

# Bubbenhall Village Hall Curry Night

Saturday 14th March  
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## Bubbenhall Newsletter



### Bubbenhall Parish Council

#### Security

Reports were received from the local police of problems with bullying on the school buses. The Parish Council was very concerned

about this matter and a letter was sent to the Head teacher of the school concerned with a copy to the WCC School Transport Department. The Head teacher is looking into the

matter. The local police officer also voiced concern as to the security of the village hall car park and a security gate has now been erected. Funding towards the cost of this security gate was provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Warwick Eastern Area Panel.

Warwickshire police are concerned about the number of thefts of laptops, sat-navs and blackberries from parked vehicles overnight, even if these articles have been left in the glove compartment or locked in the boot.

Apparently there is a way for criminals to know that these things are hidden in a car, even if the articles are switched off and the police ask that this equipment is not left in a car.

#### Liaison Committee

Concern had been expressed regarding the possibility of an incinerator bottom ash processing unit being erected on the Waste Recycling Group site in Bubbenhall.

However WRG objected to Phoenix's application to build such a site and the application was withdrawn. Monitoring continues to take place with regard to gas migration on the waste site.

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### Newsletter Committee

Thank you for all the lovely items that we received for the Secret Santa stall that we ran at the Christmas Fayre. Once again it was a great success and I am sure

that the lucky mums and dads or grandparents who received a 'surprise' gift were very pleased.



Thank you also to everyone who supported the turkey raffle. The lucky winners were Dawn and Paul Bellfield of Downwind House, Ryton Road, Bubbenhall. Thank you also to the Heart of England Farms who kindly donated this prize.

Our next fund raising event will be at the Bubbenhall Village Fete and Fun Day where we will be running our popular Teddy Tombola. Any donations of soft toys would be much appreciated.

Next Newsletter out **July**. We'd be really interested in your comments/suggestions about what should be included in the Newsletter.

#### Newsletter committee

Caroline Coles.....024 7630 5287  
Gill Prudhoe.....024 7630 7747  
Rosemary Woodforth...024 7630 2053  
Dorrie Johnson.....024 7630 3712

So if you would like to contribute, please either contact a member of the committee or email [newsletter@bubbenhall.info](mailto:newsletter@bubbenhall.info). Please note all content is included at the discretion of the committee and articles maybe edited before publication.



## Planning Items

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a conservatory at a house in Home Close, the extension of a garage at a property in Stoneleigh Road, and the demolition of an existing conservatory and the erection of single and two storey extensions at a house in Pagets Lane. Permission has also been granted for a single storey extension to provide a shower room at a property in Darfield Court, a single storey orangery extension at the Manor House, the reconstruction of a listed boundary wall to the rear of the property in Coopers Walk and a new access and driveway to Top House.

## Recreation Ground

New chain links have been fitted to the trim trail and the rocking tractor has been removed as the seat was beyond repair and no new seat was available. ROSPA have completed their annual inspection and there were no heavy risk elements in the report. New bark has been ordered for the play area and this will be spread when the weather is suitable.

## Parish Council Report

An audit has been carried out regarding the problems of drop kerbs in Bubbenhall for wheelchair users and for pushchairs. This audit has been submitted to Warwickshire County Council for their information. The walkway between Coopers Walk and the A445 has been cleared of leaves and the laurel bushes have been cut back and lopped to a suitable height. The Chair of Warwick District Council visited the Parish Council meeting in October. She said that the issues raised at the various parish council meetings were similar, although there were some issues which were unique to the individual parish councils.

Parish council meetings will be held on Tuesdays 17 March, 21 April, 19 May (AGM), 16 June and 14 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## Malt Shovel Social Club

### Boxing Day Walk

Thank you for the support we received for the Boxing Day Walk – there was a good number of people who turned up to walk. The auction held afterwards in the Malt Shovel raised £1,500 for Myton Hospice. Thank you to everyone for your support.

## St. Giles Church

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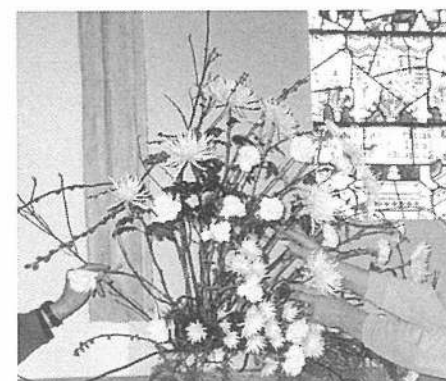
Reader:.....Mrs. Rosemary King  
Tel: 01788 573 067

Churchwarden: ....Mrs. Jackie Lloyd  
Tel: 024 7630 2836

### Christmas Flowers

Thank you to everyone who produced the magnificent flower arrangements.

More volunteers are urgently needed to arrange flowers in Church. Please contact Jackie Lloyd with your offers of help.



### Christmas Fayre - Church Produce stall

The Church stall was very well supported. Many thanks to those who provided items to sell and those who sold them and bought them.

### Lent Lunches at Baginton

On Tuesday March 3 at 12.30pm, our Lent Lunches begin. They are held in the Lucy Price School Room on each Tuesday during Lent.

They are hosted by members of St John the Baptist Church and cost £3.50.

Please come and join us on these occasions; lunches are quite informal and not confined to church members. Everyone is most welcome.

### Lent Jars in aid of Smile Train

Helping children with Cleft Palate worldwide.

Please take a jar from church, or use one of your own, to collect money this Lent to support this wonderful organisation, which provides surgery for children with this disfiguring condition, enabling them to live normal lives instead of being outcasts, as is often sadly the case.

Help needed in churchyard please! Please consider whether you can give some help in keeping our award-winning churchyard looking its best.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and we all went home full and very tired.

Whilst we were enjoying mince pies and chocolate biscuits at our last toddler session Father Christmas took time to pop in to wish us all a happy Christmas and he also bought



## Delivery of local village Christmas cards

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our service of delivering your Christmas cards locally around the village.

We were certainly kept busy and we raised £92.50 towards the village hall. Goodness knows how many miles we walked!

Thank you for your support.

Margaret Robinson and Gill Prudhoe.



each child a present – thank you Father Christmas we know how busy you are!!

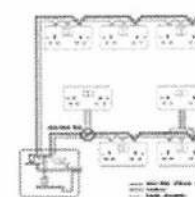
If you would like to join us, we meet in the village hall every Thursday (term time only) from 9.30am -11.30am

So here we are in a new year planning a new term of fun and activities for the children and coffee and friendship for the mums (and dads !!).

For further details call Lori on 024 7630 5355 or better still just turn up.

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The new track will be based on the winning design in the competition which was held earlier on this year, and the prize will be to open the track and lead the first circuit.

A certificate to commemorate the event will be presented after successful completion of the first lap! The competition was well supported by local youngsters and a lively discussion took place at the open meeting held on site. The clear winner of the competition can now be revealed as Tom Green, with a very impressive design. Well done Tom!

Opening date to be arranged.  
Tel: 024 7630 6073



## Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice

Best wishes to all our Bubbenhall patients.

We've had a very busy winter, with a very good uptake on our flu vaccination campaign.

We will be having a couple of staff changes over the next few weeks. Dr Martin will be leaving us to take up a partnership post at Whitnash Medical Centre. She has been with the practice for eight years and we all wish her well and will be sorry to see her go.

Dr Martin will be replaced by Dr Fahmy. Some of our patient may already know Dr Fahmy as she has been with us as GP Registrar since February 2008.

The practice is very pleased that we were able to keep her on.

In March, Barbara Blackwell, one of our reception team, will be retiring after ten years service to the practice. We wish her well and hope she enjoys her retirement.

We have received the results of our patient satisfaction survey. Again, we achieved a very good set of results and would like to thank all those patients who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

We have upgraded our practice website. It now includes what we hope is more useful information in an accessible and user-friendly format. Please have a look at [www.clmp.org.uk](http://www.clmp.org.uk)

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## Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group

Happy New Year !! Where did last year go? I don't know but we celebrated in style the end of the year by going out for a change. We held our annual Christmas party at Jam Jam Boomerang, a soft play area, who provided a lovely meal for both the adults and the children.

Contact Jackie Lloyd, or any members of the churchyard team, with your offers of help.

### Dates for your diary

Please put these important dates in your diary now- the time will fly and our diaries will fill up!

**Saturday March 21** - Barn Dance and Supper in Village Hall. Tickets £8 adult and £4 children.

**Saturday May 16** - Concert of light music in church provided by Mrs Pat Pritchard and her group.

**Monday June 8** - Quiet Evening for our Benefice at Offa House. Cost £14.50 including supper.

**Friday October 30 - Sunday November 1** - Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cost £97 full board. Friday supper to Sunday afternoon tea.

Further information about these events from Rosemary.

Tel: 01788 573 067  
E-mail: [rbking007@btinternet.com](mailto:rbking007@btinternet.com)

### Bubbenhall Bellringing


Ever thought of giving bellringing a go? No - well why not give it some thought.

We are a friendly group of folk who meet every Thursday down at St Giles Church from 7.30 to 9pm. All levels of ability from beginners to the more accomplished ringers would be made most welcome.


Learners start the evening followed by other ringers and then we always end with a hot drink and a bit of a natter. We also ring for two of the Sunday morning services from 10.30 - 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

Maureen Hennessey





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## Bubbenhall Events

### Bubbenhall Village Fete Sat. 20 June 2009

This is the main event of the year so let's hope for some good weather. This year the fancy dress will have the theme of Superheroes - start working on your costumes. As in previous years, there will be a parade led by a marching band, followed by events and displays on the playing field. We look forward to your participation.

If you would like to book a stall please contact Don Thomas on 024 7630 5460 or any committee member.

Bubbenhall Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show in the Village Hall, Saturday 12 September.

As we had a record entry for most classes last year we are expecting, and would welcome, an even greater number of participants for this year's event. However, due to a drop in support for the car boot sale, we have decided this will not take place this year. Make sure you attend the after show sale of the produce which raises money for local groups and charities. Get Growing now!!!

## BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

### Christmas Carols Thu. 17 December 2009

Featuring the Cubbington Silver Band. Mulled wine and snacks will be served free of charge. This event becomes more popular each year,



so make sure you put the date of this and the other events in your diaries.

Bubbenhall Village Events Committee would like to thank all event supporters and hope to welcome you and new supporters to our events in 2009.

Offers of help in any shape or form are always welcome.

Don Thomas  
Bubbenhall Village Events

## Bubbenhall Football Club

Promotion and cup success is still achievable for Bubbenhall FC as the 2008/09 season continues to unfold.

As in recent campaigns the side were well placed in the league table at the turn of the year, and at the time of going to print had tasted victory in nine of their league games, suffering three defeats and drawing just the once.

The challenge is, however, to kick on and make the well overdue step up to Leamington & District League Division Two, and also reach a second Division Three Cup Final in three years.

At the back end of January a Sean Duffy double completed an unconvincing 2-1 victory against struggling side The Antelope to set-up a mouth-watering semi-final encounter with Leamington Juniors who are chasing a third straight promotion.

Consistent performer Duffy smartly headed home a great cross from workhorse Jamie Stokes to open the scoring, and then netted the winner with a well placed volley

## Bubbenhall 100 Club

The Big Prize Winners !

### December '08 lucky winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> £60  
No 43 .....George Noszlopy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £40  
No 198 ....Patricia Pritchard
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £30  
No 187 ....Lee Penton
- 4<sup>th</sup> £20  
No 196 ....Christine Wallis

### January '09 lucky winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> £60  
No 121 .....Jo Roe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £40  
No 3 .....Dawn Eady
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £30  
No 64 .....Brian Eady
- 4<sup>th</sup> £20  
No 81 .....Steve Ball

In 2008 your Bubbenhall 100 Club donated almost £3,000 to help finish the village hall verandah.

This year we will contribute more funds towards the costs of providing lighting of the verandah as well as the car park areas. Bubbenhall 100 Club pays out 4 cash prizes every month - £30, £20, £15 and £10.

Prize money is doubled in January & December. Usually we do the draw in one of the pubs on the last Friday of each month. Thank you for your valuable contributions.

We have a few numbers available, so if you are not a member yet and would like to support this village and its amenities please give me a call on 024 7630 6894.

Where does your membership money go ? Thank you!

Michael Wareham

## BMX returns to Bubbenhall

Bubbenhall is soon to have a revamped and refurbished BMX track. This will be on the site of the original track on the playing fields adjacent to the tennis courts. Local builder Graham Johnson is currently working on the site and the new track will be opening sometime in the spring.

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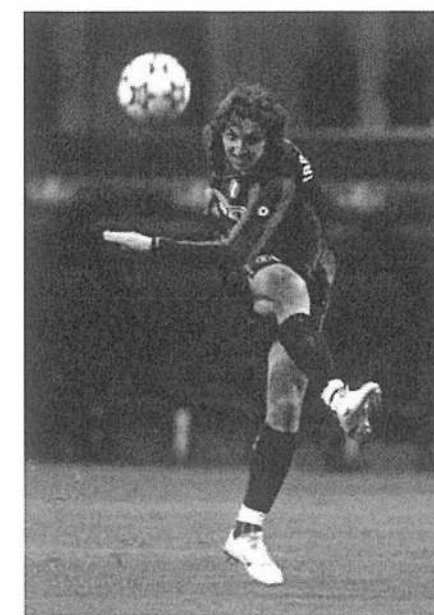
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mid-way through the second half. The match will also be remembered for Darren Laffey's blinding display at left-back!

The result represented an immediate return to winning ways after a hugely disappointing display at Ettington Rovers reaped only a **2-0 defeat**.

The loss – Bubbers' second at the hands of Ettington – was the club's first in ten league games, and could have been by a greater margin had it not been for keeper Gary Bevan pulling off a number of decent stops.

An injury to top-scorer Adam Halford had taken the gloss of a well earned **8-2 success** at home to Park Tavern when Liam Flowers' side returned to action after the Christmas break. Halford had kicked off the scoring when he curled a good strike into the top corner after leaving two defenders in his wake.



His early replacement Suneil Jaspal then took little time to make an impact, sliding the ball low into the net for the first of his two goals within minutes of his debut.

A goal from Captain Dave Paget was sandwiched in between the efforts from the two forwards,

while there was a brace each for midfielders Stokes and Neil Woodfield.

And it was Woodfield who undoubtedly netted the goal of the game – connecting perfectly with another pin-point Stokes centre to ram a volley into the far right corner to complete the scoring.

The final game of 2008 had seen fellow championship contenders Leek Wootton visit, and Bubbenhall were without Blake Thomas who began the first match of a suspension after seeing red at Racing Club Evolve in mid November.

And a horror start was made by the home team as Leek Wootton went ahead with barely ten seconds on the clock, only for Halford's double to put the hosts back on track. The visitors then reversed the score to 3-2 in their favour, and a strike from player-manager Flowers, ten

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minutes from time, was needed to earn Bubbenhall a **3-3 draw**.

A depleted Bubbers side had bowed out of the CA Sothers Cup at the second round stage after going down 5-1 on a rain sodden Harbury Lane pitch against notoriously physical Division One outfit Warwick Railway a week before. Thomas netted the consolation.

The defeat followed a productive November which included a **9-0 win** against a very poor Long Compton side.

There was a hat-trick for Thomas, further braces from Duffy and Halford, a Paget solo and a rare header from full-back Ian Ward.

The month also included a **3-0 beating** of the Antelope (Halford, Duffy, Thomas), a hard fought **2-1 win** at Racing Club Evolve (Stokes, Halford) and a **6-4** first round Division Three Cup victory at Ettington (Adam Halford 3, Thomas, Duffy 2, Pete Squires).

So as we enter the final months of the season Bubbenhall are in the mix



at the right end of the table, with games against title rivals Leamington Juniors, Leek Wootton, Radford Albion and bogey side Chadwick End to be crucial in their quest for league glory, as will picking up maximum points against teams in the lower echelons of the table.

Top scorers to date are Adam Halford (16), Blake Thomas (13) and Sean Duffy (10).

## Date for the Diary

Bubbenhall Golf Society and Bubbenhall FC are joining forces to present a Race Night on the evening of **Saturday 18 April** at the Village Hall. It is being held in aid of funds for both groups.

For those who have never attended an event like this before, racing will take place via film shown on a large screen and betting is encouraged on each race. These nights are very exciting and well worth attending. Local sponsors have supported the event and excellent prizes are available as well as the opportunity to win money.

Tickets only cost £5 per person and include a ploughman's dinner. They are available from any member of the Golf or Football Committees, Duncan Sibley or Don Thomas. On the night there will be a pay bar, at very competitive rates, set-up by Duncan Sibley and run by members of the football club.

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Pete Squires

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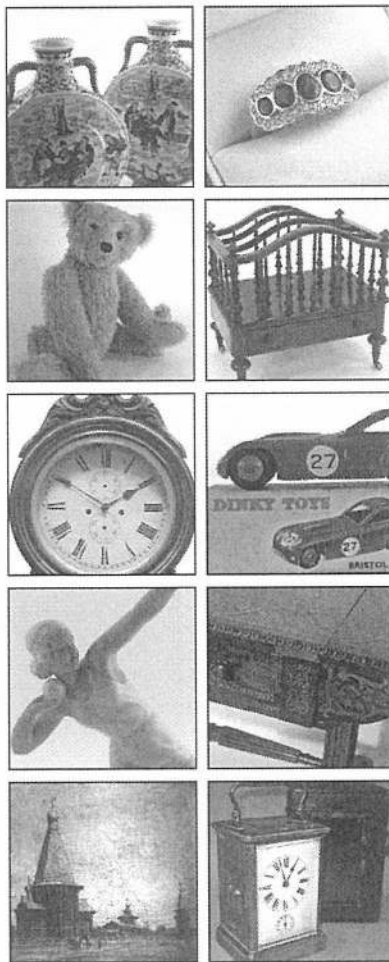
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## Bubbenhall Guides

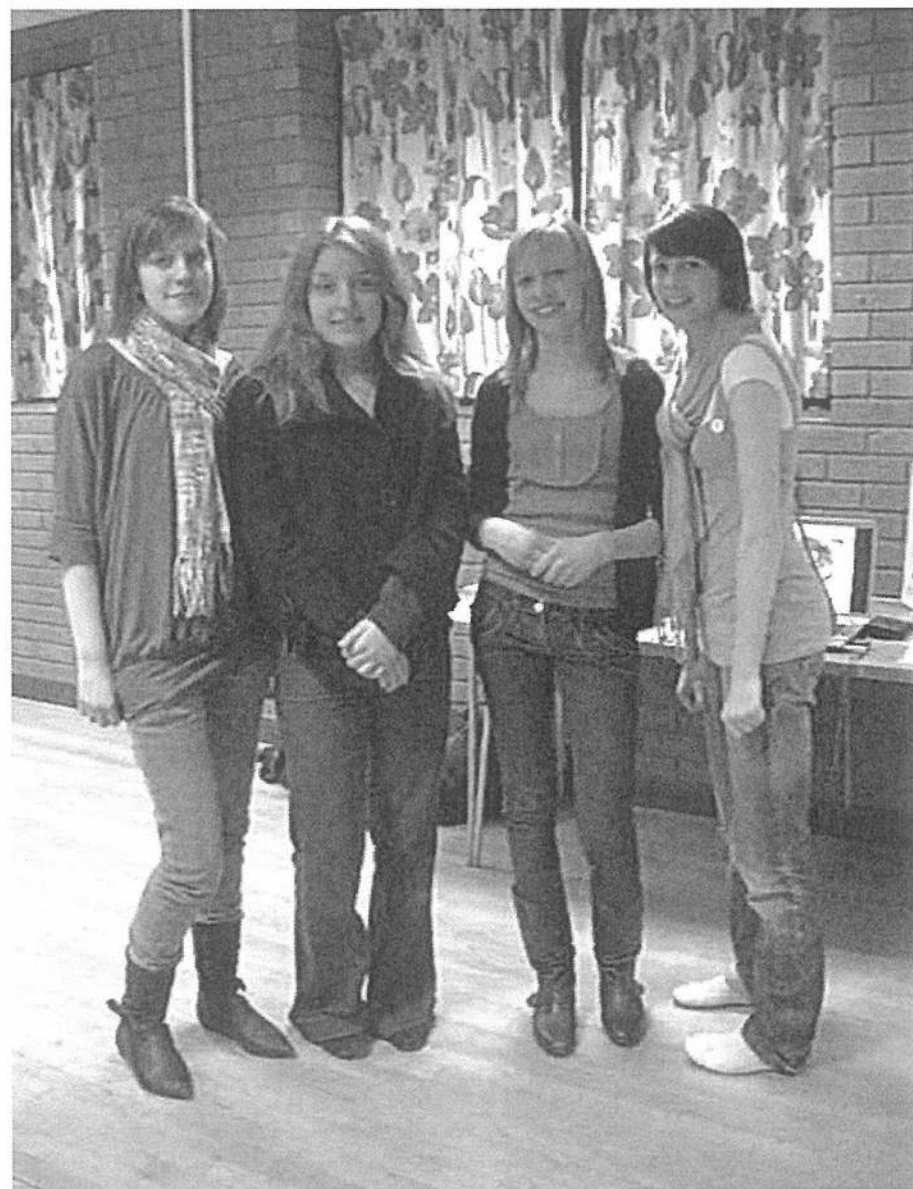
The New Year has started with great enthusiasm at Guides. We started with an enjoyable evening to present the 4 Guides who left last summer with their Baden Powell Challenges (the highest award in Guiding) – see picture.

Ellie Kendray, Jess Stobbart, Sarah Tuckey and Louise Richards gave a presentation about their trip to London and Brighton, were presented with their badges and finished with campfire singing. Sarah is continuing at Guides as a Young Leader and Jess and Ellie are helping at Rainbows.

Our numbers are continuing to grow – we are now up to 15. The girls are enjoying planning their own activities and one Patrol has just finished their Teamwork Go for It.

A main part of our meetings this term is a national Girlguiding initiative called "Change the World". Girlguiding has linked with a number of charities who have planned programmes of activities to raise the girls' awareness and to make them think.

Our girls chose WWF as the charity they wanted to work for.



Their theme is "One Planet" and we have been looking at the effect we have on our world – our carbon footprint, what we need compared to what we want, the effects of plastic on the environment and we will be finishing with a Swap/Bring and Buy night to raise funds and to re-use things we no longer want.

Other plans for this year are taking shape. We are camping over the May Day week-end at Fillongley. Claire Morris is going to be tested for her Camp Licence so there will be two of us to take the girls away. Two of our older Guides are also hoping to take their Patrol Camp Permits this year.

We are always happy to have new members – both girls (aged 10 – 14) and any adults who may be interested in joining us. We meet at the Village Hall on Fridays 7.15 – 9pm.

Contact: Lesley Goodhead  
Tel: 024 7630 6964

## Bubbenhall Annual Treasure Hunt

Why not join us for this event on **Thursday 25 June** ?

An enjoyable evening drive ending at the village pub for a snack, a drink and prize giving. Limited number but priority given to villagers.

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Ann and Bas Hendry  
Tel: 024 7630 1668  
Caroline and Graham Hazel  
Tel: 024 7630 432

## Personal Memories

By Pete Wilkins

I am remembering the day we buried a friend, Vic Dodds, already sadly missed. It's not that long ago that I sat in the pub with Vic and a few others exclaiming what a shame it was that there are so few 'characters' left.

Why is it that someone has to be dead and buried to become known as a character ? When we were young we would lie in bed listening to my Aunt Dina (Marg's mum) and many others, having a sing song in the pub.

Why have I got to wait until I attend yet another funeral and be in the pub afterwards before saying, 'Another character gone' ? Some of the people I've known were

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Another busy term. Congratulations to Millie Ruck, Lily Hamer, Lottie McClay, Jessica Mingins and Alice Walters who have all been busy performing in different pantomimes.

We are now very busy working towards our next exam session in March and before you know it we will be doing our summer dance displays in June !

Keep up the good work.

Miss Sarah

'characters' for various reasons - funny, maybe, or silly or plain daft. They are all very much missed by me and I hope many of you.

I mention only a few - you will know more. George Elliot was one and

Johnny Long still the best goalie I've ever seen.

As a young lad he would reach down and take the ball from your foot before you knew it. There was Jeff and Wally Austin, Elsie Peake,

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Ginny and Acker Cadern, Bill Thatcher, the original Sid Cleaver our milkman, Lou Hancock, (Hancock's Hill) & Mick Sibley. There are numerous names missing from both my past and present. As I sit and write this, which has been over a number of days, faces appear, memories awoken within me. And I've smiled, laughed, and even had a few tears.

I want to thank people like Brian (Wells), Pete, Duncan all the others I've grown up with, I'm proud of the fact that I was born and bred here, proud and privileged to still be living here but I'm dammed if I'm going to wait till more have passed on, until I claim you as one of my 'characters'.

I want to tell you now. I want to tell you how much you have enriched my life, just by being you. I stopped writing, at this point, wondering if I might be seen as just a 'Sad Old Git' who should have better things to do.

Perhaps you, now reading this, would just laugh, turn the page over and forget about it. Then, because my computer had needed to be repaired, I found this old

## Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley

Thank you to everyone who donated dog meat and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley.

The week before Christmas it was delivered to them - they were very pleased to see us.



document. This was only a few days after Brian Wells, one of my characters, had been buried. Brian the support and time you gave to the Football Club & the Golf Society goes without question.

You were there, sitting in the pub or driving down the road, but always ready for a chat. I'll say it again; you were one of my characters.

The respect I had for these guys is without question.

I will try to get it printed to say a public thank you to you all, just for being you.

## Thank You from Mary Long

Thank you to everyone in the village who has sent their best wishes and greeting following my accident just before Christmas.

Apologies for not sending Christmas cards this year! I am now making a good recovery.

Mary Long

## Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	Alternate Mon. 2 - 4pm	Village Hall	Dawn Eady - 024 7630 3957
Mother & Toddler Group	Thur. Mornings 9.30 - 11.30am	Village Hall	Lori Slark - 024 7630 5355
Rainbows	Thur. 5.30 - 6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 024 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue. 5.30 - 7pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 811 643
Guides	Fri. 7.15pm - 9pm	Village Hall	Lesley Goodhead - 024 7630 6964
Movement to Music Class for over 60 and less able	Tue. 2 - 3pm	Village Hall	Geri Goward - 01926 632 532
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Please contact Visitors Centre	Visitors Centre	
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks 10.05 until 10.25am	"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road	Mobile Enquiry Line - 01926 851 031
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon. & Wed. (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 024 7651 1387
St. Giles Bellringers Practice	Thur. 7.30pm - 9pm	St. Giles Church	Susan Sheen - 024 7630 6339
Young St. Giles	Sat. 10.30am - 12noon	St. Giles Church	
	First Sun. each month 11am - 12noon	St. Giles Church	Rosemary King - 01788 573 067
Bubbenhall Rambling Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. each month	Various	sue.wareham@virgin.net

## Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Watch

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you of the sad loss of our former NHW co-ordinator Mr Robert Gardener, who passed away recently. Bob had lived in Bubbenhall for many years, and used his extensive knowledge and experience as a retired policeman to help keep this village more secure. He was instrumental in helping detectives arrest and detain a prolific thief who was plaguing Bubbenhall with a high number of house burglaries during the 1980's. He is now at peace with his wife Lucy, and his beloved daughter whom he missed dearly. Our sympathy goes out to his remaining family and friends.

Many of you will now be aware of the new barrier which has been installed on the village hall car park

entrance. This will be closed at dusk and opened early in the morning, I already have a few volunteers to help with this task, but many hands make light work. If you feel that you are able to join in on a rota please get in touch, all help is appreciated. In the past this car park has been seen as a secluded area for undesirable elements after dark.

Please be on your guard as the credit crunch bites con men and thieves will be stepping up their tactics.

Do not under any circumstances leave valuables in unattended cars! Thieves have got a device that can quickly scan a car for any electrical devices left within it however well hidden and when turned off!

Do not be tempted by door knockers offering to do gardening, guttering, fascia boards, paving, etc. These people do bodge jobs at extortionate rates, and will be in and out of the area within days with no recompense or come back. Find a bona fide tradesman who will come out and give a reliable quote at no cost. You will then pay the proper cost for a proper job. As this long winter turns to spring remember to keep your doors and windows locked when working outside.

Keep safe and secure if you see anything suspicious remember to get the registration of any vehicle, followed by a description of any persons. Report anything suspicious immediately to Warwickshire police on **01926 451111**. If an incident is taking place **call 999** immediately.

Gill Green  
Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator  
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When we all got back on the minibus and saw all the bags and parcels it looked as if we helped Solihull Chamber of Trade to overcome the credit crunch for the day.

The first meeting in December was back in the village hall. We all joined in the Christmas spirit with sherry and Chris Dunns' delicious mince pies. Our final meeting of the autumn was the Christmas lunch at the Woodhouse. This was the second year we had our Christmas lunch there and again, it was enjoyed by all. Christmas cards were distributed and the secret Santa saw members taking home mystery presents.

We started the spring session with our AGM and 9<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Beryl explained the financial transactions for the year. We are very grateful for donations from the Parish Council and the Bubbenhall Village Events Committee, as these will enable us to help towards the costs of the coach for outing, etc.

Beryl provided cakes to celebrate our 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and the members finished the meeting by playing table games.

The men (and Chris) showed us how dominoes should be played, and several members became very engrossed in a game of Scrabble. Our second January meeting saw us eating again – this time at a pub lunch in the Malt Shovel Pub. After lunch the landlord kindly organised a game of Bingo.

We have a talk about Stoneleigh, a local outing, a seed swap and our Easter lunch to look forward to over the next couple of months. The Friendly Club meets every two weeks on a Monday from 2pm to 4pm (except for lunch events). We try to organise an outing or two in each season and have speakers and socials in the Village Hall.

This club is for you – if you are over 50 and have a couple of hours free on a Monday afternoon, please come and see us. The meetings

only cost £2, which includes a cup of tea and biscuit. (Unfortunately, we do have to put an extra cost on the outings and some of the food events). Just contact one of the committee members for details of the next meeting. Hopefully, by the time the newsletter is distributed the weather will be kinder to us and this snow and ice will be gone, but whatever the weather, you will be assured of a warm welcome at the Friendly Club.

Chris Dunn .....024 7630 2481  
Beryl Lock .....024 7630 6246  
Chris Morgan.....024 7630 6131  
Dawn Eady .....024 7630 3957

## Rainbows

Since the Christmas holidays our activities at Rainbows have included making birdfeeders and potato characters. We also made fruit smoothies as part of our healthy eating evening. We held an evening playing with torches and making glow in the dark badges to raise awareness of the importance of being seen in the dark.

The next half term is another short one but we are hoping to be able to complete a badge that we are currently working towards.

Rainbows are looking for extra adult help to come along to our meetings on a regular basis. We meet on a Thursday evening 5.30 – 6.30pm term time only. If this is something you may be interested in we would love to hear from you.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5 – 7 years. For more information or to put your daughter's name on our waiting list please contact:

Margaret Robinson  
Tel: 024 7630 5931  
Dawn Hands  
Tel: 024 7630 6073

## Bubbenhall Rambling Association (BRA)

The Ramblers have continued with their walks throughout the winter months, with different members volunteering to lead on each occasion. Bob and Margaret Powell took us around Draycote Water when it was very soggy underfoot in December, following up with a

festive lunch in the Blue Lias which was decorated completely over the top for Christmas.

Our January walk, in crisp frost and a bit of fog, was arranged by Jon Jacques, one of our two footpaths officers in the group, and followed a winding route around Burton Green with Lunch at the Peeping Tom.



After a very wet January, Susanne and Roger took us, on a beautiful day, around Chesterton lakes when we were again able to follow hard paths. Lunch that day was at the Great Western at Deppers Bridge.

Our first February walk, on Valentine's Day, was led by Ian Henderson – our second footpaths officer – from the Stag's Head at Offchurch and back via Offchurch Bury, Newbold Common, the Grand Union towpath and the Greenway, which was covered in snow. The pub opened especially for us for lunch when we got back as it was in the throes of re-furbishment.

We normally walk; weather permitting, on the second Saturday and fourth Monday of the month.

We do a circular walk from a pub, starting at 10.30am and returning there for lunch having covered between four and five miles, at about 12.30pm. It is a great way to socialise, get to know people and to keep fitt(ish)!

If you think you would like to join us on one of our very informal rambles, please get in touch on [sue.wareham@virgin.net](mailto:sue.wareham@virgin.net) we are always pleased to welcome new members.

## Dates for Your Diary

### March

14<sup>th</sup> Curry Night  
Village Hall - 8pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall - 7.30pm  
21<sup>st</sup> St. Giles Church  
Barn Dance - Village Hall

### April

18<sup>th</sup> Race Night - Village Hall  
Golf Society and  
Football Club  
21<sup>st</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall - 7.30pm

### May

16<sup>th</sup> Concert of Light Music  
by Pat Pritchard and  
her singers  
St. Giles Church  
19<sup>th</sup> Parish Council – AGM  
Village Hall - 7.30pm

### June

16<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall - 7.30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Village Fete and Fun Day  
25<sup>th</sup> Treasure Hunt

### July

14<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall - 7.30pm

### September

12<sup>th</sup> Fruit, Flower and Vegetable  
Show



## DANCING CLASSES

### Monday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

4.15pm - Grade 2 Ballet  
5.00pm - Junior Disco  
5.45pm - Grade 3 & 4 Ballet  
6.45pm - Grade 3 & 4 Tap  
7.30pm - Grade 6 Ballet  
8.30pm - Adult Disco

### Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

1.45pm - Pre-school Ballet  
2.30pm - Pre-school Ballet  
3.45pm - Primary Ballet  
4.30pm - Grade 1 Ballet  
5.15pm - Junior Tap  
6.00pm - Senior Disco  
6.45pm - Pre-Associate Ballet Class  
7.30pm - Inter Tap  
8.30pm - Adult Tap

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## Completion in sight for Village Green and Spring Restoration Project

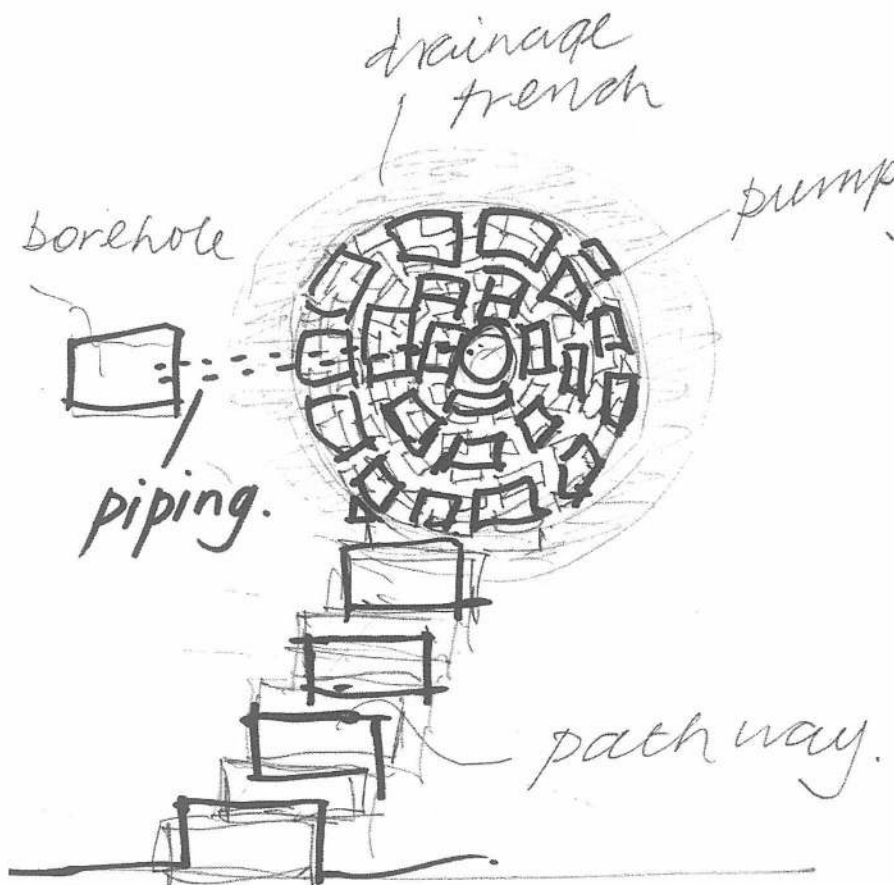
As we move into spring 2009, the whole project is approaching completion.

By this coming summer we hope to have succeeded in producing a restored and regenerated focus for our Village.

We have residual funding from our £5,000 grant from WREN, to complete pathways and a new grant for £6,500 from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) through the Warwickshire Rural Communities Council initiative, will enable completion of the three phases which made up the original plan. The plans for completion are virtually all now in place and cover the following works:

### The driveway to Pattinson's field, off Pit Hill

Graham Johnson will be working on giving this access a durable crushed stone surface, laid on top of a membrane to keep it clear of weeds etc.



▲ An outline sketch of the spring water feature area.  
Note: The borehole cover will probably be incorporated into the pathway. The area in question is between the new oak tree and the bus shelter, with access from the pavement.

The area will need to be excavated, flat edged and prepared, with granite sets being used to match the Spout area to form a lead in to the roadway and to contain the stone.

### Electric Power to the Village Green

We are in the process of having an electricity supply installed to the Green, to the rear of the bus shelter.

This will provide the power for the submersible pump in the borehole which will raise water to the new Village Spring water facility. Spring water will be available "on demand"

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and a feature stone pathway from the tarmac pavement will join a circular stone area which will have a Spring Water outlet at its centre.

EON will install the cabling which will entail coming across the road from the opposite side of Pit Hill. They will also be our power supplier.

### The new Village Spring Feature

We are talking with contractors Davian Environmental Engineering Ltd of Kenilworth as our provider of the knowledge and delivery of the systems that will need to be installed for a reliable working feature.

Stonemason Stuart Power will build the pathway and stone circle, using stone from the oak tree walling part of the project.

### Additional Features

Oak benches - similar to Stoneleigh, hopefully and an oak framed storyboard will complete the restored facility.

We are also planning to organise an official opening party during late summer.

We have some ideas but would appreciate any inputs from anyone who may have an idea that would be in keeping with the spirit of the day.

Looking forward, the arrival of electric power to the green will allow for such things as the installation of a Village Christmas tree and of Christmas lights around the Green.

Tony Sproul

## Bubbenhall Friendly Club

We ended the autumn session in our usual way - eating and shopping!!

We had a soup and sandwich lunch in November, held in the Village Hall. The winter had already set in and the hot soup helped to warm us.

Several members of the group braved the cold weather and joined in the Christmas shopping trip to Solihull. Brian Eady kindly 'agreed' to drive us in the Ryton minibus (no coercion from Dawn!) and a good, though tiring day was had by all.

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