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# BUBBENHALL 'SCHOOL' ANNEXE CLOSURE THREAT.

On January 29th 1999, the parents of children at Provost Williams Primary School received a consultation document outlining an action plan to resolve the issues raised by a recent OFSTED inspection. The document was developed by the Governors of the school and outlines two options to address OFSTED's main Key Issue for Action:

Option 1; Retaining Bubbenhall Annexe Option 2;

Closing Bubbenhall Annexe

The main Key Issue for Action raised by OFSTED is: Make more effective use of the financial resources and accommodation available to the school by rationalising them against its long-term strategic needs.

The OFSTED inspection was conducted by the Centre for British Teachers, CfBT, on 23rd March 1998 in the abysmal weather just before the Easter floods. The report, issued in May 1998, highlighted a number of issues throughout the school, most of which were justified.

However, other points raised shocked the parents. The report implied that there were major deficiencies in the standard of education for the under fives in both the Bubbenhall annexe and the main site. It also implied that the annexe was a major financial drain on school resources.

The report then went on to

imply that the annexe was lacking in certain essential facilities, the main points being the lack of a suitable library at the school and inappropriate facilities for art and model making. In the three day period, the inspectors failed to notice the temporary classroom which has a fully stocked Key Stage 1 library and art/model making facilities.

The Bubbenhall parents immediately highlighted these inaccuracies by writing about their concerns to the inspectorate, CfBT. The initial responses were promising, stating that they would investigate these concerns. The final statement being:

"It is important that staff, governors and parents accept the judgements in the report and recognise their school from them."

However, no further response was received by any parent until a number of prompting letters were sent before and after Christmas. It then emerged that all the responses were supposedly sent the previous August.

When the responses from CfBT eventually arrived, they further angered the parents by stating: The Headteacher thanked the inspection team for the considerate way in which the inspection had been conducted, and the accuracy of the report.

The letter then went on to say

that CfBT had not received any adverse comments about the inspection or the inspection report from either the Headteacher or the Governing body.

The response went on to say: The Registered Inspector states that the Headteacher, the Chair of Governors and the Chair of Finance all recognise the fact that there are insufficient funds in the budget to support two sites and are very concerned about the long-term viability of these two sites. The Registered Inspector commented that the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors welcomed these judgements and commented that this provided them with an opportunity to resolve the issue and to rationalise the school.

Finally they stated: The [OFSTED] report does not mention 'closure' at any stage.

Immediately after the issue of the Governors consultation document last month, the Bubbenhall Annexe Action Group, BAAG, was formed with Nigel Tuckey as co-ordinator. Members of the group consisted of past, current and future parents. An action plan was drawn up to enable all parents to pull in the same direction.

It immediately became apparent that, unlike the last school closure campaign, parents were not dealing with the faceless body of the Warwickshire LEA. Instead, they were dealing with a school Governing body, which

most parents knew in person. This ruled out a high publicity campaign and criticism of the school or Governors.

During the meeting, the OFSTED report and the Consultation Paper were examined in detail and a number of key points were highlighted, the main ones being:

- There is no financial benefit to the school by closing the annexe. If anything, the school will be worse off.
- There is no educational advantage in closing the annexe.
- One of the long term objectives of the school is to have single age classes and it states that if the annexe closed this may allow the school to achieve this. However, if the annexe were to close, the resultant drop in numbers will force the school into having two mixed-age KS1 classes of 30 pupils each, with the loss of one teacher.
- With the loss of infant education in the village, children from the age of 4 will be forced to travel to school by bus.

It soon became clear to BAAG that if the annexe were to close, the only main benefits to the school would be organisational and administrative.

The Governors, as part of the consultation process, had continued page 1 column 1

arranged three private sessions plus an open evening for parents of both communities to express their views. Most parents from Bubbenhall attended one of the private sessions and proceeded to voice their various concerns to the Governors. As there were only two Governors represented at each of the private sessions, a number of parents also sent a follow-up letter to all the Governors reiterating the points raised at the session.

Following the private sessions, an open evening for the Bubbenhall community was held by BAAG in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th February. Nigel Tuckey gave a presentation highlighting the situation and requesting help from the community. The numbers attending and the level of support offered by the community overwhelmed all the members of BAAG. An open forum was held after the presentation and the audience made a number of excellent suggestions.

The Governors' open meeting for all parents and members of both communities was held on Wednesday 24th February within the School hall at Ryton. Approximately 150 members of both communities attended the meeting. The vast majority of attendees were from Bubbenhall and they were anxious for the Governors to answer their many questions.

It was a surprise to everyone therefore, to find the meeting being chaired, not by the Chairman of Governors, but by Colin James, the schools officer from the Warwickshire LEA. Why was the LEA being involved so closely with a Governors decision?

As the meeting started, it was clear that Colin James was determined to keep the meeting in order and to a strict timetable. This he did extremely well. He also answered the majority of questions being raised by the communities.

But the main purpose of the meeting for the parents was to communicate with the Governors and this did not happen. The governors were in 'listening' mode and would not be drawn by any of the questions. Everyone who attended the meeting came away feeling empty.

### What happens next?

The Governors consultation period finishes on the 12th March (Comic Relief Day!). The Governors will then review all the information gathered throughout the consultation period and will vote on which option to follow. An announcement is expected by the end of March.

Rest assured that the members of BAAG are not just sitting back waiting for the final decision. Further options are being looked into and their viability investigated.

#### Many Thanks

The Bubbenhall Annexe Action Group would like to thank all the members of the community for their support during this campaign and especially those who have attended the meetings. Many of you have had children at the school in the past and it is has been very gratifying to hear your positive comments during the campaign.

We would especially like to thank the Bubbenhall Garter Group who kindly postponed their February meeting for the BAAG open meeting. We would also like to thank the Rainbows who helped set the hall up ready for the meeting.

### For more information, contact:

Nigel Tuckey Bubbenhall Annexe Action Group Co-ordinator, 17 Home Close. Tel: home 301799 mobile 07971 378226 E-Mail: baag@x-stream.co.uk BAAG Web site: Latest information and copies of campaign documents http://www.fortunecitv.com/xstream/hackers/3

# **PARISH** COUNCIL

At long last the 'Spout' project is now complete, greatly improving the village green area. Unfortunately, it was too late to plant daffodil bulbs after the work was completed, but it is planned to plant them later this

As reported in a previous Parish Council item, a new Parish Council notice board is to be purchased and erected by the electricity sub station in Lower End. Midlands Electricity are to come and clear the area, cutting back the hedge and all overgrowing plants and remove the broken down fence, they will then erect our new notice board at the front of the sub-station.

Once again Warwick District Council ran 3 days of activities for the children during February half term. Plans are also being made for the Easter holiday break - watch the village notice board for further details. As numbers are limited it is advisable to pre book places on these schemes. Details appear on the application forms. The

forms and further details can be obtained from the Post Office, Village Hall or by phoning direct to Manoj or Suzy on 01926 317856.

As you may be aware the Provost Williams C of E Primary School has recently been inspected by Ofsted. A copy of the consultation document in response to this report is available for reading in the Post Office or on the village notice board.

The dates for the forthcoming Parish Council meetings are displayed on the Parish Council notice board.

All residents are welcome at these meetings to express their views. The Parish Council can only act on information and views they receive. You have an opportunity to have input into affairs that effect all village residents - please use it.

> Rosemary Cragg Clerk to the Parish Council Cov. 301827

### ST. GILES CHURCH

#### **Christmas Services**

These were enjoyed by many parishioners. The children's Christingle Service was very special, as was the now traditional 'Carols by Candlelight' Service held on St Stephen's Day.

### Gift Envelopes.

Thank you to all who contributed to church funds by responding to the gift envelopes distributed in December.

Funds raised will provide a valuable contribution to the housekeeping of the Church.

#### The new extension.

Planning permission has been granted and it is hoped to start work on the project in the spring.

Times of services and current news may be found in the monthly church newsletter.

> Jackie Lloyd, Cov. 302836



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Saturday 6th - March 1999 Bubbenhall Village Hall

#### **CASINO NIGHT**

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Why not make a note in your diary of our next events:

Saturday 12th June Summer Dance to a live group

Saturday 13th November By popular demand BAVARIAN **NIGHT** 

Get your babysitters organised and come along to join in the fun - Everyone welcome - the more the merrier.

Sue Wareham Cov. 306894

### **DATESTO REMEMBER**

Thank you to everyone who gave food, blankets etc for the On Sunday May 23rd starting dog rescue. We loaded up the at 2pm there will be a fund car a few days before Christmas raising day at 1 Avon Terrace. and took it to the kennels and There will be a plant sale, a they were very pleased to raffle, some food and a drink for anyone who would like to join us. All money raised will be given to charity. The Boxing Day walk was very

THE MALT SHOVEL

**SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB** 

Saturday September 4th is flower show day. More news about this later.

Best wishes to all for 1999 Mary Long 302840

### **BUBBENHALL JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

The junior football sessions on Saturday morning continue to go from strength to strength. The first week after Christmas we had seventeen children. despite the fact that the pitch was frozen solid, and we had to retreat to an indoor hall at the Connexion. The skills are also developing, and with Luton's current run of form don't be surprised to see some of the children turning out in Nationwide League Division 2 before too long.

We were recently donated some training bibs by Smiths Concrete, and these are helping the children to identify their team-mates, although getting them to pass to them is another question. The sessions take place every Saturday morning, (weather permitting), on the village playing fields between 9:30 and 11:00 am. If there are any other children that would like to join us please contact any of us on the numbers below.

Tonino Ciuffini Cov. 306840

Andrew Paul Cov 302047

Gavin Slark Cov. 305355



well supported considering the

terrible weather. We had a very

good response for the raffle and

auction held in the Malt Shovel

after the walk and £600 was

raised for Myton Hospice.

Thank you all.

Bubbenhall Junior Football Group



The Under 8 group

# **SNIPPETS OF VILLAGE HISTORY**

Before we continue into the 1800's it is interesting to record that the Population Act of 1800 showed that we had 261 persons living in the village.

Now onwards to other dates that are of interest:

1846 At this date anyone with 5 years residence in a parish could not be sent away if they were ill or out of work. the same for anyone after 12 months from a bereavement.

Up to 1854 The Church controlled all marriages.

Up to 1858 The Church controlled all probate of wills.

1860 to 1862 Now 3 years of residence qualified for non removal. Expenses were transferred from the parish to the Union of parishes and with the Union Valuation Assessment Act the parish became the agent for the Union and the Union became the Public Health Authority in 1867.

1867 A law was passed that ensured there could be a penalty if you were not vaccinated.

1874 An extract from 'Whites Warwickshire' is replicated below:

#### BUBBENHALLPARISH

Bubbenhall is a parish and small retired village, five miles S.S.E. from Coventry and four from Brandon, and near to the river Avon, in the Southorn Division of the county, Warwick County Court District and Union, Rural Deanery of Baginton, Archdeaconry of Coventry and Diocese of

preparation of the last report and this one, several crimes have been committed. A Land Rover was stolen from the drive of a Worcester. It was, in the reign house in Coopers Walk and a of Edward I, held by John large mower from the local Fitzwith, and afterwards came landscapers premises. The by marriage to John Beauchamp, telephone box in the village was the first baron created in broken into and the cash England, by patent of Richard stolen. In the early hours of New II, who subsequently became Years Day a shot gun, thought involved in the troubles of that to be about 16 bore, was monarch. Being attained of discharged at a garage door in treason, he was hanged, drawn Moat Close for no apparent and quartered. The parish reason - no one was injured. contains 1,178a. 2r.7p. of land,

and in 1871 had 301 inhabitants.

Gross estimated rental, "2,126

18s. 16d.: the rateable value,

£1,875 15s. The principal

landowners are William Bomley

Davenport, Esq., M.P., William

Howlett Grimes, Esq., and the

Rev Arthur A. Fanshaw, M.A..

The former is lord of the manor.

There are also several small

owners. The Church, dedicated

to St. Giles, is an edifice, in the

early English style of

architecture, and consists of

nave, chancel and tower,

containing three bells. It was

thoroughly restored and

reseated about seven years

ago. The Register dates from

the 17th century. The living is a

rectory, value £219, in the

patronage of the Bishop of

Worcester, and incumbency of

the Rev. Arthur Adolphus

Fanshaw, M.A., of New College.

Oxford. The Rectory is a large

neat brick residence at the

north west end of the village. A

neat school, with a house for

the master, was erected in 1864,

at a cost of £1,000, raised by

subscription, and is supported

by subscription. William

H. Grimes, Esq., has a large

handsome mansion, pleasantly

situated near the rectory. The

annual feast is held the first

Sunday after the 12th of

More interesting dates

in the next issue.

Anon.

September.

Last week a 'young man' who in

### **BUBBENHALL VILLAGE** HALL

The Village Hall committee has been successful in obtaining £40,000 from ENTRUST to build an extension to the Village Hall. The opinion of regular Hall users has been sought to help establish what improvements or extra facilities are needed and how best to meet those needs in the design of the new extension. In addition, the committee would welcome any constructive comments from villagers who attend functions in the Hall concerning the proposed extension. Should you have any ideas to help us before the plans are drawn up please contact the Secretary as detailed below.

The new equipment for the kitchen has now arrived and been installed. Extra crockery and cutlery has been purchased in sufficient quantity to allow for 100 people attending functions as the Hall is now licensed for that number.

Caroline Coles Secretary to the Village Hall Committee Cov. 305287

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD** WATCH

Between the time of the the past has had a liking for breaking into houses in Bubbenhall, was sent to prison for several years. Residents are again asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious person. incident or motor vehicle to the Police immediately. If your premises are likely to be empty at any time, such as for holidays etc, it is suggested that you make arrangements for a neighbour to keep a friendly eye on same.

### GALA DAY

R B Gardner

Chairman

Tel: Cov 303546

We are planning to hold this years Gala Day on 26th June. If you would like to have a stall or have any ideas on how to make it bigger and better, please contact:

> Margaret Robinson Tel 305931 Lesley Goodhead

Tel 306964

### CHURCH CLOCK MAINTENANCE

Wanted, someone interested in learning how to look after this 18th century clock in the church tower. It was completely restored in 1997 and is electrically operated. At present it is lovingly cared for by Nigel Liney but he would like to feel that somebody else in the village has some knowledge of how it works. He can be contacted on Cov. 301910

### **RYTON POOLS COUNTRY PARK**

Ryton Pools Saturday 20 February 1999.

Good morning, I'm sitting writing this down by the Ryton Pool acting as 'banksman' for a digging machine, which is making sure no children or animals come to grief.

What's he doing? He's

spreading. (very competently by the look of it) one hundred tons of top soil on the ground between the car park and the pool so that I can at last get some grass established, and turn what has been for a long time, in my view, a bit of an eyesore in to a visually attractive vista over the pool.

Once the grass is established we will get some benches and picnic tables on it and the job will be complete.

Hopefully later today we will use the digger to make the access down to the pond dipping platform easier and to make one of them suitable for disabled access.

This week saw the first skylarks taking to the air over the fields; nine singing males were counted

setting up their territories and touting for a partner. Many of the ducks and swans are also starting to get amorous. Those of you that walk your dogs please be particularly careful at this time of letting them run free especially into the water as birds can be frightened off their nests, which may result, in the loss of this year's young.

We are organising, with Peugeot and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust another Environment Family Fun Day (we had the first last year). This year it will be on Saturday 8th May and we would like to invite all you villagers to come along. There will be lots to see and do such as bouncy castles, face painting, kite making, teas, a circus etc. and it will run from mid-morning until 5 p.m..

Finally I look forward to seeing the Garter Group on the 15th May at 7:30 p.m. for a walk around Ryton Wood at what, with a bit of luck, will be the height of the bluebells, it should be lovely so do come along.

> **Bob Thurston** Ranger Tel: 01926 613546

### **DATES FOR** YOUR DIARY

### **MARCH**

6th - Casino Night at the Village Hall

11th - Garter Group at the Village Hall -Talk "Brock The Badger"

12th - Consultation closes on the future of Bubbenhall Annexe

13th - Hunningham Cricket Team Junior Presentation Night

16th - Sock Sale - Baginton Village Hall

### APRIL

15th - Garter Group at the Village Hall - Talk "Aromatherapy"

24th - Rainbows - visit to Legoland

#### MAY

1st - Baginton May Fair

8th - Environmental Fun Day - Ryton Pools Country Park

13th - Garter Group - Bluebell Walk/Stroll at Ryton Pools Country Park

23rd - Fundraising Day - 1 Avon Terrace

#### JUNE

10th - Garter Group - Annual Treasure Hunt

12th - Summer Dance - Village Hall

26th - Gala Day

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# HUNNINGHAM YOUTH CRICKET TEAM



Warwickshire under 12 team Charles Wale, Michael Dodds and Chris Long were representatives from Hunningham Cricket Club

The Queen presented with a posy by nine year old Adele Long during her visit to Jaguar



With the cricket season not far away, our first matches will be in mid April. We have been winter training at Princethorpe College on Sunday evenings. There has been a good response from the youngsters with up to twenty five lads turning up for net practice and coaching. Warwickshire cricket player Michael Powell will support us during March with his coaching expertise and the lads are looking forward to meeting him. Our next big event will be the junior presentation night at Bubbenhall Village Hall on 13th March 1999. It has always been a good evening out and this year besides the annual trophies we will also be awarding caps to those players who have represented Hunningham for ten matches or more

The Youth Team tour to the Isle of Wight is all arranged and we are looking forward to some good cricket. Did you know this is the first time we have taken the lads abroad to play?

Just to remind you we will be entering three teams into leagues this year at Under 11, under 13, and under 15 level. Anyone who is interested in playing is welcome to come along to training sessions on Sunday evening. We are particularly interested in under 15 players as this will be our first season for sometime competing at this level.

Yours in cricket Keith Long 01203 304653

### **Bubbenhall Garter Group**

#### December

Mrs Pinks came along to the village hall and we had a really super evening making choir boys out of sugar craft icing. We were shown step by step how to roll, shape, and cut the various pieces of icing and then how to assemble it into a choir boy. The evening was great fun, and the glass of wine to help us work certainly worked wonders as can be seen by the photograph of our choir below.

### April 15th

Village Hall at 8:00 p.m. -"Aromatherapy" by Deborah Cackett

May 13th

#### January

out to the Woodhouse at Princethorpe for our annual post Christmas meal. Once again the food and wines were enjoyed by all and for one night our diets were put on hold.

### February

This meeting was cancelled to enable Bubbenhall Annexe Action Group (BAAG) to hire the village hall to hold a public meeting re: Bubbenhall "School" Annexe proposed closure threat.

#### March 11th

Reedy is coming along to give us an illustrated talk about the proper care and treatment of badgers entitled "Brock The Badger". There will also be an optional gift stall. Guests (male or female) are welcome to join

A party of 20 members all went

Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. Mr. us for this meeting.

Stroll/walk around Ryton Pools Country Park with the Ranger - come and see the Bluebells - followed by an informal BBO of hot dogs

#### June 10th

Our Annual Treasure Hunt

#### 26th June

We will be running a stall at the Gala Day. More details nearer the date.

#### July

Come and join us at our Annual BBQ in the Village Hall, with dancing to Changes Disco, a really super evening.

### August

no meeting

#### September

AGM

As mentioned the annual subscription is now due - £6.00 for the year. Please pay your committee contact or at the next meeting.

The committee hope you will enjoy this years programme and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible at these events. Non members or guests are always welcome to join us.

Beryl Lock, Cov. 306246 Gill Prudhoe, Cov. 307747 Dawn Eady, Cov. 303957 Lia Border, Cov. 301648 Chris Dunn, Cov. 302481 Caroline Coles, Cov. 305287 Marilyn Cox, Cov. 639045



Hunningham Youth Cricket



After a long enjoyable Christmas break we started the new term with Jessica Stobart making her promise. We also said goodbye to 6 of our older Rainbows when they moved up to Brownies.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term including making presents for Mothering Sunday and Easter. We are also looking forward to a trip to Legoland in April with parents and other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from our district.

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



## Bubbenhall Mother Toddler Group

Jeden Donnerstag von 9.30 - kaffee einen eindruck gewinnen 11.30 trifft sich unsere 'Mutter-kind-Gruppe in der village hall. Die kinder (im vorsculalter) haben viel spass beim spielen und freuen sich auf's basteln, malen, kneten, etc. Naturlich gist es auch etwas fur den kleinen hunger und

Die mutter konnen sich maz ganz entspannt bei einer tasse kaffee unterhalten!

Interessiert? Einfach am Donnerstag in die village hall kommen und bei einer tasse

oder Cornelia Anrufen unter 301673.

If there are any English speaking mothers interested please telephone Lori on

Hact! Ganz Wichtig!!!!!

Am do den 22 Juli Feiern wir unser sommerfest mit lauter uberraschungen en fur die kinder UND am do den 25 marz haebn die mamis ihren freien abend und gehen alle zusammen

### **BROWNIES**

Thinking Day is on our minds this term. February 23rd is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell - founders of Scouting and Guiding and the pack is busy preparing an 'open evening on this theme for parents. We also hope to join in the District Thinking Day Service to be held on February 28th.

We welcomed six new Brownies to the pack this term but still have room for more. Anyone interested can contact either of us for information.

We meet on Tuesday evenings between 6.00 - 7.00pm at the

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

### **GUIDE** COMPANY

Thank you to all those who supported our Carol Singing at Christmas - we raised £92. This term has been dedicated to our pantomime production of 'Sleeping Beauty' at half term. A real team effort -Congratulations to everyone concerned. We are now looking forward to the new camping season and are planning our last canal trip of this century out of

Birmingham on the Stourport Ring this August.

Guides is for girls aged 10 - 14 years. We meet on a Tuesday evening from 7.15pm - 9pm.

> Sandra Barnsley 303876 Lesley Goodhead 306964

### **BAGINGTON PLAYGROUP**



We are having a Sock Sale on Tuesday March 16th during the Parent and Toddler Session beginning at 10am. Everyone Welcome.

We break up for Easter on Wednesday March 31st and start back on Monday April 19th.

Bagington May Fair will be on Saturday May 1st. There will be crowning the May Queen, Fancy Dress Competition, Various Stalls and races for the children.

### RYTON ON DUNSMORE PLAYGROUP

We have a small friendly playgroup at Provost Williams primary school (Ryton site) which is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 9.30am to 11.30am. We are registered for children from two years six months. We provide a wide range of activities including art and craft, music and rhymes, books, playdough, role play, outdoor play and many more creative activities. If you would like to place your child on our waiting list for September 1999 or arrange a visit to our playgroup, please contact:

Michaela Cox 01203 302038 Debbie Biddle 01203 511443.

### REGULAR GROUPS

GROUP	MEETS	VENUE	
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group	Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Village Hall	
Rainbows	Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Village Hall	
Brownies	Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Guides	Tuesday 7:15 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Baginton Play Group	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	Baginton Village Hall	
Cubs	Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre	
Scouts	Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre	
Bubbenhall Garter Group	2nd Thursday of every month	-	
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Every Friday 9:00 a.m.	Visitors Centre	
Young St. Giles Saturday Club	2nd and 4th Saturday of every month 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Church	
Huningham Cricket Club Youth Team Training	Tuesday evenings (after Easter) 6:00 p.m 8:00 p.m.	Hunningham Cricket Ground (behind Red Lion Pub)	
WCC Monday Mobile Library Service	Every fortnight from 1st March 2:00 p.m.	Bottom of Coopers Walk	
WCC Friday Mobile Library Service	Every fortnight from 12th March (Watery Lane) 11: 00 a.m. (Weston Lane) 11: 30 a.m.	Junction of Stoneleigh Road and Watery Lane, and botton of Weston Lane	
Bubbenhall Junior Football, Children 5-11 years	Every Saturday, 9:30 - 11:00	Village Playing Fields	
Ryton-on-Dunsmore Playgroup, for children from 2 ½ years old	Tuesdays Fridays 9:30 - 11:30	Provost Williams School, Ryton Site	

### **COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE AIRPORT ACTION GROUP** (CWAG)

**UPDATE** 

PROPOSED PARCELFORCE DEVELOPMENTAND COVENTRYAIRPORT PARCELFORCE

Very disappointingly, the House of Lords, having built up our hopes by provisionally granting leave to appeal, decided at an oral hearing that there was not a sufficient case to answer and therefore the request for leave to appeal would be denied. Both our Solicitor and Barrister were quite dismayed, they still believe

there is a case to be answered.

Based on the traffic problems already existing in, and around the Toll Bar area and local villages, even prior to the huge increase in traffic that is projected by Parcelforce, all parties involved have been asked to support a voluntary environmental assessment. If, as seems likely, this request is met with a negative response, the matter will be pursued with the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights.

AIRPORT

At the last Consultative Committee meeting, the Airport operator, despite being questioned, was either unwilling or unable to give any indication of what, if any, changes were likely to take place, regarding the level of activities. It continues to be surprising, that as a business that has apparently been a loss maker, there are no concrete plans that can be shared with the representatives of the surrounding Parishes, who will

of course be the effected parties.

As long as the House of Lords situation was unresolved, the DETR were slightly reluctant to actually meet and discuss the night flying. Given the lack of success achieved, we should now be able to start an interesting and on going dialogue, which should eventually result in proper controls being taken over what happens at Coventry Airport.

T. Marson (CWAAG)

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