul.

Dates for your Diary

September

8th.....Picnic in the Park

10th.....Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall 7.30pm

October

5th.....Breakfast in the Village Hall
9.0-11.0am

8h.....Parish Council Meeting

24th....Film night

November

12th.....Parish Council Meeting

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month.....	see page 7
Rainbows	Tue 5.00-6.00pm.....	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies.....	Tue, 6.00-7.15pm.....	Morgan Wilkinson 07522 997436
Guides.....	Tue 7.15pm.....	bubbenhallguides@gmail.com
Sarah Cooke Dance School.....	contact Sarah	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library.....	Every 4 weeks, 9.40-9.55am	Riverside, Stoneleigh RoadMobile Enquiry Line
	from 3rd April 10.10-10.30am.....	Lower End.....01926 851031...

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