

Bubbenhall Newsletter

March 2011

Newsletter Committee A wood lovers view ...

Welcome to the March issue!

Firstly thank you all for the donations we received for the Secret Santa stall that we ran at the Christmas Fayre. Once again it was a great success and it is only through fundraising and donations that we are able to produce this newsletter. I am sure the lucky mums, dads and grandparents who received a surprise gift were very pleased!

Thank you also to everyone who supported the turkey raffle. The lucky winners were Clive and Ann Trenham in Church Road. The prize as always was kindly donated by Heart of England Farms.

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A pleasant stroll from Bubbenhall along Paget's Lane and the shaded Nunwood Lane bridleway brings you to wonderful Wappenbury Wood. Left to regenerate naturally after being clear felled after World War One. It's a real gem.

In 1977 Warwickshire Wildlife Trust bought the wood with donations and Heritage Lottery Funds. They then commenced a sensible plan to manage $\frac{1}{3}$ to a $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wood, little by little, creating coppice with standards, mainly on the north side. Coppicing is where the larger trees are left to mature and other trees mostly hazel are cut down. They shoot back with lots of smaller stems. The south side is warmer and on a lighter soil.

This section was to be left to develop naturally. Ash and oak were just starting to come into their prime and the mature canopy means there is a tremendous display of woodland flowers in Spring and an equally fabulous show of colours with the Autumn leaves.

However, in my opinion, recent activities in Wappenbury Wood by WWT threaten to change it forever. New plans show that the lovely mature south side is to be cut 'managed' over the next few years. Oaks and ash nearing 100 years old are going as fire wood. Smaller inferior trees seem to

be left so when the coppice and bramble grow up you have young scrubby woodland. There's no more bluebells or spring flowers and no more walks in the dappled shade with the rustle of fallen leaves for many years to come!

Of course you need to create a 'superhighway' to get rid of all that timber, so why not use 1000 tons of building and demolition waste - it's cheap! It doesn't really matter if you smother a lovely little path designed to give access for all; or destroy an old grass ride, or construct new roadways with a waste material that has been found to contain asbestos, batteries, sharp metal, plastics or who knows what else!

Should this be our lasting legacy to a beautiful ancient wood that's mentioned in the Domesday Book?

I'd like to say don't take my word for it, go and have a look. Unfortunately you cannot enter the wood anymore because signs have been put up announcing that the wood is closed until further notice. The full extent of the construction and felling is now out of view.

Linda Hutton, Voluntary Warden
Wappenbury Wood - 01926 632535

To contact Warwickshire Wildlife Trust phone 7630 2912

Parish Council

Warwickshire Best Village Competition

Bubbenhall will receive prize money of £100 for the winning the silver award in the History and Heritage category of Warwickshire's Best Village Competition 2010.

Affordable Housing

Mr Phil Ward, Housing Enabler, has reported that he will now ask the Warwickshire Rural Housing Association to prepare a draft layout for the proposed affordable housing scheme for the site off Moat Lane, and will report back in due course.

Planning

Planning permission has been granted by WDC for alterations to buildings at School House Manor, Ryton Road, Bubbenhall and modifications to the entrance at Welton House, Church Road, Bubbenhall.

High Speed Rail update

WCC unanimously passed a motion on 14th December opposing the High Speed Rail 2 Scheme and recommended action. This included working with other local authorities

Parish Councillors

Bubbenhall Parish Council have a dedicated team of Councillors who work towards ensuring that Bubbenhall remains a good village to live and work in. We have a vacancy and need to co-opt a new Parish Councillor to make up the Parish Council of seven members.

The Parish Council meets ten times a year, on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall. The meetings have the support of District and County Councillors. If you would be interested in joining the Parish Council or would like further information, please contact the new clerk, Rose Woodforth, bubbenhallpcclerk@gmail.com or contact one of the Parish Councillors.

affected by the planned HS2 route and with the Action Groups established throughout Warwickshire to provide a co-ordinated approach to the current scheme.

Security

There have been two reported incidents this year: (1) the behaviour of a well-known resident from a local travellers' site had been reported to the Police, and (2) the kitchen window of a resident had been broken in an attempted house burglary but the intruders were disturbed and escaped in a car which was subsequently found to be stolen.

Recreation Ground

The Parish Council put in a bid for

£2,000 to the Eastern Community Forum towards the cost of renewing the tiles under the swings on the recreation ground. The grant has now been received and estimates for replacement tiles will be obtained when the weather improves. New swing seats have also been fitted.

Coventry Airport

David Hucker from the Campaign Against Expansion of Coventry Airport (CAECA) attended the Coventry Airport Consultative Committee on 25 October and forwarded his notes and the minutes to keep the Parish Council informed. He highlighted two issues which may be of concern: (1) the airport's plans to extend weekday operations to 1am, and (2) off-site commercial development planned in part of the old Alvis site. The next meeting date has not been set but is planned for June 2011. David Hucker will continue to send reports to the Parish Council.

Council members

Some of you maybe aware that the recently appointed Parish Clerk Gill King, has resigned due to family commitments, but has been replaced by myself. There is also still a vacancy on the Council so if you are interested please contact me.

Rose Woodforth – Parish Clerk
bubbenhallpcclerk@gmail.com

Phoenix Cards

Need a greetings card? Don't want to get in your car? Fed up of paying silly prices for cards?

Sam at 5 Waggoners Close has a selection of the popular Phoenix greetings cards and wrapping paper. Prices for cards are just £1.50 each or £1.20 each for 10 or more cards. Wrapping paper £1 per sheet or 90p for 10 sheets or more and £1.40 for matching wrap and gift tag. Cards and wrap are fantastic quality and in a variety of designs and styles.



Warwickshire Best Village Competition 2011

Having achieved runner-up status over the past two years, I have recommended that we do not enter this year's competition, now called Community Awards. The Parish Council has agreed.

the village as a whole. In this way we would have a cohesive blueprint for what Bubbenhall is and how we want it to be in the future. What is the essence of our village? A "joined up" plan for everyone.

bodies are the Parish Council, the Church and the Village Hall Committee. Going forward the best village organisers are looking for a united approach to the ethos of the community.

The primary reason is that we have just about exhausted our existing qualities and that new initiatives are required if we are to progress. For this to happen we will need to maybe use the competition as a stimulus for planning the future direction for the village.

It is proposed that we convene a second only village "committee" discussion to consider the options that could lie ahead. The "committee" would pull together all of the groups that make our village what it is – this time including the Church.

The list of topics might include or embrace a Village Plan as the guiding document. Within this each of our village groups and communities could review their own role and future against an outline for

Currently the three primary formal *Tony Sproul - 7630 2881*

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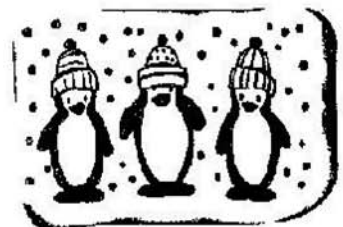
Thank you

Sarah & Danielle

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 £67.50 towards the village hall. Goodness knows how many miles we walked!

Thank you for your support.



St Giles' Church

Rector: The Reverend David
Wintle 7630 1283
Reader: Rosemary King
01788 573067
Church Warden: Jackie Lloyd
7630 2836

Christingle Service

It was good to welcome those who came along to the Christingle Service on 12th December. I am especially grateful to Vicki and Gary Ledger and their family for providing and making all the Christingles, to Lesley Goodhead for providing mulled wine and fantastic Millionaire's shortbread, and to several kind people who made and contributed mince pies and other refreshments after the service. The Children's Society has benefited to the tune of £94.85, including Gift Aid.



Jade Greenway from Bubbenhall (server), Tom and Kate Matthews from Ryton (choir) after the United Benefice Service on 30th January.

Christmas Fair in the Village Hall

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the Church stall by providing goods to sell, by manning the stall, and by patronising it. We raised £95.50 for Church funds.

Flower Rota

Thank you to everyone who produced the magnificent flower arrangement; a beautiful and thoughtfully arranged display which really enhanced our Christmas worship. Help urgently needed with flower arrangements in church: we have a Flower Fund if you need to buy flowers. Arrangements needn't be elaborate - a nice jug of flowers from the garden is all that's needed. One arrangement each week on pedestal by the altar. Why not provide a vase of flowers to celebrate a special occasion such as a baptism or wedding anniversary, or in memory of a loved one on their birthday or the anniversary of their death? Please contact Jackie Lloyd with your offers of help.

Christmas Wreaths in St Giles' Churchyard

Please would those of you who

have laid Christmas floral tributes in the churchyard remove them by the end of February? We appreciate that these signs of your continued love and care are important, but by that time the grass will be beginning to grow through them and the mowing team will be wanting to make the first cut.

Help Needed in Churchyard Pease!

Please consider whether you can give some help this year in keeping our award-winning churchyard looking its best. Contact Jackie Lloyd or any members of the churchyard team, with your offers of help.

Restoration of the Church Organ

The organ at St Giles' has been found to be in urgent need of radical repair and restoration, which will cost more than £8,700. This work is now in hand, and the organ should be back in use by the end of January.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of restoring the organ, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please get in touch with: Jackie Lloyd (7630 2836) or David

Hollway (7630 1874).

The names of all kind donors and those they wish to commemorate will be recorded in a book to be placed in a suitable position in church, either on or near the organ itself.



Lent Group: Christians: Who Are We?

Mondays March 14th, 21st, 29th, April 4th, 7.30-9pm in Ryton Church centre. Led by the Revd Penny Hughes and team. Everybody welcome.

- As Christians, should we be different in any way?
- Should we think differently about issues such as sex, power and money?
- With the help of film clips, we'll consider some of these issues and look for some answers.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Thursdays in Lent (starting 10th March) we shall meet at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 6.30pm and lasts about 40 minutes.

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Lent Lunches will be taking place

every Tuesday in Lent, starting on 15th March. Further details to follow.

Lent Jars in aid of EMMAUS

Your PCC has decided to support the charity EMMAUS, a long-established organisation which works locally (Coventry) to provide a home and a job for people who have neither. Please take a jar from Church (or use a jam jar from home) and put in it the money you save by not buying the things (chocolate, gin!) you have given up for Lent. Bring your jar to church at or after Easter. Thank you.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

These two meetings – which are so close together that they feel like one meeting – will take place this year before Evensong on 10th April at about 5.30pm. Both meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, though there are restrictions on who may vote. The Annual

Parish Meeting is for the election of Churchwardens, and anyone on the civil electoral roll who lives in the parish of St Giles may vote. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting receives reports on the life of the church and hears any questions which you may have about St Giles'. It also elects members to the PCC, and anyone who is on the church electoral roll may vote.

Boys and girls, ladies and gentlemen who would like to be in the choir or to join the servers' team, please contact Barbara Marsh (choir) 7630 4295 or Rosemary King (servers) 01788 573067.

Rosemary King

St Giles' Bellringers

Visiting Ringers

A group of ringers from the Harry Windsor Ringing Centre visited St Giles on Monday 3rd January to attempt a quarter peal, which was successful.

We were pleased to ring bells for the first wedding of the year at the marriage of Matthew John Lole and Lauren Kemble, on Saturday 19th February. Congratulations to the happy couple from all the bell ringers!

Sunday service ringing continues - all welcome.

Bubbenhall Bellringers practice night is Thursday 7.30-9pm. New ringers/visitors always welcome.

For further information on Rugby Deanery/Guild events, bells and/or learning to ring please contact Susan Sheen.

Susan Sheen – 7630 6339

St Giles' Services

20th March (2nd Sunday in Lent)

11am: Mattins, 8.15pm: Holy Communion by candlelight

27th March (3rd Sunday in Lent)

8am: Holy Communion

3rd April (4th Sunday in Lent)

11am: Family Communion for Mothering Sunday

10th April (5th Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday)

6.30pm: Evensong

Dates for your diary

3rd April: Mothering Sunday

17th April: Palm Sunday

21st April: Maundy Thursday

22nd April: Good Friday

23rd April: Holy Saturday

24th April: Easter Day

Village Green & Spring Area

Village Green

Due to a lack of funding and the time of year, there are no pressing outstanding projects for the Village Green. We continue to look for opportunities to fund the planned village storyboard. However there is good news regarding the permanent Christmas tree.

Following generous donations from two of our village residents, we have secured the £350 required to purchase a growing 12 ft. We have identified a supplier in Scotland and intend to have the tree in place by April.

Funds permitting we will be able to light the tree and the green as in previous Christmas'. It currently costs £200 plus electricity for the Village Green lights. We will seek village contributions towards the costs in 2011.

Shelter roofing tiles are in hand and will be provided voluntarily.

The Village Pond

Geoff Glover has kindly researched and donated a natural chemical cure for the algae invasion and treatment will begin in Spring. Meantime Cyril Hancocks has carried out work on manually cleaning some of the overgrown areas. His original hydraulics works continue to work well and maintain the desired water level. A 99 year lease of the pond for the benefit of the village has been secured through agreement between the owner, Ian Pattinson of Spring Hill and our Parish Council.

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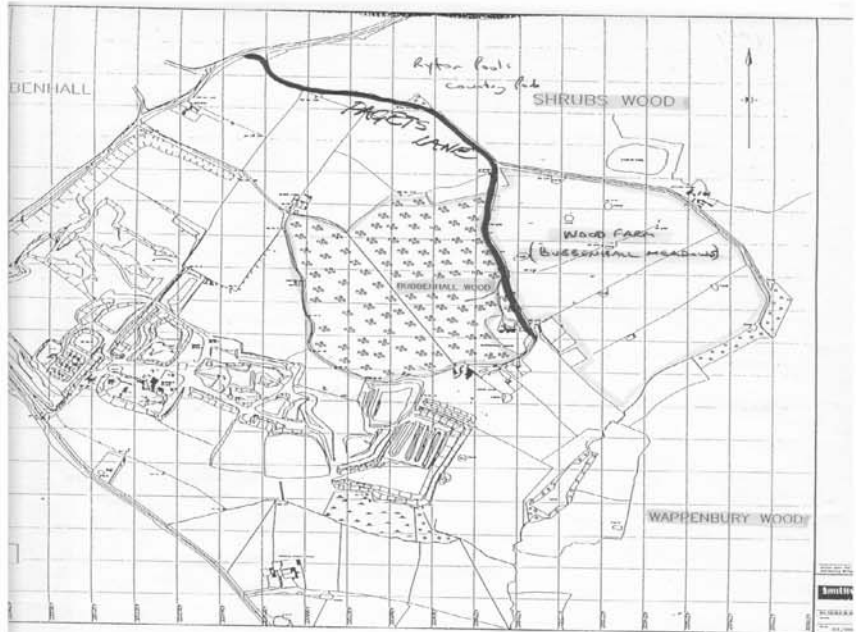
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Bubbenhall Meadows and Sanctuary

Many of you will be unaware of the new leisure and wildlife area which has been created by Smiths Concrete. Accessed along Pagets Lane, Bubbenhall Meadows comprises three new lakes and woodland where already 1000 trees have been planted.

This programme has been a quiet and progressive project of restoration that has gone on for the past three years. Through the good offices of one of our Restoration Group members - John Green - and through his role at local extractor Smith's Concrete, we now have a totally new amenity and attraction for the village, covering 15 acres.



The restored area has been the subject of sand and gravel extraction for the past five years and as part of their contribution to the re-establishment of an environmental infrastructure, Smiths have been progressively infilling and landscaping the entire area.

Whilst this activity may appear to be wholly in line with their responsibility as a licensed extractor, their contractual requirements did not extend to the creation of an evident wildlife amenity. However, historically the responsible approach of our extractor neighbour in displaying a strong interface with village life has shown itself to be self evident.

The creation of a nature conservancy feature provides a fantastic pay back for the village and for the surrounding area, providing as it does a major attraction. The full majesty of this new facility needs to be experienced first hand. The photograph gives some indication of the scale and impact of the restored area.

Access to the site, which is currently owned by Smiths Concrete, is by signing a disclaimer, which is easily available from them. In the longer term, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has expressed the wish to acquire the area and to incorporate it into

the Princethorpe Woodlands Project.

James Timms, a local wildlife devotee has undertaken a major task of "spotting", identifying and logging the bird, butterfly, and mammal and reptile species. His impressive list comprises 88 bird species, 7 mammals, 4 reptiles, 26 butterflies and 15 dragonflies and indicates the potential for the maturing area as a wildlife sanctuary.

Wanted

From Spring onwards, John Green and I are looking to develop a group of Friends of Bubbenhall Meadows.

Over time, they would assist with the clearing and creation of access points and pathways. Working under direction and to a plan for the area we would like interested members of the village and surrounding area to join a list of people that we can circulate and involve. To register interest, please contact either john.green@hanson.com or me.

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Bubbenhall Football Club

Stuttering Bubbenhall FC will have to string together an impressive run of wins if they are to challenge at the right end of the table come what may. Inconsistent displays have hampered the side's promotion charge following a strong start to the 2010/11 campaign.

Having been edged out at Leek Wootton in October Bubbers went on to bag three league wins on the spin before crashing down to earth in spectacular fashion. Simon Protheroe's solo effort secured a 1-0 success at home to a plucky Kenilworth Town side, before Bubbers swept aside Ettington Rovers 4-1 – Adam Halford (2), Jimmy 'Dirk' Gethins and Nathan Woodfield with the goals in a game which proved to be the club's last of 2010 due to the cold snap.

A comfortable 6-0 win at Leamington Royals Reserves then kicked off the new year in fine style. Gary 'Mozza' Morris was a four goal hero, while brothers Si and Dave Protheroe were also on target – the latter with a blatant cross which somehow found the top corner! An under-strength Bubbers outfit then however slumped to an embarrassing 8-0 defeat on home turf against Mid-Warwickshire Police despite the best efforts of stand-in keeper Dave Protheroe.

And 'Hall were just as unconvincing seven days later against a poor Chadwick End outfit and were nearly made to pay after letting the visitors back into a game they should have won comfortably. Pete Squires volleyed home an excellent Blake Thomas cross to put the hosts in front, and after being pegged back Si Protheroe and Woodfield netted to secure a

narrow 3-2 win in a match superbly officiated by Duncan Sibley.

Bubbers were forced to come from behind against visiting Bishop's Tachbrook to make it back to back wins in the league and complete a double against their opponents. Si Protheroe tucked a penalty away, with the aid of both posts, while Dave Protheroe was on the score-sheet along with Blake Thomas who narrowly avoided a trip to A&E after injuring his leg in the act of scoring!

Injuries to key players Adam Parker and Morris proved costly when the club returned to league action against unbeaten Spartans. Having made a strong start Si Protheroe pounced on a defensive error to put Bubbers 1-0 up, only for Morris to be forced off with an Achilles injury and Parker receive a nasty head wound which required eight stitches and bit of glue – ouch!

Spartans levelled shortly before half-time and won a competitive encounter 2-1, when a draw was probably the fair result, after a cross evaded everyone including stand-in keeper Daz Laffey and found the far corner.

There will also be no cup finals to look forward at the back end of this season, despite a number of strong displays against higher league opposition.

Having lost out to Mid-Warwickshire Police 2-0 in the Leamington and District Division Three Cup, Bubbers produced an outstanding display to oust top tier Whitnash Tavern out of the Cancer Cup. Parker was at the double as Bubbers outclassed their hosts 2-0 – a defeat which proved to be the

final straw for Tavern who later folded. Defenders Ian Ward, Si Thomas, Stu Levis, Pete Squires and keeper Gary Bevan also impressed along with a dominant midfield pairing of captain Dave Paget and Morris.

Bubbers were also extremely unlucky to lose out to Division One outfit Khalsa on penalties having conceded a goal with nearly the final kick of extra-time. A mazy Gethins run had set-up Si Protheroe with an easy tap in for the opener only for Khalsa to net late on and then proceed to beat Bubbers on pens for the second time in under a year – gutted!

And Ward's side came mighty close to claiming another cup scalp against Division Two leaders Whitnash Town having battled back from behind to take the game into extra-time thanks to a shindig from Blake Thomas! But having defended resolutely throughout Bubbers went to sleep early in added time and conceded a soft goal which left Adam Halford helpless in the home goal.

So after an indifferent season to date Bubbenhall FC will need to end the season on a high to salvage anything from the campaign. If the team, and this is a big *if*, plays to its potential the side are more than a match for any side in the division, they just have to prove it more often!

Pete Squires
Ian Ward - 07843 023221



Bubbenhall Friendly Club

Some members of the Friendly Club enjoyed an outing to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire in the Autumn and we took some of the members to the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry to see 'One Night in November' which was based on the Coventry Blitz. It was a very thought provoking show and I am sure brought back unpleasant memories for some of our members. The sound effects were very good and one or two of us who might have been nodding off towards the end of the first act soon awoke with a start when the sound of a bomb dropping came over very loud and clear.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Christmas shopping trip which should have been to Leicester, due to the small number of members who wanted to go. However, we enjoyed the lead up to Christmas with sherry and mince pies in the village hall. Bob Powell kindly came to play carols for us and we all joined in the singing. Thank you Bob. The Christmas lunch was due to have been held in the village hall, but due to two members of the committee being unavailable that day, the lunch was switched to the Malt Shovel. I am sure everyone enjoyed their festive lunch and we would like to thank Karen and Mark for arranging the lunch at short notice.

We had some bad news during the Autumn. Chris Dunn, who has been a stalwart member of the committee since it was formed eleven years ago, gave us the news that Chris and Alan were moving from the village. They moved two weeks before Christmas and are now living in Gloucester. Chris will be very sorely missed for her smile and sense of humour and of course, for her wonderful cooking. However, Margaret Colbert has now joined

the committee so for the time being, we are back to full strength.

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. If you would like to join us, please come along and you will be made very welcome.

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 for outings and some of the food events). Just contact one of the committee members for details of the next meeting.

Beryl Lock - 7630 6246

Chris Morgan - 7630 6131

Dawn Eady - 7630 3957

Margaret Colbert - 01788 337528

BEG

By the time you are reading this the Bubbenhall Entertainment Group (BEG) will have hosted two 'Live and Local' events at Bubbenhall Village Hall. Zulu on 26th February and Mayor & James on 12th March.

We hope you have enjoyed them as funding will be more limited in 2011/12. If we are successful in our bid for another event it will be advertised in a future newsletter.

We welcome new members for our committee both for help at events and new ideas for events in the village hall. If you would like to help use, please contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Margaret, Heather, Marilyn, Rose and Judith - 7630 5164

Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Congratulations to Kim Tipper & Emma Beaty who passed their teaching exams and also to Rosemary Woodforth who passed her intermediate ballet exam with 90 (Honours).

Congratulations to Megan Davies who auditioned to go to Sylvia Young Theatre School in London. Megan was successful and will be starting in September - aged 11 - a great achievement!

All the children are working hard towards our summer dance displays and costumes have been ordered so it's all very exciting.

Thank you parents for your continued support.

Miss Sarah X

Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice

Dr Green Retires

As usual the last few months have been a very busy time for the team at Clarendon Lodge. Dr Green will be retiring on 1st April so we have been busy recruiting a replacement.

Dr Green has made an incredible contribution to the practice over the thirty years plus that she has been a member of the team. Her motivation, energy, extensive knowledge and experience will be missed.

We have recruited two new partners to replace her. Many of you may know Dr Fahmy who currently works with us in a salaried capacity. Dr Fahmy will become a partner on 1 April. Joining Dr Fahmy as a new partner will be Dr Alsop. Dr Alsop has also previously worked at the

practice. She was our GP Registrar for our GPs to see patients on the a few years ago and covered Dr ground floor. Fahmy's maternity leave last year.

Dr Fullbrook will take over as the practice's Senior Partner.

Premise Development

A couple of years ago we applied for funding to install a lift in the practice. This application was unsuccessful so we have had to ensure that we have a room available on the ground floor to accommodate our patients who have difficulty accessing the first floor consulting rooms.

We have recently completed some development to the premises that has resulted in us creating a new consulting room from the repeat prescriptions area of our reception. This room will always be available

Flu Vaccinations

We are coming to the end of what has been our busiest flu vaccination campaign for many years. Like most other practices we experienced some difficulties with supply due to unprecedented demand. We were still vaccinating patients in February this year when we normally complete our campaign by December. We would like to remind patients that it would be very helpful to the practice if we received a response to our flu letters as there were a few instances of patients calling for a vaccination when we had issued three reminder letters!

Stephen Gallagher, Practice Manager - 0844 477 3985



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Rainbows

The New Year has seen Rainbows trying lots of new things. They have grown bean sprouts and eaten noodles with chop sticks as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations. We have also tasted different fruits and made smoothies. All towards our roundabout Rainbows badge which the Rainbows will have completed after half term when they have carried out their helping hand challenge.

On Sunday 20th February, 13 of our Rainbows joined over 400 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders from the Rugby area in a trip to Twycross Zoo. This was part of our Thinking Day celebrations when we remember other Guiding members from around the world.

It was a chilly day but this didn't seem to zap any of the girls' enthusiasm, the excitement of travelling on the coach together, finding all the different animals for their quiz sheets and of course most importantly lunch and spending their pocket money in the shop all added up to a good day for all.

On behalf of the Rainbows I would like to thank parents Jane and Bev, Young Leaders Alex and Elle and Lesley for all their help throughout the day.

Rainbows is a pre Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. If you would like more information or to add your daughter's name to our growing waiting list please contact either:

Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Dawn Hands - 7630 4194

Bubbenhall Toddler Group

Firstly thank you to everyone who provided jam jars for the stall at the Christmas Fayre and also to those who helped on the day. It helped to raised valuable funds.

We had a busy time in the run up to Christmas with lots of Christmas craft and the highlight was a special visit from Father Christmas himself.

Good luck to two of our members, Jenny Wall and Laura Crossan (pictured below with daughter Esme)

who are due to give birth to their second children imminently! We look forward to the new arrivals at toddlers!

Don't forget we meet every Thursday 9.30-11.30am in the Village Hall. If you've got a little one, or are even looking after a grandchild for the day please come along and join in the fun.

Lori - 7630 5355



Bubbenhall Fete and Family Fun Day

Saturday 18th June 2011

This year's theme is *Pirates*.

So Ho Ho Ho ye Landlubbers it's time for some Pirate fun and we have dug into our "treasure chest" to organise a fabulous afternoon and evening feast of first class entertainment!

Starting with:

Fancy dress parade with marching band from Pit Hill through village to judging on the playing field.

N.B. fancy dress is *not* limited to children so come on adults and get to work on your costumes!

Then afternoon entertainment on the playing field with:

- Displays from the Marching Band
- Music from a Jazz Band and Steel Band
- Stilt Walker/Fire Eater/Children's Entertainer
- Sarah Cooke Dance School
- Irish Dancers
- The one & only Bubbenhall Barrows
- The Jolly Roger Bar & BBQ
- Sumptuous home made cakes, teas and soft drinks
- Village charity stalls and games

Followed by evening entertainment including:

- BBQ with a succulent menu
- The Rat Packers – Live Music throughout the evening
- A fabulous firework display to end the day

AY! AY! AY! ME HEARTIES - Pirates knew how to eat and drink so bring your pieces of eight and doubloons to spend on the day and buy a programme for your family



nearer the time to help us fund the entertainment and fireworks.

If you would like further details or would like to help or run a stall, please give one of our Bubbenhall Village Events Committee members a call - please see contacts below.

Mike Wareham - 7630 6894



Village Contacts for the Bubbenhall Events Committee



Moat Close & Lower End Steve Ball - 2 Lower End - 7630 7770
Coopers Walk Norman Busby - 16 Coopers Walk - 7630 6927
Home Close Steve Haynes - 5 Home Close - 7630 4176
Orchard Way Don Thomas - 5 Orchard Way - 7630 5460
Waggoners Close Duncan Sibley - 7 Waggoners Close - 07870 276115
Church Road & Stoneleigh Road Judith Chettle - Halfpenny House - 7630 5164)
Darfield Court, Spring Hill, Pit Hill & Ryton Road Rose & Bob Cragg - 4 Darfield Court - 7630 4686
Leamington Road, Pagets Lane, Watery Lane & Weston Lane Mike Wareham - 23 Coopers Walk - 7630 6894

BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

Dates for Diary 2011

18th June - Bubbenhall Fete and Family Fun Day

10th September - Bubbenhall Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show & Car Boot Sale

15th December - Bubbenhall Christmas Carols

Bubbenhall Barrows ... send out a call to all Bubbenhall men old and young!

The village summer fete is nearing and we're looking to see if anyone's interested in putting a display team together again this year!

In 2009 we held the Battle of Bubbenhall and last year's Circus of Clowns was a great success so we're looking to better it this time!

Anyone can join - you just need a wheelbarrow and lots of enthusiasm. The ability to laugh at yourself would also help!

If you're interested please give one of us a call!

Craig Greenway - 7630 3918
Gill Prudhoe - 7630 7747



New Class



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The Bubbenhall 100 Club - helps to make £30,000 modernisation programme of Village Hall a reality

Get in the club – it's only £1 a month!

3rdno 66 John Letchford (£30)
4thno 128 Graham Hazel (£20)

Almost 12 months ago Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee applied for funding of nearly £30,000 for the complete refurbishment of the kitchens and toilets.

There will be another four lucky winners every month.

Don't be left out!!

The work was completed last year with funding from WREN under the Landfill Communities Fund, Warwick District Council under their Rural Initiatives Grant, Awards For All – The Big Lottery Fund, Bubbenhall Parish Council, Bubbenhall Village Hall/Fund Raising Events and Bubbenhall 100 Club.

Bubbenhall 100 Club pays out 4 cash prizes every month - £30, £20, £15 and £10. Prize money is doubled in January and December. Usually we do the draw in one of the village pubs on the last Friday of each month.

These grants have to be supported by third party funding. This is provided by Bubbenhall 100 Club. Without this third party support we would not even qualify for external funding.

Mike Wareham - 7630 6894,
23 Coopers Walk

Your 100 Club support, year after year is vital if we are to secure funding for future projects to maintain and improve our Village Hall, so get in the Club! *It's only £1 a month.*

There are a few numbers left so please give me a call. The monthly draw takes place on the last Friday of each month.

January 2011 winners:

1stno 50 Bubbenhall Bellringers (£60)
2ndno 147 Ian Stobart (£40)

Dog 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.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mary Long



Stay & Play

Are you 0-2 years old?

Would you like to come to school and play in the afternoons?



The Ark at Provost Williams School is available for you to use in the afternoons from 12-3pm and it's absolutely free!

Sorry but one of your grown ups has to come too although we will make them a cup of tea or coffee!

Call Debbie on 7630 2166 for more details.

Know Your Rights!

Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading



Standards Service: *Buying Tickets Online*

With Spring around the corner and many tickets for events, festivals and music concerts - including the Olympics - about to go on sale, in Scamnesty Month Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is warning consumers to be on the look out for fake ticket sites.

Fake ticket sites can look realistic, but the event tickets they sell are never delivered, leaving fans without tickets and their money.

The appearance of these sites often coincides with the announcement of large events, festivals and music concerts such as the Take That tour and Olympic Games! Police in London have already arrested people in connection with an alleged Games ticket scam.

Trading Standards Officers are advising consumers on how they

can avoid falling victim to ticketing scams that risk leaving them miles from home, out of pocket and with no way to get into the event.

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service urges everyone to tick off the following checklist before buying tickets online from a website:

- 1) How has the website got the tickets to sell? Check with the event to find out when tickets are being released for sale and when the tickets will be sent out
- 2) Is the website official or genuine and what are others saying about it? Search the internet to find out what other people's experiences have been. If in another language, use a search engine's translation service so that you can understand the content

3) How can you contact the company? Check that you know its full geographic address and check it has a working landline phone number

4) Can they provide ticket details? Ensure that the face value of the tickets and the seat location/festival area are clearly listed

5) Do they provide refunds? Make sure there is a refund policy in case something goes wrong

6) Pay for your tickets with a credit card. Under the Consumer Credit Act, your card issuer is jointly liable if you do not receive your tickets if the cash price of a single ticket is over £100.

For the Olympic Games (ticket applications from 15th March 2011), consumers are advised to apply via the official London 2012 website: www.london2012.com.

Brownies

We have had another busy term. Our numbers have grown so we are running with help from a parent rota and we also have 3 wonderful teenagers doing Guide Leadership Qualifications and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Without all this help we would not be able to meet each week.

The Brownies are working on their Cooks Badge at the moment preparing to celebrate the Royal Wedding with a party to which they are inviting the Brownies from Marton to join them.

Burns night was celebrated by making haggis magnets and tasting

haggis and shortbread. We have had a Chinese New Year evening where we tasted different foods from China and played some games. Our winter sleepover was held at Offchurch Village Hall where we did some winter crafts, had a widgame and also made soap and bath bombs for presents.

Thinking Day this year was spent at Twycross Zoo with girls and adults from all over Rugby. We managed to find William, a donkey that has been sponsored on behalf of one of our Brownies. He is very special and we have some lovely photographs of William and the girls.

We have a long waiting list, so please put girl's names down early so they are able to join us when

they are seven and a half. If you know of any adult over 18 years who would like to come and help then please get in touch with me.

Beverley Suffell - 01788 811643

Just a note...

Peter Bird wishes to say a sincere 'thank you' to all who gave so much practical support and sent messages of sympathy and cards after Margaret died. They were a great source of strength and comfort during a very sad and difficult time.

Thank you

Temporary Census Day Road Closure - 27th March 2011



The Coventry Road from Cubbington to Stareton will be closed to through traffic on 23rd-25th March, from B4453 Rugby Road Cubbington to A445 Leicester Lane/Leamington Road, and from the A455 Leicester Lane/Leamington Road to Stareton Lane for carriageway resurfacing works.



An alternative route will be available via B4453 Rugby Road, C33 Weston Lane, C33 Watery Lane and C32 Bubbenhall Road (and in reverse order).

In the middle of March, you'll get a census questionnaire in the post. Remember, you are required by law to complete the census. In the middle of March, you'll get a census questionnaire in the post. Remember, you are required by law to complete the census.

If you want to complete it online, the secure data collection website is www.census.gov.uk and has full guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

If you don't have access to the internet or prefer not to do it online, you'll be able to fill in the paper questionnaire by hand, sign the declaration on the front and post it back in the prepaid envelope provided.

If you haven't returned your questionnaire by 6th April, a census collector will visit your home to

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Guides

At Christmas we lost one of our leaders. Katie Simms had been with us for 2 years but work commitments meant she could no longer come to weekly meetings. After an appeal to parents Bev Whiting has joined us and is going to train as a qualified Leader.

In the run up to Christmas the Guides started to work on their Craft badge making clay candle holders, painting glass and making salt dough for Christmas decorations. We have finished the badge this term doing Aboriginal painting, calligraphy and making Chinese New Year cards.

On 22nd February Guides celebrate "Thinking Day". This is when we remember the international aspects of Guiding. We always celebrate in some way and this year we joined with 450 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for a day out at Twycross Zoo. The zoo was chosen as a link

with our founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, who loved Africa and animals and feeling part of the larger family of Guiding. are buried in Kenya.

The Guides had a wonderful day. They did a number of challenges, following the sign language trail, animal bingo and an animal alphabet, as well as enjoying the

Guides is for girls aged 10-14. We meet at the Village Hall on Fridays, in term time, 7.15-9 pm.

Lesley Goodhead - 7630 6964
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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 - Associate Ballet

Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

2.15pm - 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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Come and toast the Happy Couple with your village friends and neighbours at your local pub from 4pm, with a children's tea *and entertainer*.

In order to organise a fun afternoon, we need to see how many people are interested in enjoying this special occasion.



Photo taken by Mario Testino.

Please let Margaret Robinson, Karen McElhatton or Sam Baker by 31st March if you like this idea and would like to join in the fun.

Sam - 7621 2966
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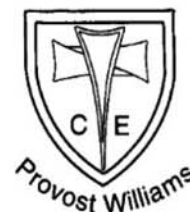
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Provost Williams Primary School



January saw a visit to the RSC production of Matilda. The set was spectacular, the music was brilliant, the story was spell-binding and we had a wonderful evening! The children were a pleasure to be with, in fact they were so enthralled their eyes barely left the stage. We also had an opportunity to leave our comments on huge blackboards outside the theatre.

Thanks to the Leader Programme we now have twelve fruit trees which means we have our very own orchard! It will be a few years before we get to taste any of the apples, pears and plums but our Reception children should still be here to sample them!

The week before half term was Health and Safety week. This week we welcomed a nurse in to talk to the children about medicines. Years 1 & 2 held a fruit café for parents and classmates and the Quantum Theatre Group gave us a performance of 'Personal Best'.

The Ark Holiday Club is open 7:45am to 6pm on INSET days and on most school holiday days. Parents may book whole or half days. See school office or Debbie Keeling, Ark Manager for more details (7630 2166).

We are collecting Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrison vouchers and would be grateful if you could donate yours.



Some of year 5 worked hard planting the trees.

Dates for your diary - 2011

April

- 10.....Andy Cutting Concert, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 12.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 29.....The Royal Wedding

May

- 10.....Parish Council AGM, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20.....Crowning of the May King and Queen, Provost Williams - 1.30-3.30pm
- 21.....Provost Williams May Gala - 1.30-4pm

June

- 14.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 18.....Village Fete & Fun Day

July

- 19.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm

September

- 6.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 10.....Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show & Car Boot Sale

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	Alternate Mon, 2-4pm	Village Hall	Dawn Eady - 7630 3957
Mother & Toddler Group	Thu, 9.30-11.30am	Village Hall	Lori Stark - 7630 5355
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-7pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 811643
Guides	Fri, 7.15-9pm	Village Hall	Lesley Goodhead - 7630 6964
Movement to Music Class for over 60 and less able	Thu, 2-3pm	Village Hall	Kate - 01926 451163
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Please contact Visitors Centre	Visitors Centre	
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 10.05-10.25am	"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road	Mobile Enquiry Line - 01926 851031
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
St Giles' Bellringers Practice	Thu, 7.30-9pm & Sat, 10.30am-12noon	St Giles' Church	Susan Sheen - 7630 6339
Young St Giles'	First Sun each month & 11am-12noon	St Giles' Church	Rosemary King - 01788 573067

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