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 28th JUNE, 2003

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 19 Orchard Way
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BUBBENHALL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held
 8.00pm on June 30th 2003
 at
 Bubbenhall Village Hall

This meeting is open to all villagers over the age of 18 years. Please come and bring your ideas for using and improving the hall.

Parish Council

Police
 There has been little contact from the police with the Parish Council or Neighbourhood Watch. We have written to the Chief Constable asking for an explanation and for a community beat officer to be appointed soon. Fortunately there has been little crime but we must all remain alert for anything suspicious. Do not hesitate to dial 999 if you see something suspicious.

Moat Close
 We hope to have missing trees replaced by the County Council as soon as possible

Airport
 The Parish Council has objected to the proposals for a new passenger terminal on the grounds that the application is incomplete and that there would be increased noise and pollution in the area..
 The national air travel consultation has been re-launched. The Council submitted substantially the same observations and objections as on the previous occasion.
 Nigel Pritchard attended a meeting of the Airport Liaison Committee. Some time was spent discussing complaints about the airport, mainly involving noise. A new air ambulance service will be operating from the airport.

Finances
 The accounts have not yet been audited but it is expected that the year will begin with roughly the same balance as last year, about £2,300.

Apart from regular expenditure the main purchase was a contribution for the new children's play equipment.

Play Equipment
 Unfortunately the chains and seats on the big swing have been condemned. They will be replaced as soon as possible.

Spout
 The Council continues to be concerned about the poor flow of the Spout. There has been another meeting and further information is being obtained from Warwickshire County Council and the Environment Agency.

Spout Garden
 Various planting has been carried out. Puddling of the pond will take place shortly. A warning sign for the pond is on order.

Elections
 Councillors Jenny Kendray and Sue Wareham decided not to stand for re-election. There were six nominations for the seven seats and an election was not required. The new councillors are Ruth Green and Nigel Pritchard. Existing councillors Jackie Lloyd, Joanne Shattock, Peter Wilkins and Gill Green are continuing as members.

Website
 This has now been launched. The address is www.bubbenhall.info. We are grateful to Vicky Airey for the historical information. If you have any ideas for improvement of the site please let the Clerk know about it.
Mick Jeffs – Clerk 01926 337195, Michael.w.jeffs@eggconnect.net

Airport
 Letter dated 29th April 2002 from James Plaskitt MP to The Rt. Hon. Alistair Darling MP Secretary of State for

Transport, Local Government and the Regions Department of Transport.

Dear Alistair,
 Coventry Airport, adjacent to my constituency, has lodged a planning application with Warwick District Council seeking to build a new passenger terminal, with a view to establishing low cost budget airline travel from this airport. Such a development would have considerable implications for many of my constituents.

In the light of this application, a couple of questions arise in respect of national policy. Firstly, are we giving any consideration to imposing any moratorium, on small regional airport development, prior to the Government reaching its considered decision in respect of the current national consultation? It would seem to me there is a case for such a moratorium, if it is possible to achieve it. For instance, were the result of the consultation to be a go ahead for Birmingham to build an additional runway and expand its services, Coventry Airport would almost certainly have to close. This point indeed is made in the consultation document. It would therefore seem almost impossible for Warwick District Council to determine this planning application, without knowing whether there is going to be a Birmingham expansion. I am sure this problem could well be arising in respect of other small regional airports, while the national consultation is on going. Hence the query in respect of imposing a moratorium, pending the conclusion of the present consultation. I would be interested to have your views.

Secondly, Coventry Airport currently has a twenty-four hour operation licence. This was granted to the airport during the course of the Second World War,

when it was exclusively used for military purposes. My District Council advises me that they feel they have no power, or ability, to re-determine or reconsider this twenty-four hour operational licence. Yet my understanding also is that the Department of Transport doesn't wish to examine such licences, but instead wishes to see them determined by local planning authorities! There seems to be something very circular about this situation. As a result of which no one seems able to challenge the validity, or justification, for this operational licence now that its original purpose has long since expired.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you could give me some clarification on the Governments powers in respect of operational licences for small regional airports and how those powers relate to any held by local planning authorities.

Many thanks for your assistance with these points.

Regards.

James Plaskitt MP

Summer fun day fancy dress procession Saturday 28th June

The theme for this year's fancy dress and Carnival procession is transport. We are hoping to see lots of decorated bikes, scooters, pushchairs, go-carts or wheelbarrows taking part. The procession will leave Orchard Way at 1.45pm and all entries will be judged by our very own "Dame" Patricia. So why not start planning your entry now, lets see if we can make this years Carnival even better than last year's.

Plant Sale – Myton Hospice

Mary and John Long would like to thank everyone who supported the plant sale on Sunday 18th May.

The weather was kind to us in the afternoon so it was nice to sit in the garden and enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of tea while buying some plants.

Thank you to Margaret Talbot and Margaret Robinson for their help also to Geoff Glover for being in charge of the pay desk.

The sum of £1,030.00 was raised for Myton Hospice.

Mary and John Long
024 7630 2840.

St. Giles Church

Bubbenhall

Easter is over -almost (actually, as far as the Church is concerned, Easter is not just a day, it's a season which lasts for 50 days, so it finishes this year on the 8th of June); the Easter worship at St. Giles' was uplifting and the flowers were wonderful, but now it's time to get back to thinking about practical matters, such as rebuilding the churchyard wall, chasing the moles out of the churchyard and preventing the chancel arch from leaning any further. Included among those practical concerns is the timing and number of our Sunday services.

Exactly two years ago, I wrote a piece for this Village Newsletter which explained the then-new pattern of services and gave the reasons for the change. Well, it's déjà vu all over again, I'm afraid. At the very moment that I was printing the new notices to go up outside the churches, back in May 2001, the telephone rang. It was the Bishop of Coventry, telling me that we would soon be not just two parishes - Ryton and Bubbenhall - but three - Baginton, Bubbenhall and Ryton.

It took about a year for that to happen, and now another year or so later still we have had to change the pattern of services again. As I explained in my piece for the last Village Newsletter back in March, even though I thought back in 2001 that I had solved the problem of being in two places at once, I can't quite manage to be in three places at once, no matter how hard I try. All three villages and churches have been consulted; ideas have flown back and forth, and at last I can unveil the new timetable. I really do hope that we can keep to this new pattern for longer than we have kept to the previous one. The new pattern works like this:

Each month:
1st Sunday 11.00am
 Holy Communion
2nd Sunday 6.30pm
 Evensong
3rd Sunday 11.00am
 Mattins
4th Sunday 8.00am
 Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, Holy Communion is at one of the three churches in the morning, and Evensong is at either Ryton or Bubbenhall.

There will also always be a service on each of the first four Sundays at Ryton at 9.30am and another one at Baginton at 10am, so why not visit one of our sister churches from time to time? They're not at all far away, and they are both very welcoming.

David Wintle Priest-in-Charge

Tower News

Quarter Peals

Three more ringers from the band have successfully completed their first quarter peal at St Giles.

Thursday 13th March 2003, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Dunn 1 (1st Q), Mike Bennett 2, Margaret Pinder 3, Andrew Russell-Laing 4 (C), Clarke Walters 5, Sandie Rombach 6 (1st Q). Dedicated to Robin Dunn who would have been 24 this month.

Thursday 10th April 2003, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl Lock 1 (1st Q), Jayne Pinder 2, Margaret Pinder 3, Andrew Russell-Laing 4 (C), William R Haynes 5, Peter Sheen 6. Rung in memory of John Illingworth.

Thursday 8th May 2003, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anita Burrows 1 (1st Q), Mike Bennett 2, Sally Idle 3, Andrew Russell-Laing 4 (C), Margaret Pinder 5, Peter Sheen 6. Dedicated to the Bubbenhall bellringers and our bellringing friends.

Congratulations to Christine Dunn, Sandie Rombach, Beryl Lock and Anita Burrows.

Deanery Events

On Saturday 10th May Bubbenhall hosted a Guild Ringing Course at St

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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
 6.00pm Disco Class
 6.30pm Grade 4 Ballet Class
 7.05pm Tap Class Grade 2 & 4
 8.00pm Adult Tap

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Giles. Run by Rugby Deanery and concentrating on Bob Doubles and Stedman, approximately 30 people attended from our district; a mixture of would be learners and willing helpers. This was a hands on practical course and everyone was given the opportunity to practice a new method.

Following an excellent lunch at the Malt Shovel, (thank you Richard, Alex & staff) ringing resumed at St John the Baptist Church at Brinklow.

Queens Coronation - 50 years - June 1953 - 2003. The bells of St Giles rang out to celebrate the anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II for half an hour at 7pm on Monday 2nd June.

Practice times:

Thursday 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Saturday 10.30am - 12.00

Visitors welcome, but please do phone in first instance to check if practice taking place in order to avoid disappointment.

Susan Sheen, tel 024 7630 6339

Within the past few days a small tractor left near the 'spout garden' was attacked and all its windows smashed. Thought to be by youngsters. All these crimes were committed over a period of time and could be committed by someone with a good knowledge of the area who roams about at night.

Elderly people continue to be duped by people calling at their homes posing as gas, electricity and water board officials even Policemen and others, gain access and steal money and property, our continued advice - Don't let them in until identity is established.

As the warmer weather approaches remember to keep lower windows and doors locked at all times. If away on holiday ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your property.

R. B. Gardner Chairman
024 7630 3546

BUBBENHALL FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SHOW 6th September, 2003

By popular demand the Bubbenhall Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Show is to be revived. Residents of Bubbenhall will remember the hard work Mary and John Long put into organising this event making it a success. Mary retired a few years ago and is now acting as advisor to a small committee that has been formed to re-instate the show. Planning is taking place to finalise the show schedule and this will be available shortly. As previously, we are planning to hold a car boot sale in the afternoon and in the evening, an auction of all the produce entered into the show will take place in the Malt Shovel garden.

This is a fun event, and is open to everyone. We are planning classes for everyone. Even if your garden doesn't have room for vegetables try growing some in grow bags or plant pots, keep the green fly off the roses and you could have the winning specimen. For the would be Ainsley Harriott's or Gary Rhodes there will be a men's cookery

class and for the Delia Smith's in the village of course there is the ladies section and special classes for the children.

Please support the show, look out for further details on village notice boards and in the post office.

Official opening of the play equipment and the Alan Gibson Memorial Plaque



Alan Roe and Councillor Cleaver with village children



Councillor Cleaver cuts the ribbon to officially open the play area



Unveiling of the Alan Gibson memorial plaque in the village hall

Neighbourhood Watch

We now have a new community beat officer - P.C. 526 Mike Everall, who if needed can be contacted at Kenilworth Police Station - Tel: 01926 45000 Ext. 4420.

Over the past few weeks and since the publication of the last newsletter several crimes have been committed in the village as follows: -

A car was broken into in Coopers Walk and a lap top computer stolen, an attempt was made on another car, which proved unsuccessful, and nothing was stolen. A garden shed was broken into and a chain saw and hedge trimmer, only recently bought was stolen. After purchase the owner put out the empty cartons with his dustbin and some sharp eyed individual may have spotted this and put two and two together. There was also an attempt to steal a Cosworth motorcar from Stoneleigh Road but the thieves were spotted and made off.

Dates for your diary

June

21st - Theatre trip - Miss Saigon
Coach departs village hall
12.30pm
27th - 150 Club draw
Malt Shovel
28th - Village Fete and Fun Day
Procession - Orchard Way 1.45pm
30th - Village hall committee AGM
Village hall 8.00pm

July

3rd - Friendly Club
London Eye trip
18th - Youth Club last meeting
Village hall
25th - 150 Club draw
Three Horse Shoes

September

5th - Youth Club
Village hall
6th Fruit, Veg & Flower Show
Village hall
8th - Friendly Club social afternoon
Village hall
9th - Guides 30 year celebration
Village hall 7.30pm

October

11th - BEG Warwick Castle
Highwayman's Supper
24th - Theatre trip
Cats at Birmingham

November

7th - Theatre trip
Disney on Ice NIA Birmingham

December

6th - Christmas Fair
Village hall
6th - BEG
dancing to Louise Mayer Duo
village hall

Theatre Trips

Miss Saigon - Birmingham

All the tickets for the matinee performance on Saturday 21st June have now been sold, coach leaves from the village hall at 12.30pm

Cats - Birmingham

Tickets have now been booked for the theatre show 'Cats' in Birmingham. These are for the evening performance on Friday 24th October and cost £34.00 each. The seats booked are for the two front rows in the circle. If you would like to join us on the trip please let Gill or Margaret know as soon as possible as demand for these tickets is high. Full payment for the tickets is now due.

Disney on Ice - Birmingham

100 Years of Disney Magic Moments. This year's trip to Disney on Ice will be on Friday 7th November for the evening performance. Tickets are £10.50 per head. If you are interested and would like to reserve your tickets please let either Gill or Margaret know as soon as possible.
Gill Prudhoe 024 7630 7747
Margaret Robinson 024 7630 5931

150 CLUB COME ON JOIN THE CLUB DICK SMITH WINS AGAIN!!!

In the April draw Dick Smith won 1st prize having already won 3rd prize in February. You can only win 2nd prize now Dick. Maybe this is divine intervention in heavenly gratitude for your regular volunteer job as Churchyard Lawnmower! Well done Dick.

As well as paying out 3 generous monthly prizes, the money raised helps to provide much needed funds to support the running and upkeep of Your Village Hall.

Prizes are as follows:

January
£50, £25 & £12.50
February to November
£25, £12.50 & £10

December

£50, £25 & £12.50
YOU COULD WIN OVER £70 FOR AN INVESTMENT OF ONLY £7!!

If you are not already a paid up member and would like to join the 150 Club please contact one of our AGENTS:

John Long (024 7630 2840)
Bob Cragg (024 7630 1827) or
Mike Wareham (024 7630 6894).

The cost is only £1 a month, which we collect up front so if you join in JUNE you will only pay £7 and you could still win up to £72.50. If we can increase the members we can increase the prizes!! Is a 200 Club possible?

The Prize Draw takes place at one of the Village Pubs on the last Friday of each month. Planned dates, subject to change are:

June 27th The Malt Shovel
July 25th The Three Horse Shoes
The Winning Numbers so far:

January 1st
Richard Wormell 7
2nd Brian Eady 64
3rd Brenda Salt 123

February 1st
Gill Green 144
2nd Mick Shaw 4
3rd Dick Smith 72

March 1st
Jan Stobart 53
2nd Mark Holt 39
3rd Ted O'Neil 18

April 1st
Dick Smith 72
2nd Chris Morgan 14
3rd Eileen Braidwood 108
Support the Club and your Village Pubs come and join us on Draw Night about 9 pm.

Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

We were entertained by The Hinches back in March - a very pleasant evening.

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BUBBENHALL FRIENDLY CLUB

Castle on 11th October. I anticipate a good night's entertainment that we should all enjoy.

The next BEG event in the village hall is on the evening of the Christmas Fair - Saturday December 6th. Father Christmas will visit us in the afternoon and The Louise Mayer Duo will be entertaining us in the evening (it is their second visit to entertain us). It's a chance to wear your 'posh frocks' and have a good evening with your friends dancing to some excellent music all in our village hall.

In 2004 we are teaming up with Pat Pritchard to have our own Medieval Banquet in the village hall (provisionally booked for Saturday 6th March) - an experience not to be missed!

We hope to see as many of you as possible at these events - the more the merrier. Watch out for posters on the village notice boards.

Contact 024 7630 5164

or

024 7630 5931 for more information

BEG Committee Members

Heather Holmes, Judith Cheatle,
Margaret Robinson, Marilyn Cox,
Rose Cragg, Sue Wareham
and Christine Tait.

Firstly we are delighted to welcome two new members and hope they will enjoy joining in with our activities.

Having finished the Spring session with a wonderful Easter lunch, we started the Summer session off with a social event where we enjoyed a chat, catching up with news, and then played a game of 'prize' bingo. Some of us were very good at minding lots of cards at once - must have been the thought of winning the huge amount of 10p a line!

On May 12th we went to The Plough at Eathorpe for a pub lunch, an 'activity' which is always popular (anything involving eating and drinking!) Further events are to include a 'Bring and Buy', a strawberry cream tea at Bubbenhall House which Velma has kindly offered to host again and a talk on allotments by Nichola Draper.

The highlight of the year is a trip to The London Eye on Thursday July 3rd. We have been planning this for a while so hopefully it will prove to be a very enjoyable day out.

We will be running a cake stall on June 28th at The village Fete and Fun Day and would welcome any contributions of cakes or home produce!

Our last session before the summer on Monday July 28th will be yet another pub lunch - venue to be announced.

The first meeting after the summer will be a social afternoon in the village hall on Monday September 8th.

We would love to welcome more new members so if you would like to join us or know somebody who would, please contact one of us. Lifts can be arranged if this is a problem.

Chris Dunn 024 7630 2481
Beryl Lock 024 7630 6246
Chris Morgan 024 7630 6131
Jan Stobart 024 7630 3093

Regular Groups

Group

Friendly Club
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group
Rainbows
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Guides
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Cubs
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Bubbenhall Garter Group
Ryton Pools Volunteers
WCC Friday Mobile Library

Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years
Bubbenhall Youth Club
Sarah Cooke Dance School
St. Giles Bellringers Practice

Meets

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Baginton Village Hall
Methodist Church Hall Cubbington
Ryton Church Youth Centre
See notice boards
Visitors Centre
"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road
Lower End
Village Playing Fields
Village Hall
Village Hall
St. Giles Church
St. Giles Church

YOUTH CLUB

Bubbenhall Youth Club is still ticking along nicely, with a regular group of about 20 members each week, which is a nice manageable amount.

We have a variety of activities lined up for the next few weeks, leading up to the school summer holidays. The leaders have decided to take a well-earned break over the summer, therefore there will be no more meetings after 18th July, until 5th September. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break, whatever you're up to!

On a completely different note, Jo Kelland, one of our young leaders, is hoping to go to Ecuador next summer with her school on a 'World Challenge' expedition. This includes helping to refurbish schools for the young children of Ecuador, and teaching in some schools. Jo needs to raise £3,000, which includes a contribution towards the cost of materials etc. required for their challenge. So, anyone whose got any good fundraising ideas (or surplus cash!), please let us know, so we can help her on her way.

Last but not least, many thanks, as always to all the leaders and parent helpers. Youth club could not run without you!

Sandie Rombach 024 7630 7828

Clarendon Lodge Surgery

My memories at Clarendon Lodge – Dr. M. Ashmore

Twenty-five years ago I brought my family back from New Zealand to work at Clarendon Lodge. The new GP contract will confirm trends that have evolved over the last decade and increased the pace of change; so I am sure it is time to move into early retirement. I arrived to join a group of

four male doctors, working from what was still a house with bedrooms. Indeed the Practice Manager had been living "over the shop" and over the next few years, young doctors in training continued to live in the attic, sharing a kitchen and bathroom with the staff. Mrs. Hawkins presided over a treatment room, a converted kitchen, only accommodating 2 + people. The reception team squeezed into an even smaller space, together with 10,000 files and a manually operated switchboard. At the time we were know to decorate our own rooms, with family help. Echoes from 'Dr. Finlay's casebook' were all around, although we were an innovative practice even then.

Of all the changes over the last 25 years the arrival of computers, co-ops and female partners vie for top significance. Possibilities from IT data handling give scope for most change. While I and Joan Gregson introduced a computerised repeat prescription system in the late 1980's, unsurprisingly, this did not prosper in our hands. Dr. Campbell, first a registrar and finally the executive partner, imported a fully-fledged computer system and changed GP life at Clarendon Lodge irrevocably in the mid 90's. Dr. Green arrived in 1979 to fill the need of family planning expertise and "women's things". She now examines potential GP's to ensure their expertise matches college standards, and there are more female than male partners. Weekends on call were an enormous burden through the 1980's and 1990's. The Co-Operative 'Nightcall' system I helped establish in 1995 transformed this, making on call manageable again and reducing the accumulated exhaustion felt by many of the GP's in the 1990's. It also allowed us to move to Stratford in 1998 so my youngest children could go to the local Grammar school.

I have many happy memories of visiting patients in their own home. While it was 'unprofessional' to change an old lady's light bulb, in order to examine her, at the time in 1979 it seemed perfectly reasonable, but more remarkable now. Home

visits – especially at weekends – kept people in my mind and enabled me to see some of the remarkable variety of lifestyles across Leamington and the surrounding area. Home deliveries, half a dozen a year when I arrived, have now vanished from GP life – scientifically sensible, but personally sad for the families and their medical attendants. The Midwives provided a more expert specialist service, but the sense of continuity and families involvement is weaker, unquantifiable, but definitely a loss. Modern team management is better for doctors, staff and patients at one level. But at another level the traditional GP is being asked to change once again, with a new contract that will bring more significant changes when it is finally agreed. I have enjoyed my efforts as partner and builder, but feel it is time to hand over to younger doctors, with enthusiasm for more change. I feel very sad to be leaving people who have been part of my life for 25 years and I am grateful for the chance to taper off my involvement over several years, and know that patients have been able to find other doctors to solve their problems. Dr. Adrian Parsons worked here for a year in 1993, I am certain he will fit in well and build on the improvements of the past 25 years.

Our new partner, Dr. Adrian Parsons, arrives on July 1st 2002

Adrian was our GP registrar in 1993-1994 and has spent the last 8 years working at Priory Medical Centre in Warwick. Unlike footballers who regularly change clubs, GPs tend to stay in the same partnership, so we feel very fortunate that Adrian has made the decision to transfer practices.

He is married to Gillian, a musician and they have 3 children, Thomas, James and Anna. This makes him the 3rd partner in the practice to have a James and Anna.

P.S. There was no transfer fee involved!

BUBBENHALL RAINBOWS

Spring is always a busy time at Rainbows and this year has been no exception. We have made mobiles, decorated biscuits, made cards and presents for Mothers Day and planted Sunflower seeds ready for the fruit and vegetable show. We have also found time to raise £50 for Comic Relief and on the 22nd May we held a mini Marathon to raise money for Children with Leukemia.

Twelve Rainbows along with brothers, sisters and their friends successfully completed the challenge by carrying out 26 activities 26 times. These included skips, hops, star jumps, standing on one leg for 26 seconds and eating 26 sweets. We are hoping to have raised lots of money for this worthy course and would like to thank everyone who either took part or sponsored a child, for their generous support.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie Group for girls ages 5 – 7 years for more information please contact **Margaret Robinson on 024 7630 5931**

Bubbenhall Guides

Bubbenhall Guides would like to invite former Guides to a celebration of 30 years in Guiding for Sandra Barnsley. The event will also mark Sandra's retirement from Guides (*although she is continuing in Guiding in a different role*).

Sandra has been with Bubbenhall Guides (formerly Ryton Guides) for all 30 years, initially as an Assistant to Mrs Sykes and then as the Guider in charge. We felt we couldn't let her go without a 'bit of a do' so would like to invite anyone who has known Sandra as a Guider to the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm. If you know the whereabouts of ex Guides who may not see this item please let Lesley Goodhead know so details can be sent.

Old photographs would also provide a talking point and will be treated with care and returned immediately. An indication of numbers would be appreciated, light refreshments will be provided.

Lesley Goodhead, 33 Home Close, 024 7630 6964

1st Bubbenhall Guides

We have had an extremely busy spring term with 6 guides achieving their First Aid Badge. Many thanks to Georgie for her excellent and patient instructions and to Margaret Robinson for coming along to test us.

We enjoyed a good trip to Tamworth Snowdome – I even managed to toboggan without falling off – I am relieved to say that the photographs were fuzzy!

May Day Camp at Shipston was great fun – the guides designed and built a very exciting sedan chair and managed to complete the race with the chair still in tact. Well done everyone and a special thanks to Rachel for all her help and support to the guides and the guiders – where would we be without Young Leaders!

This term we are looking forward to being out and about and enjoying the great outdoors.

Guides is for girls aged 10 – 14 years and we meet on a Tuesday in the village hall from 7.15 – 9.00p.m.

Why not give it a try!

Lesley Goodhead 024 7630 6964
Sandra Barnsley Guider 01926 411335

Sarah Cook School of Dance

Congratulations to the following children who took their exams on April 6th.

Ballet Exam

R. Wallace, R. Hepworth, C. Jones, E. M. Coulshaw, S. Mousa, A. Wigley, Z. Jamnik, G. Coles, E. Ledger.

Tap Exam

E. Fitzpatrick, R. Wallace, R. Hepworth, G. Bramston, H. Neal, S. Deely, E. Beaty.

Disco

R. Bartlett, A. Wright, H. Deely, C. Jackson, R. Wallace, C. Wallace, S. Jennings, S. Ditchfield, J. Slark, E. Clews, R. Tuckey, S. Vickeridge, J. Lynch, C. Ludlow, K. Tipper, J. Hennah, S. McGovern, S. Clarke, Sam Clarke, E. Beaty.

We are very busy with our dancing displays especially the disco class on a Wednesday. We are performing at Provost Williams School, Baginton Fete and everybody is involved in the Bubbenhall village fete and fun day on Saturday 28th June and so we are busy rehearsing!!

I went to watch Sam Clarke in Birmingham where she performed in Let's Sing The Musicals. It was a great show and I was very proud of her. 'Fred Elliott' from Coronation Street was in it along with Ronnie Corbett and Claire Moore from the West End.

Don't forget there is a new class starting for all you mums and dads!!

Adult Disco

Monday at the village hall from 8.00 – 8.45 pm during term time only.

I shall keep you all informed as to how we are getting on with that class, it should be a good laugh but very energetic.

Sarah Cooke 024 7651 1387

