



Bubbenhall Newsletter

June 2001

Editorial

After four years of the present newsletter, we have changed the style and layout. The committee has considered several ways to take the newsletter forward; including the use of internet access where this is available. We should like to extend the type and content of articles and to feature more and varied news reports of interest to villagers.

To help us, we need more people who can provide the articles or who may have some skills in word processing or the creation of web sites. If you have any items of interest, and would be prepared to assist in the production and distribution of future editions on a regular basis, please contact any member of the newsletter committee.

We want to keep the newsletter topical and useful for all readers and we need your assistance to do so.

Parish Council

Emptying of Rubbish Bin at the Village Hall

At the Parish Assembly Meeting on 15th May it was noted that the rubbish left beside the bin at the Village Hall was not being removed and appeared not to be rubbish from the hall. The Village Hall Committee will investigate why rubbish is not being removed.

The Parish Council is concerned if people are leaving rubbish at the Village Hall which has no connection with the Hall or events taking place in the area.

Parking on Grass Verges

At the Parish Assembly Meeting on 15th May it was commented that parking on grass verges was occurring in a number of places including Home Close.

The Parish Council wishes to draw the attention of the owners of these vehicles to the damage being caused and the untidy appearance created. It is hoped that the people concerned will be able to find alternative places to park. It is understood that there are garages available to rent from the District Council.

Mick Jeffs
Clerk to the Parish Council
01926 337195

St Giles

Easter is past and Summer (we hope) is about to start, so it might be a bit late for spring cleaning, but nevertheless we have spring-cleaned our services.

We have a new pattern of services at St Giles – you may have seen notices around the village or read about it in the church newsletter. We have a new time for our main morning service; it now starts at 11am instead of 10.30am. If you are wondering why, there are three reasons.

The first reason is that I haven't been able to be at certain services in Bubbenhall because there has been a service at Ryton at the same time, so I haven't even met some members of the

congregation, let alone had the chance to worship with them or even preach to them (some of them may of course be quite pleased about the last point).

There is another advantage to the new time; I can be at both churches for big occasions like Easter and Christmas when I would really like to be there, instead of having to get a visiting priest.

The second reason is that we can now offer a wider range of services. We've introduced two new services every month; a Family Service on the first Sunday in the month at 11am, and a modern language Communion on the third Sunday at 8am. We hope to have something for everybody. By the time you read this, we will have had at least one of each of these new services. As I am writing this, I can say that our first Family Service went very well indeed; our excellent bell ringers turned out, and a medium sized and enthusiastic congregation sang some modern(ish) hymns as well as one or two old favourites.

The third reason is that (with the exception of the fifth Sunday in the month – when there is one) if you come to church at 11am on any Sunday you will find a service about to start. We are all creatures of habit, and this we hope will make the church-going habit easier to catch than it used to be.

One further point – if you missed the wonderful Easter flowers in church, then I can tell you that there are rumours of a Flower Festival some time in late summer; watch this space and other spaces.



God bless you
David Wintle
Priest-in-Charge

News from the Tower



Wedding - Saturday 28th April

Although not the first wedding at St Giles to have bells it was the first wedding to have Bells rung by a band comprising entirely of Bubbenhall ringers! The band were: Kayleigh Sheen, Chris Dunn, Jan Stobart, Lesley Goodhead, Margaret Robinson, Susan Sheen and Peter Sheen. With Kayleigh on lead we rang (for those in the know!) called changes including "Queens" and "Whittingtons".

Congratulations and best wishes go to Annie & Guy from all the bellringers at St Giles.

Included in the group photograph is Bruce Caldwell our long suffering but brilliant teacher and friend who came along on the day to hear us ringing and give support.

Real Wrecks !

At last, the BBC's programme, "Real Wrecks", about the restoration of St Giles' Church Bells is due to be screened on Thursday 21st June at 11.30am Tune in to see how our bells were cast and also how the new childrens' area was designed and made for the back of the church. This certainly promises to be interesting viewing!

The photographs show the bells being returned from John Taylors Bellfounders last August before their final journey up into the tower.

Bubbenhall is on the Net!

See Guild Newsletter on: mike@mikechester.demon.co.uk

Rugby Deanery District

The next meeting is on Saturday 9th June at Hillmorton. See Bellringers notice board in the church for further details.

Practice times:

Thursday 7.30 - 9.00 &
Saturday 10.30 - 12.00

Susan Sheen telephone 7630 6339

Photographs from the top

Lowering bell number 5 is a tricky business as it weighs approximately 5cwt. More bell frame being manoeuvred ready for installation. This shows the frame and wheels with the treble and tenor in place. New bell cast with metal from the broken Mear's bell removed from the tower earlier in the year.



Neighbourhood Nwatch

Since our last report we have had two 'sneak in' thefts reported, both through insecure rear doors and while persons were at home. Property including credit cards etc were stolen. We can only once again 'stress' the importance of keeping outer doors locked at all times whether in the house or garden. We would also remind residents to keep all garden sheds and gardens locked as previously these have been targeted and property stolen.

An especially mean theft has been committed against two elderly men when a young man, between 20 and 30 years of age, was admitted by them when he falsely stated he was checking on census papers. He was in possession of a clipboard with papers on it. Once inside the conversation changed and he then said that he was also checking on counterfeit notes that were circulating in the area and did they have any. £300 was produced that of course he declared were infact counterfeit and did they have any more. A further £400 was produced that were also declared the same and taken possession of with a promise that a receipt would be issued (but of course wasn't) and he made off in a blue motor car. No further details were obtained. We cannot 'stress' too much the advice we have given many times before. **Don't let anyone in to your home if you cannot establish their identity.**

R B Gardner Chairman
02476 303546

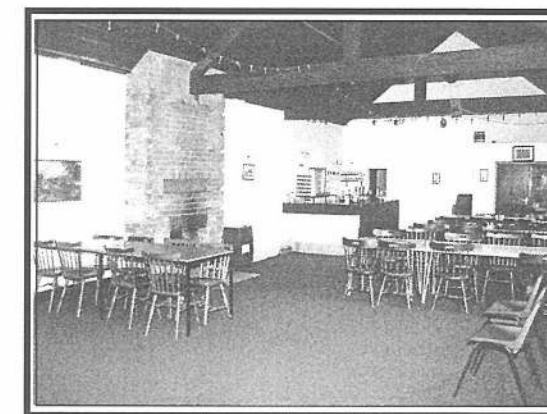
Village Hall AGM

All Bubbenhall residents over 18 years of age are invited to the AGM of the Bubbenhall Village Hall Committee.

The meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday June 14th 2001 at 8.00pm. There will be a report from the Chairman and Treasurer and election of a new committee for the coming year.

Caroline Coles 024 76 305287

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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 5:30 - 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	Monday & Wednesday (see advert)	Village Hall

Traffic Survey

Survey of Traffic Speeds in Bubbenhall, 27/09/00 to 09/10/00

A Summary of the results of the survey in Spring Hill is as follows

5% of vehicles travelling at less than 25 mph	% of vehicles travelling at 25-30 mph	% of vehicles travelling at 30-35 mph	% of vehicles travelling at 35 mph +
39%	33%	25%	3%

- Mean speed of 26 mph
- 85th percentile speed of 34 mph
- Total of 1685 vehicles

The Parish Council does not consider that this shows a significant problem to justify traffic calming measures.

Mick Jeffs, Clerk to the Parish Council

Bubbenhall Parking and Traffic Calming Survey, November 2000

These are the results of the traffic survey.

- Q1 Are you concerned about parking in Lower End?
- Q2 Would you wish to lose the verge in front of Avon Terrace?
- Q3 Would you be happy to see double yellow lines on one side of the road outside the post office?
- Q4 Would you be happy to see traffic calming measures between Coopers Walk and Moat Close?

	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Lower End	6	2	4	4	5	4	7	3
Avon Terrace	2	1	0	3	3	0	3	0
Moat Close	11	0	7	2	8	2	5	4
TOTALS	19	3	11	8	16	6	15	7
Percentages	79	13	46	38	67	25	63	29

Warwickshire County Council were informed of the results and in response said that the area was not priority because there had been no injury accidents.

Chiltern Railways

Tel: 0207 333 3017

May sees the introduction of our new Summer timetable. We are also pleased to add that our fares will remain the same at this time. Chiltern Railways will see 6 new stations added to our line of route. The new direct service between Stourbridge Junction and London Marylebone will provide 3 morning business trains and 1 morning off-peak train on Mondays to Fridays. These services will also call at Cradley Heath, Rowley Regis, Smethwick Gallon Bridge, The Hawthorns and Jewellery Quarter, providing new direct travel opportunities between all these stations and London. There will also be minor changes to some of our commuter services to improve punctuality and help match available capacity to demand where we can.

In order to ensure we continue to improve and adapt our timetable in accordance with our passengers needs we are looking at new schemes for Warwick Parkway, Bicester North and Solihull.

Bubbenhall Your Village

Just a few brief comments as to how things are going with our project to produce a book of photographs and memories of Bubbenhall.

A few days ago we gave what Bob and myself thought would be a short presentation to the Friendly Club, it lasted about one and a half hours. Photographs from years gone by to almost the present day were there. Scenes of village life seen through the eyes of people long since gone to the present day, cherished memories of loved ones standing in front of long demolished buildings.

The discussions that took place, "who is this", "where is this", "do you remember" and "well its what's her name you know didn't she live in, you know up the yard". It generated so many memories amongst people. This is the whole point of the exercise

Some of your memories may well not be as long as others but can still give so much, and during the course of the next six months we are looking forward to meeting as many groups and individuals as possible who can help us with photographs, stories and past memories. The friendly club supplied a lot of valuable information and gave us an excellent start. We are currently scanning the photographs that they kindly lent us, which will open up our photographic archives research. Our intention is to borrow the photographs for a short period only in order that we may scan them into a computer. Also, we shall borrow photographs from one person at a time in order to ensure that there can be no possibility of mixing them up with those of another person.

Currently Alan Gibson is investigating possible sources of funding to enable us to produce a book of Bubbenhall over the last hundred years or so.

We shall be approaching all the groups within the village (all age groups) for input but if you would like to be involved in any aspect of the project you will be most welcome. We shall need people with various skills so

if you would like to help please talk to Pete Wilkins, Alan Gibson or Bob Cragg.

Sandra Barnsley, Pete Sheen, Alan Swinscoe and Alan Prudhoe have already offered to help in specialist areas and we are grateful for their support.

We look forward to hearing from you with any ideas you may have.

CWAAG Coventry and Warwickshire Airport Action Group

Parcelforce
Nothing to report.

Airport

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

Air movements for the quarter are up by six percent overall but transport movements are up by thirty percent with a consequent and similar increase in freight carried. The reported night flight schedule remains consistent although Emerald Airways has just announced a new flight between Coventry and Eindhoven.

Figures covering the last ten years aircraft movements show a twenty five percent reduction overall but a threefold increase in heavy transport.

Complaints are slightly up on the previous period last year, including quite a lot from Baginton residents due to ground noise.

Apart from the foregoing there are no new developments that are known about.

Lost and found !

Gold ring and purse..

please contact Gill Green at
the post office

Plant Sale

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our plant sale on May 20th.

The weather was kind to us so people could enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of tea in the garden.

We made £800.00 which was divided between Myton Hospice and Walsgrave Chemotherapy Unit.

Very many thanks
Mary & John Long

Dates for your diary

June

- 14th Village Hall AGM
Village Hall 8.00pm
- 20th Womens' Institute
Antiques Road Show 7.30pm
Weston-under-Wetherly Village Hall
- 21st BBC TV "Real Wrecks"
The New Bells of St Giles 11.30am
- 23rd BEG
BBQ and Disco Village Hall
- 25th Friendly Club
Canal Boat Trip
- 26th Guides
Fund raising, Top House
- 26th Parish Council AGM
- 30th St Giles Church
Concert 7.30pm

July

- 7th Summer Fair
Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm
- 9th Friendly Club
Strawberry tea at Bubbenhall House,
Paget's Lane
- 23rd Friendly Club
Flower Arranging, Village Hall

September

- 13th Garter Group AGM

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Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group

As I sat down to write this article and to welcome our latest new members I thought it was about time to remind you that you don't need to wait until your baby is a toddler before you come along and join in. Sometimes a coffee and a friendly chat with other new (or experienced) mums can be fun and helpful, especially if you find yourself sat at home with nothing to do but look after your new baby (!). A mother and toddler group is a great way to meet new friends who may be in exactly the same position as you.

At the moment we are working towards organising our annual summer party. Fingers crossed for sunshine as we are hoping to hold it in July on the playing field with the highlight being a bouncy castle and a picnic. We will also arrange a mums night out this term because we feel we need a break too!! However, don't be fooled in to thinking that it's all fun and games. We are planning to run a stall at the summer fete to help raise some funds for the group. So if you are not helping, please come along and spend lots and lots of money with us - it's all for a good cause!

Our last meeting this term will be on Thursday 19th July and we will meet again on Thursday 6th September. If you feel brave enough to join us, we meet every Thursday (term time only) from 9.30am until 11.30am at the village hall. **For further information please contact Lori on 7630 5355.**

Bubbenhall Guides

The Patrols have been busy working for the new 'Go-For-Its'. Congratulations to the members of the Parrot Patrol - Rachel, Adele, Alice and Kayleigh on gaining the Healthy Eating 'Go-For-It' and the Dolphin Patrol - Sarah Bettles, Sarah Burrows and Natalie Paul on achieving the 'Go-For-It' parties.

Activity is now high on our agenda and 'Go-For-It' Fitness seems to be the flavour of the month.

We were all looking forward to our 'Horse' theme camp in May that had to be cancelled due to foot and mouth disease. It is now back on for the August Bank Holiday weekend August 24th pm - Monday 27th am 2001 - Great News!

Our big drive now is to buy a new flag for the Unit - our own 1st Bubbenhall Unit Colours'. We are fund raising for this on the evening of June 26th at 'Top House' Bubbenhall by kind permission of Miss Grimes - Coffee Evening - Stalls - Games etc. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We are now holding a short but lively Family Service at St Giles on the 1st Sunday of every month at 11am. It would be great to see Guides and other members of the family at this. Now and again we could make it a parade and include the Brownies and the Rainbows and show off our new colours. How about giving it a go, you will be pleasantly surprised.

Guides is for girls aged 10-14, meets on a Tuesday 7.15 - 9pm in the village hall. We are always welcome new members or those who would just like to find out more about us.

Lesley Goodhead
02476 306964
Sandra Barnsley-Guider
02476 303876

Calling All Footballers

Under 12's (year 7 at school) for season 2001/2002

Do you want to play for a team in the Warwickshire league?

Stretton Athletic AFC based at Knightlow School in Stretton-on-Dunsmore are holding trials in readiness for next season on:

Thursday 14th June 6pm - 7.30pm
Sunday 24th June 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 28th June 6pm - 7.30pm

If you are interested ask your parents to telephone for more information
John Harman 01788833262 or Roger Taylor 024 7630 1656



Bubbenhall Football Club

At this stage of the season we have now completed all of our matches, although other teams are still continuing due to the heavy backlog caused by the adverse weather conditions during the winter months. It very much looks like we will finish in 3rd place in the league and therefore miss out on promotion. Non-promotion is not a certainty however and we await news from the League committee during the summer months as to how the divisions are to be set up during the 2001/2002 season.

Overall we have had an excellent season and battled well until the end, with the Coventry Pink nicknaming us Bubblin' Bubbenhall due to our wonderful 7-0 win on the last day of our season. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us throughout the season and to the marvellous supporters who have cheered us throughout. At significant points throughout the season, the level of play, commitment and coaching has been outstanding.

There is a friendly game to come. Our annual Richard Elliot Cup match, whereby the existing Bubbenhall team will play a team comprised of "Old Boys". This annual match in honour and memory of the son of George and Dorothy Elliot will be held on Sunday July 1st with kick-off at 10.30am at Bubbenhall fields. It tends to be magnificent fun for all, both at the park and in the Malt Shovel Public House for the remainder of the day.

Thank you one and all and roll on next season.

Brian Wells Chairman

Bubbenhall Summer Fair

Saturday 7th July
2 - 4.30pm Bubbenhall village hall and field.

Annual junior football tournament. Various stalls and raffles organised by local groups and charities.

During the evening we are holding a family BBQ and Disco. This is to help raise money towards new play equipment and benches for the field. For details or to book a stall please contact Margaret Robinson 76 305931

Bubbenhall Garter Group

Treasure Hunt

Unfortunately only four cars have registered for the Annual treasure hunt on Sunday, 24th the event has therefore been cancelled.

July Meeting

We have not been able to organise the Horse Race Evening as previously advised. None of the local Race Courses are holding an evening meet in July - but we will keep hold of this idea for a future meeting. Instead Jill Hepworth & Leah Border will be organising a meal out - Members will receive details of date, venue etc once arranged.

Thursday, 13th September - AGM

This will be an opportunity to reconsider whether there is sufficient interest for Garter Group to continue and if so do decide what type of events members want to organise from October onwards.

we had to cancel a couple of meetings this year, the ice skating in March & the Hanging Basket Demonstration in May. There was insufficient interest from members to make running either of these events worthwhile. If you want Garter Group to continue then come along to the AGM with your ideas and suggestions. This Group will only survive if you support it!

Liz Paul Tel: 024 76302047

Bubbenhall Friendly Club

Unbelievably we are halfway through the year. So far our programme for 2001 has been well attended. In March we had a demonstration of hand massage by Rachel Dobbie. Several members took part and found it a therapeutic and relaxing experience.

Our Easter lunch seemed to hit the spot. There is nothing wrong with the appetites of the Friendly Club members! Thanks to Pat Long for her help with the cooking. After lunch, to aid digestion, there was a bingo session accompanied by hot cross buns.

Following the Easter break we spent one meeting gathering together memories and photographs for the Bubbenhall Memories Book.

Our most recent gathering took the form of a visit to Russell's Garden Centre to see again the lovely rhododendron garden that Davis Russell has created from a disused quarry. Despite overcast skies the gardens still looked lovely and we ended the afternoon with tea and cakes.

The remainder of our programme up to the end of July is printed at the end of this article. The other date to remember is the Summer Fair to be held on July 7th. We will be running a cake stall and would appreciate any volunteers to help

We welcome new members and invite anyone over sixty to pop in to one of our meetings. Transport can be arranged if required. Contact:
Joan Draper 024 76301309
Chris Dunn 024 76302481
Beryl Lock 024 76306246
Jan Stobart 024 76303093
Monday 11th June

Antiques - a talk by Peter Edwards*
Monday 25th June

Canal Boat Trip
Monday 9th July

Strawberry tea at Bubbenhall House, Paget's Lane

Monday 23rd July

Flower arranging demonstration and birthday celebration*

Meetings marked * will take place in the Village Hall at 2.00pm.

Antiques Road Show

Weston-under-Wetherly Village Hall
Wednesday 20th June 2001 at 7.30pm

David Barby of the Bargain Hunt team on TV who runs the Fine Arts Department of Locke and England will give a talk on "An Auctioneers Life"

He will bring examples with him and has kindly agreed to describe and value some of our own precious trinkets. David is a very entertaining speaker and this promises to be a most interesting evening.

Organised by Weston District Womens' Institute. Tickets £4.00 to include wine and cheese From Christine Kirkwood 01926 632368 or Jayne Doherty 01926 633081

Bubbenhall Entertainments Group

We look forward to a good turnout on Saturday June 23rd for the Barbecue & Disco. We would appreciate early purchase of tickets enabling us to order the meat packs. Tickets are available from Margaret Robinson, Sue Wareham or Judith Chettle. It will be a great night whatever the weather.

At the last event you contributed £118 to the Warwick Hospital A & E appeal via the raffle. Event profits are used for the village hall improvements and equipment. When the hall was enlarged we provided money for a new heater and its installation, together with more tables and chairs allowing 100 of us to sit down for eating and drinking.

There are always new projects requiring money and we hope that all our events will be both enjoyable and profitable.

I look forward to seeing you at the BBQ on June 23rd and Barn Dance on October 13th.

Judith Chettle
02476 305164

Bubbenhall Village Playground & Sports Facilities

At the recent annual safety inspection of the children's playground equipment almost all of it failed to meet the European regulations and as such, now needs to be replaced.

In order to investigate the best way of going about this we have formed a separate committee to look, not only at the replacement, but also at the overall playing fields design and content. In view of the inspector's comments we have decided to go for a complete new playground and have submitted our suggested design for the playing fields, which has been accepted by the Parish Council. A sketch of our proposals appears below.

After consulting the actual people who will be using the equipment, the Toddlers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and the Youth Club the most popular items appear to be a large multiplay, an aerial runway (zip-wire), skateboard ramps, a redesigned BMX track at the far end of the fields and several smaller

swings, slides and springer/roundabouts for the toddlers.

We are obtaining several quotes and are looking to raise the money locally and from grant applications. Please be on the look out for any fundraising activities that may help - perhaps you work for a company that may be interested in helping with some funding or just have an idea that could be used to help add to the funds. All the items we are looking at are horrendously expensive so if anyone has a few thousand pounds (or a few pence) they can spare we'd be very grateful!

This is a major project that will be of benefit to the young people of the village for many years to come - we want to get it right for everyone so if you have any comments on what we are doing, do please get in touch with one of the committee members so that a playground and sports area can be designed that will please the whole

village.

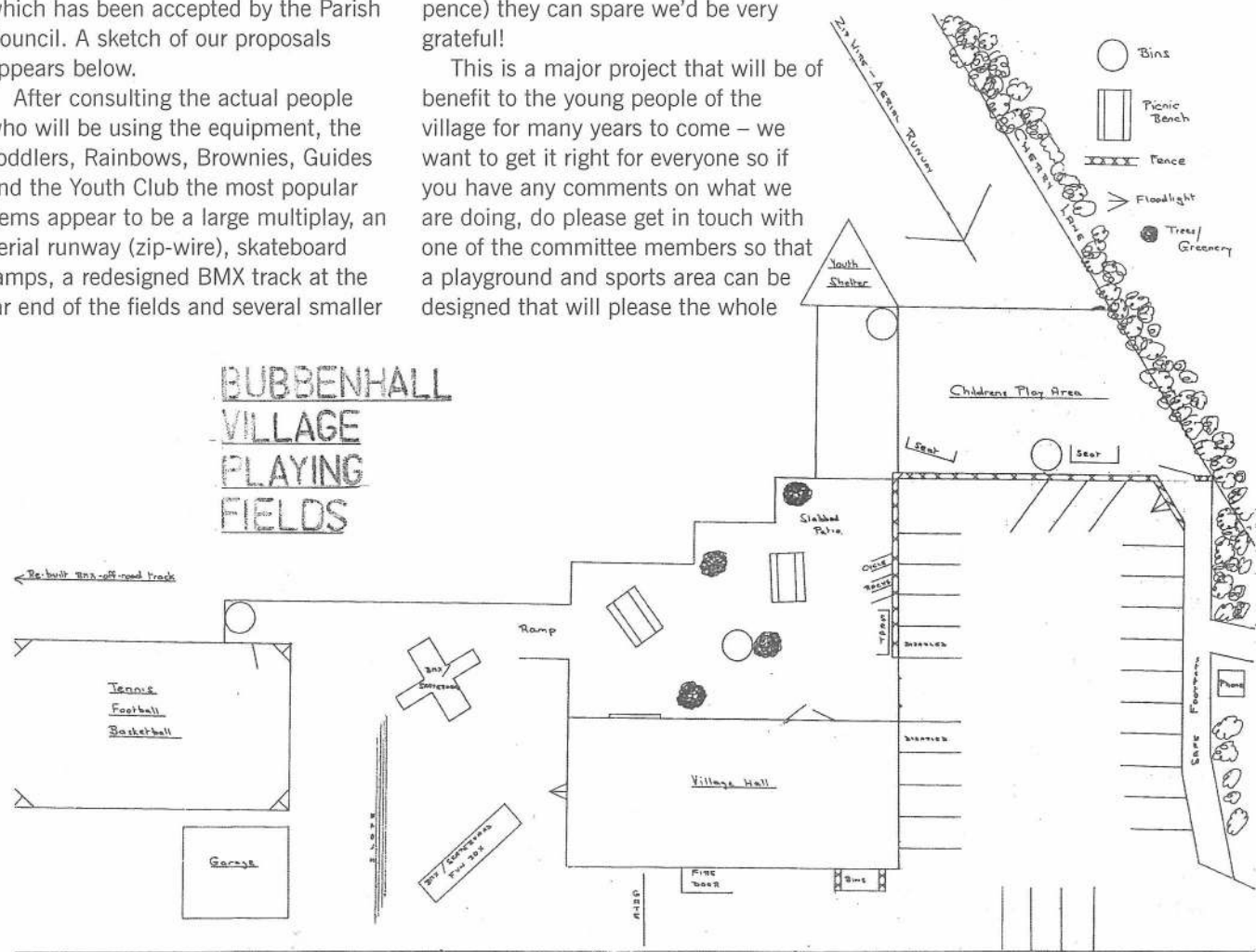
Sometimes, for all ages, its just nice to sit and stare and have a bit of peace and quiet so we would be interested in hearing from anyone with an interest in conservation and improving the environment of the field.

Also, anyone (any age) with a bit more knowledge relating to BMX and skateboarding would be welcome to join us and help develop this area.

Your views and your help are important to us - please get in touch.

Villagers of all ages and with all interests are welcome to join us and help develop this project into one the village will be proud of for many years to come.

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- Dave Rombach 7630 7828**
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Bubbenhall Youth Club

With just one day to spare before our first planned basketball training session the posts were finally installed in the ground - and were actually in use within an hour or so of the installers leaving. We've had 2 sessions with our coach and a third one is booked for the 6th July. The kids are getting a lot of use and enjoyment from the posts, both collectively in a team environment and individually 'Slam Dunking'. This is a great asset for the young people of the village which not only provides a new sports activity but which will encourage more to take part and keep fit.....which brings me to another bit of good news....

Last October the Parish Council were invited by the National Health Service to write a report of 2500 words entitled 'Healthy Lives' detailing any major health initiatives in the village which have produced substantial healthy gains for the local residents. Youth Club were invited to reply to the challenge explaining the increase that we have brought about in sports activity since the inception of the group, together with our vision of where we see it going in the next 12-18 months. The letter was sent last December - and promptly forgotten about!. It was therefore a pleasant surprise to get a call in May from the Chairman of Warwickshire Health Authority to say that they were very impressed with the work we have achieved in the village and they would like to make a donation of equipment in keeping with the title of the project. Sandie & I represented the club at the presentation ceremony in Shire Hall at the end of May and were delighted in achieving one of the top awards enabling us to further develop the sports facilities that we have with the purchase of a Tennis Tutor Ball Serving Machine. Every member with a racket will now be able to take part and it is hoped that this will be in place ready for the 'Bubbenhall at Wimbledon' season!!

I am presently involved in the setting

up of the Bubbenhall Village web site and leading on from this I hope, time permitting, to set up a Youth Club web page, constantly updated with all the activities and opportunities that are available to members. This will hopefully link to other Youth Clubs and Youth pages and enable us to exchange ideas with each other. I would also like to be able to contact members using e-mail for those who are on the internet. A form will be coming your way soon asking for your email address, please get it back to me and I will add you to my group.

We are now in June and planning our activities through till September. A separate letter will be going out to all members just as soon as it is completed. I can tell you that the next 4 months will include more basketball, a car maintenance course, swimming at Newbold Comyn, a full week of activities from 13th - 18th August with Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, a day trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and at least one B-B-Q, depending on the weather! We do however have a problem which parents can help us out with - we don't have sufficient adult supervision on a Friday night. Last Friday we had 55 members and we were fortunate that Pat, Sandie and myself were there - that is not always the case and 2 is just not sufficient to cope safely with the range of indoor and outdoor activities we cater for, as well as the running of the Tuck Shop, setting up and clearing away afterwards (as well as totally unexpected emergencies!). Parents - we need your help, not every week, but if each member had one parent help out for a week you would only be called on once a year. Do you have knowledge of something you can impart to the kids; a skill that you could teach either the older or younger members; are you keen on craftwork, cooking, walking, conservation, DIY, football, badminton; could you run the tuckshop for a night or simply be around. Please have a word with any of the leaders if you are able and willing to help us out for a night or so. Thank You.

Tennis Tutoring Machine

The Youth Club have a Tennis

Tutoring Machine available for hire to Bubbenhall residents at only £10 for a 2-hour session.

This is to cover the cost of charging, wear/tear and ball replacement.

The machine can vary ball delivery from 18-60 m.p.h. and the ball interval from 2-12 seconds. Hopper capacity is between 96 & 150 balls.

If you would like to hire this you need to first book the Tennis Courts for your preferred time, and secondly book the machine (in advance) with Sandie or Dave on 7630-7828. Then just turn up to play!

- Sandie & Dave Rombach 7630 7828**
- Pat Long 7630 4653**
- Frank Moon 0771 236 2305**
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Bubbenhall Rainbows

The end of last term activities focussed mainly on traditional celebrations. We made Welsh cakes for St David's day, photo frames for Mothering Sunday and fluffy chicks for Easter. We also found time to raise £30 for the Red Nose day appeal.

Since Easter the traditional theme is continuing while we take up the 'Midland Guides Art Challenge - Keeping up Traditions'. During the term we will be having a go at craft activities using traditional methods and trying to play some of the more traditional games - if we can remember how! If anyone can remember how to play marbles or jacks we would like to hear from you. If we can complete the challenge, the Rainbows will receive a badge. We will let you know.

On Saturday 7th July we will be running our usual game at the Bubbenhall Summer Fair. We hope to see you there.

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

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