

Bubbenhall Newsletter



March 2023

Parish Council Update



Appointment of new Clerk – Tracie Ball

The Parish Council are delighted to confirm that Tracie Ball, former resident of Bubbenhall is now employed as our permanent Clerk, taking over from our locum Clerk Louise Baudet in November. Tracie is Vice Chair of Wolston Parish Council and has formerly been a clerk, so has a wide range of experience to support our work for the village.

Vacant Councillor seats

We are likely to have one or more vacancies for Parish Councillors at the May elections, so if you want to be a part of making Bubbenhall an even better place to live and work, then please consider joining us. It's a great voluntary role that gives you a real voice and the opportunity to influence decisions about our community. It is not a huge time commitment with just 10 meetings a year and can also offer opportunities to develop either personally or professionally. If

you would like to find out more, call the Clerk Tracie on 07957 5 8 9 6 2 6 or email bubbenhallpcclerk@gmail.com

Warm Hub

The Parish Council provided £500 alongside a £500 grant to establish the Bubbenhall Warm Hub (from 4th January – 22nd March 2023) which is a weekly Wednesday drop in at the Malt Shovel pub providing a warm welcome, hot drink and a snack for those looking to stay warm and have companionship. This has been a great success, and the

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Are you happy with your Newsletter? We want your ideas and suggestions as to what should be included.

Speak to any of the committee or email bubbenhallnewsletter@googlemail.com.

Thanks again to all the volunteers from the village who help deliver newsletters, to Bob Cragg for organising distribution, and to all who contribute articles.

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Please note all content is included at the discretion of the committee and articles may be edited before publication.

Parish Council are applying for a further WRCC/Cadent grant to extend this into the Summer. The Parish Council would like to thank Mark and Clare of the Malt Shovel for hosting this valuable community service.

King's Coronation

Alongside the various village events, the Parish Council would like to provide all resident children (aged up to 18 years who are in full time school education on the 6th May) with a mug to commemorate this event. We last did this for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012, and so wanted to continue the tradition. If you would like one for your child, email bubbenhallpcclerk@gmail.com and we will add them to the order.

New playground

Cllrs Roberts and Baker will have a site planning meeting with developers Hags on 21st March, and will then have full details of the playground build timings and any likely disruption. The outline is for a 5-6 week programme of removal, site works and installation, but there will be updates on the village email so you can keep a track of progress. Once complete, we will organise a small opening event to thank FCCCF and Segro who have funded this work.

Planning

As ever, the Parish Council have been sent a variety of planning applications, and we endeavour to respond to each one

Defibrillators

Many of you will know that the Bubbenhall First Responders team have now disbanded after offering several years' service to the village (see p7) and we extend our thanks to all who have been a part of this. The Parish Council will now take on responsibility for the defibrillators, including their regular maintenance and updating

if needed. We may also look to acquire additional units so if you have views on where these could be sited do get in touch. Currently there are two, one sited near the entrance doors to the Village Hall, and one on the outside of the Malt Shovel pub. You do not require training to use one, the unit will literally talk you through each step and will not administer any shock unless it's needed, so don't be afraid to use these in an emergency. Visit British Heart Foundation www.bhf.org.uk for more information on when and how to use them.

Payroll service

The Parish Council are now using an external payroll service for the two PC employees – the Clerk and Groundsperson. This ensures our accounts and payroll is accurate and easy to audit.

Our next meeting is 11th April, 7.30pm in Bubbenhall Village Hall – all are welcome to attend.

Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2nd Monday, when we enjoy a pleasant afternoon. We would welcome new members, so please come along and join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

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Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

The recent Live and Local show by "George Egg" was well attended and accompanied by plenty of chuckles from the audience. I'm not sure whether it was nervousness at the thought of being the next guest in his hotel room after he'd prepared his dinner in the kettle and cooked pancakes on the iron. There were lots of extraordinary culinary feats to laugh at and the results were good to eat too. It was all accompanied by a series of amusing life observations.

We will be attempting to secure another good show for our Village Hall in the 23-24 season and hope to see many of you there. Thanks for your ongoing support.

BEG/ Village Hall committee

Film Night.

Brian and Charles (PG).

Thursday 23rd March

Entry £5 - contactless or cash accepted.

Doors open at **7pm**. The film starts at 7:45pm. Bar is open from 7pm till late.

Bubbenhall Quarry Safety Incident – Please Stay Out of the Quarry Workings

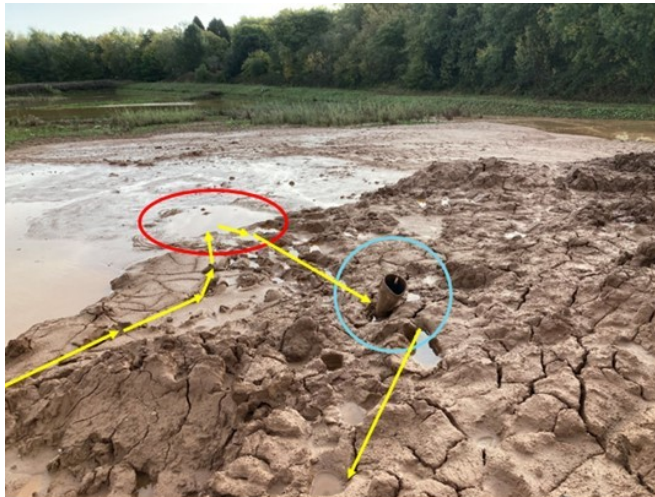
Late last year, just before Christmas, workers at the quarry found signs that someone had got into trouble in the quick sand around the silt lagoons, next to Bubbenhall Wood.

It seems a dog walker went into the area to find a lost dog. It is clear the person got in to trouble and could have drowned in the quick sand (see picture below).

It must have been a very frightening experience for dog and dog owner alike.

Since then Smiths Concrete have improved the fencing around the lagoons and put up more signage, however they ask members of the Parish to please stay out of this area and keep their dogs on a leash when walking nearby.

They believe that whoever was involved was very lucky and think nobody wants this type of incident repeated, it could have ended tragically.



100 Club

We are now over half way through the Club's year but there are still five remaining monthly draws from now until end-August 2023. As always, there will be FOUR prizes each month namely £40, £25, £20 and £15. So there are still 20 chances to win: great odds!

Congratulations to the winners in the last four prize draws who were.

December (Champagne) Draw

1st	Steve Green
2 nd	Rose Cragg
3th	Phil Hayes
4 th	Luciole Brose

January

1st	Aidan O'Hare
2nd	Jan Lucas
3rd	Di Goodgame
4 th	John Letchford

February

1st	Ian Stobart
2nd	Malcolm Davies
3rd	Jackie Lindsay
4 th	Sharon Spencer

March

1st	Lynn Brown
2nd	Louise Kingham
3rd	Clive Salt
4 th	Margaret Robinson

Unused numbers are now in short supply. But new members are always welcome, especially from newly arrived residents. Please contact alan.roe14@gmail.com to request an unallocated number for the draws.

Alan Roe For the 100 Club Management Committee

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Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL
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It's incredible to think that we are already three months into the new year and so with that in mind we would like to begin by saying Thank You for your time, commitment and support in the events held at the end of last year and for your continued support in our plans for 2023.

To everyone who attended and helped make the Christmas Carols a great evening (p20); it was wonderful to see new people from within and outside the village participate. Some special thanks go to those who donated mince pies and sausage rolls and the team that helped to make it look festive by decorating the hall and putting up a wonderful Christmas tree, we thank you.

We have started off this year with some great village events, the turn out for the film nights has been most pleasing and the first of our live and local events, 'George Egg', was a huge hit of much needed comedy (see p2). The committee would like to thank all of those who turned out to support and help make the evening an enjoyable and successful event.

Dates for the Diary.

We are delighted to be able to provide you with some dates for the diary for upcoming events and look forward to seeing many of you enjoying the planned activities

Saturday 1st April 2023.

Bubbenhall Litter Pick & Breakfast

Bubbenhall Breakfast kindly organised by Gail Haynes from **9.30am**. The litter Pick will begin at BVH at **10.30am**(p11). Anyone who can volunteer to help, please come along; it would be much appreciated.

Sunday 7th May 2023.

Coronation Picnic in the Park.

From 11am

Bring-your-own drinks and food to the village hall and enjoy the day with friends and family. With the help of the Parish Council, the village hall committee will be putting on a climbing wall to entertain children and parents alike, especially as there will be essential work going on to the



playground at this time and, therefore will be out of use.

Alongside the Picnic we are hoping that the entertainment can be provided by our friends and village neighbours in the form of

Bubbenhall's Got Talent Show:

Come and show off your talent at the Coronation Picnic in the Park Day.

BGT Entry. To enter, please email bubbenhallsocialevents@gmail.com with what you plan to do and your **entry needs to be in by 30th April 2023.**

Saturday 22nd July 2023.

Bubbenhall Bake-Off & Village Show.

To be held at the Village Hall. Bar is open from 12pm -6pm. Come and show off your various masterpieces.

See website and schedule for further details

For these and other events throughout the year, please regularly check in with the Bubbenhall website; <https://www.bubbenhall.info/events.php> and the Facebook page.

Bubbenhall Village Hall Roof Fund Raising.

The village hall was built in 1986 and has had various improvements over the years to ensure that the community can benefit from it for multiple events.

Unfortunately, over the past few months, it has been identified that the roof will need some serious renovation. Although the committee have funded work to improve its condition recently, it is only a short-term fix and more extensive work needs to be carried out.

We are looking for anyone who can help support the funding of this work to please come forward so that the hall can be there for years to come for the benefit of future generations.

Are you new to the village?

We would like to welcome you all, we hope you are enjoying village life. If you would like to be kept abreast of all things village related e.g village events, parish notices, community police alerts, lost & found and much more then please email admin@bubbenhall.info to be added to the distribution list.

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Bubbenhall First Responders

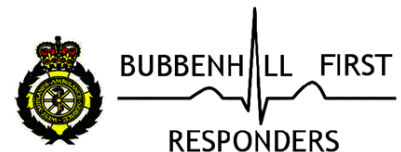
The first responder scheme in Bubbenhall was established in 2013 and run by a charity called Bubbenhall First Responders.

Following several unsuccessful appeals for volunteers to help run the charity and a dip in the number of first responders an Extraordinary General Meeting was held in December 2022 to decide the charities future. At the meeting it was decided to dissolve the charity and transfer the responsibility for its assets and activities to Bubbenhall Parish Council and Coventry First Responders.

The project to transfer the public access defibrillators and the financial assets of the charity to the Parish Council has now been completed. Responsibility for supporting the one remaining first responder has been transferred to Coventry First Responders.

We are pleased to say the decision to dissolve Bubbenhall First Responders as a charity has had no impact upon the provision of services to the village.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who generously supported the charity in the past. Without your support we couldn't have helped the people we did when they needed it most.



Christmas Lunch held for Village Pensioners aged 70+

Forty eight residents enjoyed a very sociable afternoon meeting their generous friends both old and new whilst a team of village volunteers cooked and served a three course free Christmas lunch.

An added bonus was the appearance of Father Christmas who we are grateful too for adding this event to his busy schedule and filling the room with his usual Christmas cheer.

A big round of applause must go out to all those who volunteered their valuable time to help organise this event and to make sure it ran smoothly on the day.

A special thank you to Buckingham Group, Bubbenhall Village Hall Committee, Malt Shovel, Hughie Lemon, Warwickshire Chiropractice and

Lots of cards and letters were received from people who attended who all expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Village for holding this special occasion. It's clear this event was a huge success and thank you to everyone who attended.

We look forward to seeing you next Christmas.



Gail Haynes

Julie's Easter Recipe

Lemon Drizzle Scones

Ingredients:

3tbsp lemon juice
3tbsp milk
225g self-raising flour
¼ tsp salt
75g butter
50g caster sugar
4tbsp lemon zest
2 eggs
300g icing sugar

Makes 8 slices

Extras to serve:

Lemon Curd
Whipped double cream



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 190°C, line a baking tray with baking paper or grease a round oven proof dish
2. In a small bowl mix 1tbsp lemon juice with the milk, leave to one side
3. Add flour, salt & butter and rub in until mix resembles breadcrumbs.(or you can use a food processor). Add the caster sugar & 2tbsp lemon zest and mix again to combine.
4. In a jug or bowl beat 1 egg then stir in the milk/lemon juice. Add to the flour mix and mix briefly until everything comes together. Turn out onto a floured surface and shape into circle about 20cm across. Place on the prepared baking tray or into the oven proof dish. Using a blunt knife dipped in flour, make shallow indentations to mark the circle into 8 pieces. Beat the remaining egg and brush it over the surface. Bake for 20-25 mins, remove from oven and allow to cool completely.
5. In a bowl combine the icing sugar and 2tbsp lemon juice. Cut the cooled scones into 8 then drizzle the icing over the top of each piece. Sprinkle with zest. You could also add poppy seeds.
6. These are nice sliced and served with lemon curd and whipped cream for an extra treat.

Guides

Many of our activities this term have featured food! They were from a number of angles though. Under our Skills for My Future theme we looked at budgeting and planning a meal, taking into account food source eg fair trade or local, price and nutritious value. The girls will then do the shopping and cook the meal. One group has made fudge towards their confectionary badge and another pasta sauce as part of learning skills. Of course, we couldn't let Shrove Tuesday go without making pancakes.

Other activities have been around Skills for My Future, learning the need for clear instructions (which obviously involved making an unusual sandwich). We have also looked at wearable technology, designing our own items. We are moving on to investigation skills, putting into practice some of the things we learnt on our visit to Shrewsbury Prison.

We are starting to think about camping and, all being well, we will be joining the County Big Beach theme camp in May.

We do have capacity for more guides, if any girls over 10 years old would like to join us.

Stephanie Mason

bubbenhallguides@gmail.com

Rainbows

Since our return after the Christmas holidays, our Rainbows have been busy working towards the Recycling and Helpers interest badges which in turn will earn their Making Changes badge – the girls do love badges!! For their recycling badge they looked at different ways things can be saved from going to landfill, by recycling things they have finished with rather than putting them in the bin and also by giving things to Charity Shops. Gail Haynes, who runs a shop for the Samaritans kindly came along and chatted to the girls explaining how their donations can help in many ways; whether items can be sold in the shop or sold on for other uses. We also looked at ways they can help the environment by turning off lights and not leaving taps running.

The Rainbows have also enjoyed lots of other activities, which include making melted snowman biscuits and bird feeders. They celebrated Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day and are currently making secret surprises ready for Mothering Sunday. They have also had fun with Sophie, our newest young leader who has joined us while she is taking part in the Edinburgh Awards Scheme. Sophie has also been selected to take part in an international event with other young leaders and guiders from the Midlands Region. During the summer they will be travelling to Canada where they will be meeting up with Canadian guide units and apparently volunteering at a Zoo. With the Rainbows Sophie has made Canadian pancakes topped with maple syrup. They also made Moose masks and played a Moose off game.

Along with losing Jenny and Phoebe who will be going to University in the autumn, sadly, in July Dawn (aka fox) who has helped at Rainbows for the past 28 years has decided to hang up her badge tab. This is going to be a huge loss for the unit and she will be greatly missed. For Rainbows to survive we urgently need to find someone to step in to her very special shoes. If you think you may be that person and could spare an hour or so a week during term time, we would love to hear from you.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 4 – 7 years. If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Robinson on 02476305931 or Dawn Hands on 02476306073 or to add your daughter's name to our waiting list please go to www.girlguiding.org and click on join us

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History of Bubbenhall's Pubs

The population of Bubbenhall in the first part of the nineteenth century ranged from 247 to 261. By 1931 it was 291. Throughout this time the village had two public houses, a miller, a butcher and in 1931 a shop and post office as well. In 2021 the population was 647 – and there were just two public houses. Since one of these has recently re-opened after a lengthy period of vacancy now is a good time to review the history of our two pubs.

The Malt Shovel

In 1801 a malthouse was erected in Bottom (now Lower) End that incorporated an earlier half timbered building and was called The Malt Shovel.



Part of the original building.

It is difficult to trace who built this. The 1850 F. White and Co. Warwickshire Directory recorded that the victualler and malster of the Malt Shovel was Moses Satchwell, and he was listed as living there in the 1851 census. Moses was born in Bubbenhall and died there in 1855. The Satchwells were a well established family in Bubbenhall; his brother John was the father of John Satchwell who was at the Three Horseshoes (see below). Moses was single with no

recorded offspring. The 1874 Warwickshire Directory lists Miss Hannah Howlett at the Malt Shovel. Since in the 1871 census she was about 75 years old and living at Farm House Bubbenhall it is likely that she was the owner rather than the victualler.

At some point it was acquired by Lucas and Co, brewers of Lillington Avenue, Leamington Spa, or its predecessor. Lucas and Co were registered in July 1897 and had 124 licensed houses. The site of the brewery in Leamington is now the development "The Maltings". Charles Penn was the publican at the Malt Shovel in 1908 and was listed as there in the 1911 census.



The Malt Shovel in the 1900s

In November 1928 Ansells took over Lucas and Co including the 124 licensed tie houses, hence the Malt Shovel became an Ansells pub.



The sign is still there today.

In 1961 Ansells merged with Taylor Walker and Co and Ind, Coope and Co to form Allied Breweries. It was after this that the pub was extended to become the one that we know today. Allied Breweries merged with Carlsberg in 1992.

Mark Mcelhatton became the owner (Bubbenhall's Malt Shovel Ltd) in August 2007 and runs it to this day.



The Three Horseshoes

In 1528 five cottages and land were purchased in Spring Hill, Bubbenhall, as a form of endowment for the almshouses known as Ford's Hospital in Coventry which had been founded by William Pisford. In 1823 two of the cottages were leased to Thomas Walton, yeoman, and in 1845 these were described as of Horseshoes brewer, and are now the Three Horseshoes. In the Warwickshire Directory of 1850 John Satchwell, victualler, brewer and farmer, was listed as running it. He and his family were recorded as living at The Three Horseshoes in the 1871 census, and he was listed as the publican in the 1874 Warwickshire Directory. John was born in Bubbenhall in 1806, a member of the large Satchwell Bubbenhall family, and died there in 1881. It is difficult to trace who ran the Three Horseshoes after this, but it had been acquired by Hunt, Edmunds

and Co, a brewery in Banbury, by the early 1900s.



Spring Hill in the 1900s, showing the Three Horseshoes.

It continued to be a Hunt, Edmunds and Co pub as seen by a photo from the 1930s.



Hunt, Edmunds and Co was acquired by Bass, Mitchell and Butler in 1965, along with 187 public houses over seven counties. The Bass brewery portfolio of public houses was bought by Punch pubs, a company established in 1997. There were changes to the Three Horseshoes after this. It was extended, refurbished, the function room at the back was demolished and the bedrooms were built.



The Three Horseshoes in 2002.

Following some complex financial moves by Punch pubs over the next few years 1900 pubs owned

by Punch were taken over by Heineken in 2015. The Three Horseshoes had several landlords during the Punch ownership and subsequently until 2019 when it became vacant.

It has now been taken over by Star Pubs and Bars, who are part of Heineken and provide support for refurbishment. The new look Three Horseshoes is leased and run by John Thorpe and Ashleigh Spence and opened in December 2022.



The Three Horseshoes 2023

Bubbenhall Litter Pick

Volunteers required

Saturday **1st April 2023** 10:30 – 12:00

Meet at the village hall at 10:30am



The great Bubbenhall Litter Pick of Spring 2023

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Bubbenhall Breeze Belles

Where does the time go? The last article I wrote for the newsletter gave you pictures of us all enjoying lovely times in the sunshine. Then Christmas arrived and our annual Christmas get together was as usually very sociable, painting a snowy Christmas scene under the guidance of Jan from nJoyArt UK.



We are now in mid March, and the snowdrops and crocus are blooming and daffodils are breaking bud, time to start thinking about getting back out on our bikes. It has been a while since we have been able to get out, but plans are now in hand to start our new season of cycling. Our first Sunday ride will be on Sunday 26 March starting at the Malt Shovel and our first Monday ride will be 3 April. The Sunday rides will be longer and for the ladies that want to build distance, whilst the Monday evening rides, will be more leisurely. So it is time to go to the back of the garage or unlock that garden shed and dig out your bicycles, give them a clean, lubricate the chain and ensure the brakes work.

We are a friendly and sociable group who love to cycle, have a chat and of course the obligatory coffee and cake stop on our Sunday rides somewhere near the end of a ride or on a Monday evening we enjoy a quick drink at the Malt Shovel at the end of the ride.

Route planning still remains a bit of a challenge due to road closures for HS2, but we try to cycle along relatively quiet roads and short distances to start with, ensuring everyone is confident and happy, progressing a little further as our rides develop.

Looking forward to seeing new and existing members soon. Contact me for further information or visit our Facebook page: Bubbenhall Breeze Belles.

Rose Cragg

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Christmas Eve Crib Service



The Crib service at St Giles' Church on Christmas Eve was well attended, with about 60 of us coming to the traditional service. It was lovely to be back in church for our Christmas Crib and carol service, this time led by Jade Greenway, ably assisted by her Dad!

Organist Mike Spencer from Ryton kindly played for us to sing the familiar carols, the children (some of them dressed up as Wise Men and other Christmas story characters) put the figures in the Crib, and we all lit red tealights in front of the Crib, just like we used to before the three-year gap imposed by the Pandemic.

St Giles Christmas Food Bank Collection

I am humbled and incredibly grateful for the unexpected generosity received for such a worthwhile cause. Amazingly the donated parcels weighed a spectacular 156 kilograms, or

well over 24 stones!

I can only say to each and every one of you, thank you all so very much! Your donation will make a massive difference to those who are struggling.

Craig Greenway

Children at St Leonards Ryton

Children of all ages from Bubbenhall will find a warm welcome at all our 9.30 a.m. Sunday services. Our Sunday School takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the church centre when the main service in church is more formal, and on the second and fourth Sundays we have less formal services designed for all ages, with special activities for children.

In addition, those aged 8 and above are invited to join our robed choir, or train as altar servers.

Contact Mrs Backholler on 02476 302 353 for details of Sunday School, and Mrs. Marsh on 02476 304295 for information about the choir, and Mrs Rosemary King on 01788 573067 for details of altar server training.

Rosemary King

Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal, a big thank you from Mary Long to everyone who donated dog food and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley. It was all delivered the week before Christmas and as normal they were extremely thankful and pleased to see us.

As always thank you for all your continued support.

Mary Long

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We have been super busy with some pupils working towards their dance exams in March, June and July. We have some senior pupils working towards their Teaching Assistant exams: Connie, Roxanne, Lily and Phoebe. These girls work so hard, especially when they are also working towards GCSEs, A Levels and Degrees.

We have some places:

Mondays Disco class 4.15pm
Wednesday Pre school age 2-4 at 2.15pm

We offer Ballet and Tap classes all ages & Disco / Street Dance all ages. If you'd like to start please email

sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Penguin Post

Did you receive a Christmas card with the Penguin Postmark?

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of using the services of the Penguin Post for the delivery of Christmas Cards around the village. During the very cold snap in the weather before Christmas, the cards were delivered around the village. Thank you also to John Robinson for helping us out. We raised the sum of £90.00 which has gone to the Village Hall funds.

Thank you to all who used the service for your support.

Margaret Robinson and Gillian Prudhoe

Brownies

We have had a busy start to the year with the girls working on their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Looking back through what we have done it does seem to all revolve around food. Chinese New Year was celebrated with food tasting and chopstick games and for Hogmanay we attempted some dancing. This half term two of our Leaders celebrated birthdays so lots of cake was consumed. For an early pancake day meeting we attempted, unsuccessfully, to cook pancakes on tin cans and also to do popcorn over a tea light. We eventually gave in and cooked pancakes in the kitchen which worked much better. Our interest badge we are working on this term is the Space Badge, so we have been outside looking at the stars. We have been blessed with some clear,

starry nights and with the use of the adult's phones were able to identify some of the constellations. Almost the whole unit is now looking forward to the County trip to Twycross Zoo in April.

Some of the Brownies joined in with girls from all over the Division for our Thinking Day Event where we explored various activities from the programme.

Beverley Suffell

The Malt Shovel

The Christmas Raffle and Boxing Day Auction raised £1310 for Myton Hospice.

Thanks go to the Malt Shovel for hosting the Bubbenhall Warm Hub every Wednesday morning from 4th January to 22nd March.

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Grow Your Own

Whatever the size of your garden you can always find room to grow a few vegetables and when you realise that they taste so much nicer than bought produce, you will want to grow more.

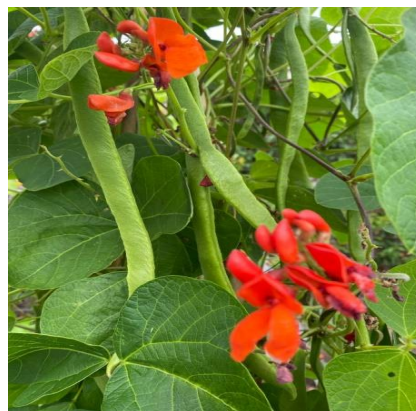
It may be cool and grey at the moment but the clocks will soon be going forward and light levels will change, making conditions better for growing.

Apart from the nicer taste, growing vegetables is cheaper than buying them. A packet of **lettuce** seeds, which will last all year, costs between £1.00 and £2.50 depending on variety and supplier. Cut and come again lettuce, such as the salad bowl types, will carry on for some time; all can be grown in the ground or in containers on a patio.

Growbags are an ideal way to grow **tomatoes**, both cherry such as Sweet Million or Sungold, and medium types e.g. Shirley. Trailing tomatoes can be grown in

hanging baskets. You can use large pots to grow all types.

Both **runner beans** and **climbing French beans** are suitable for growing up wigwams made of canes, in both flower beds and containers. As well as producing plenty of beans for eating (and



freezing) they all have attractive flowers. **Dwarf French beans** grow on small plants that can be popped in borders or pots.

One or two **courgette** plants will produce plenty and can be grown upwards supported on a pole, so reducing the amount of room they take up.

All of these plants can be grown from seed but will need to be sown in pots inside at a warmer temperature before planting out when all frosts are over. The alternative is to buy small plants from local garden centres and grow them on.

Vegetables will only be productive if they get enough water, and you do have to watch out for slugs and snails. If you enjoy growing and gardening it is worth investing in a large water butt that can be connected to the downpipe from the gutters, so saving money on water bills. The step after that is a compost bin.

Have a go, enjoy the flavours and you could have some prize winning vegetables for the Produce show in July.



Easter/Spring Wordsearch



Find the words in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words do not share letters.

BASKET

CHICKS

EGG HUNT

PARADE

BLOSSOM

CELEBRATE

EGGS

SPRINGTIME

BONNET

CHOCOLATE

FAMILY

TULIP

BUNNY

DAFFODIL

HOT CROSS BUN

TREATS

CARROTS

EASTER

LAMBS



From Santa to Snowdrops.....

So here we are at the beginning of Spring. However we did not want our Christmas Party on the Village Green to pass into memory without a mention in the Newsletter.

The event, with the arrival of our own new Father Christmas was spectacular and attracted upwards of 200 Villagers and friends to enjoy the festivities.



The sensational arrival of our new Father Christmas by Tuk Tuk, the switching on of the new LED Village Green lights, the music and mulled wine, the mince pies, the samosas all created a wonderful festive occasion. Adding to the light and life of the occasion, The Three Horse Shoes pub came back to life just in time too, after looking so forlorn for so long.



It was a true coming together of our Village through volunteers and the financial support of the Parish Council. Many special thanks are due - to Stuart, to Gill and John, to Gail and Steve, to Iain, to Macca and Claire at the Malt Shovel, to Heather, to Jay and Sam, to the ladies who made the mince pies and not forgetting the Warwickshire Police and our PCOs, who kept us safe by providing the traffic control.

The occasion and the evident generous teamwork illustrates what you get in a village community which is open to all.



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Carols in the Village Hall

There was a welcome return to the tradition of Christmas Carols in the Village Hall in the run-up towards Christmas.

The mince pies, sausage rolls and Bilton Silver Band, along with Father Christmas, made it a super evening for all ages.



Dates for your diary

April

1st.....Village Hall Breakfast 9.30

Litter Pick 10.30-12.30

11thParish Council Meeting ,
Village Hall 7,30pm

May

7th.....Coronation Picnic in the Park

9th.....Annual Parish Meeting

16th.....Parish Council Meeting and
AGM

June

20th.....Parish Council Meeting

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month.....	see page 2
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm.....	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies.....	Tue, 5.30-6.45pm.....	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides.....	Tue 6.45-8.15pm.....	bubbenhallguides@gmail.com
Sarah Cooke Dance School.....	contact Sarah	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library.....	Every 3 weeks, 9.40-10.00am	Ellesmere, Stoneleigh RoadMobile Enquiry Line
	10.30-11.00am.....	Lower End.....01926 851031...

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