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Bubbenhall Newsletter

March 2002

Parish Council

Emergency Planning

Mick Potter of the WCC Emergency Planning Unit attended the Parish Council meeting on December 11th to speak about planning for emergencies. The village Emergency Committee had held a meeting prior to this and Mr Potter was able to answer some of their queries.

Anyone who feels they may be in danger of flooding may now register to receive warnings of floods. A registration form is available from the clerk.

The names and telephone numbers of all Emergency Committee members are to be displayed on the notice board in Lower End.

Conservation Area Review

Alan Mayes, Conservation Officer from WDC, also attended our meeting on 11th December to outline a proposed review of the conservation area in the village. The purpose of this extension is to give extra protection to areas within the village which are considered to be aesthetically worthy.

The areas concerned are:

1. Corner of Coopers Walk and Lower End, to include New House and Fir Tree House. The residents of these properties are against the proposal and we concurred with their view. We have notified the Conservation Officer that we consider the listing of Abbey's House to be sufficient.
2. Church Road - extension to include more of some back gardens. As this will have little impact on the village,

we have asked residents to liaise directly with the Conservation Officer..
3. Old School and adjoining property - inclusion agreed.

Any residents who would like to make comments on these proposals may contact Alan Mayes, Planning Department, Warwick D C, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa.

Parish Council Meetings 2002.

The following dates have been agreed. All dates are Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.
8 January, 19 February, 2 April, 14 May (Parish Meeting), 25 June, 6 August, 17 September, 29 October and 10 December

The Spout.

Checks carried out by Mr Dennis O'Brien have shown that the flow of water to the spout is steadily reducing. The reason for this became clear at a meeting with Smiths Concrete at the end of January when we were advised that an independent hydrologist has established that the aquifers which fed the spring are no longer in existence. We have also been advised that Mr O'Brien's suggestion that a holding lake be established with a feed to the spout is unworkable and because of contamination issues, neither the Parish council nor Smiths concrete wish to see a circulatory system in operation. We would be interested to hear from any villager who has any suggestions as to how we may re-establish or re-create a flow

Policing.

The council receives regular reports from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Bob Gardner, and the Community Beat Officer, PC Owen King. PC King attended the meeting of the Parish council on 8th January. He

is confident that policing is getting better in that beat officers were not dealing with as much crime related paperwork and had more time for patrols, computer systems are being improved and email addresses will be given to the Clerk when available. Voice mail should also return soon. It was suggested that PC King attend the village hall once a month during the Doctor's surgery times so that villagers may raise any crime connected issues with him, this is being considered. It is hoped that all 999 calls should now be correctly routed as local postcodes have been given to BT. We will wait and see!

The council has considered the possibility of installing CCTV in the village, but it seems unlikely that any external funding will be available as in the eyes of the police, the level of crime does not appear to warrant this

Three Horseshoes.

The council has received a copy of a planning application to alter the premises to include the provision of seven bedrooms. Concern was raised that this was a substantial development in the heart of the village in close proximity to neighbouring properties. A site meeting was arranged between the Parish Council, neighbours and the architect where the concerns of all parties were voiced. We are now awaiting feedback from the Planning Department.

Budget for the Parish Council 2002/2003.

The Budget has been agreed and forwarded to Warwick District Council. The precept remains the same as the current year at £6500.

The Spout Garden

The council has agreed to consider
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improving the area adjacent to the spout. A meeting was held on 27th January between members of the Parish Council and local residents. Since that meeting, however, it has been established that only the green in the centre of the area actually belongs to the Parish Council. Investigations are now going on to determine ownership and to obtain sanction for improvements.

Anyone wishing to become involved in this scheme, please contact Mick Jeffs.

Alan Gibson

The Parish council began their meeting on 8th January with a minutes silence in tribute to Alan Gibson, our former Vice Chairman, who died on Christmas Eve. Alan attended our meeting on 11th December as a representative of the Emergency Committee, he was in fine form and as usual, added a sense of controlled humour to the occasion. We will all miss him.

Should any resident have any matter which they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish council, please contact any Parish Councillor (names & contact numbers appear on the notice board in Lower End) or myself, **Mick Jeffs,**

Clerk to Parish Council
01926 337195

Your Village Needs You

Following the resignation of Councillor Tony Marson, from the Parish Council, the Council is seeking nominations for a replacement member. If you are a Bubbenhall resident and you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the Parish clerk, Mick Jeffs on 01926 337195. Should we receive more nominations than places available, an election will be held later in the year.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Councillor Marson for his contribution to the work of the Parish Council and especially for his personal involvement during the planning stages of the

Parcel Force and Coventry Airport development. He has been an active member and Parish Council representative on Coventry and Warwickshire Airport Action Group (CWAAG) for several years.

Sue Wareham

Bubbenhall Annual Parish Assembly

Bubbenhall Parish Council invites you to the Bubbenhall Annual Parish Assembly Tuesday 14th May, 7.30 p.m. at Bubbenhall Village Hall. Your chance to have your say

Neighbourhood Watch

Since my last report two crimes have been committed in the village both of them from unattended motor vehicles left on driveways and both involving the theft of 'lap top' computers.

Residents are again reminded to remove all items of value from their vehicles before leaving them unattended anywhere.

Owners of burglar alarm systems are advised to ensure that they have a keyholder available in case the alarm goes off in their absence as the Police will not respond unless there is definite evidence of a crime being committed such as the sound of broken glass or a vehicle speeding away. False alarms do occur and if not dealt with fairly quickly and switched off they continue to ring and neighbours do not respond as there is nothing they can do and the object of having an alarm is defeated as a result.

As the better weather approaches and warmer nights occur there is a temptation to leave some downstairs windows open. A perfect invitation to a would-be burglar so please be careful to lock up all doors and windows especially at night.

R. B. Gardner
Chairman
024 76303546

Village Hall

With the death of Alan Gibson in December, the village hall committee lost its Chairman. Alan was instrumental in getting the village hall built, thus providing the community with a superb facility and focus for local organisations. His hard work in seeking grants for maintaining and improving the hall is well known to all his colleagues on the committee. We will miss his enthusiasm, his commitment and his advice on all matters.

At a meeting of the village hall committee on 28th January, Mr Alan Roe was elected as Chairman. Mr Roe will also co-ordinate a small sub-committee, looking into the way in which the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act in 2004 will affect the premises. To help this sub-committee, we would like someone with direct experience of disability, to comment on access and use of the village hall. If you feel able to assist please contact Caroline Coles at the number listed below.

The committee would also be grateful, if any equipment that has been borrowed from the village hall, could be returned as soon as possible.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have received funds for the redecoration of the village hall. The decorator will be starting shortly and we hope to have a brighter and more colourful hall thanks to Mr Gavin Slark and ICI who have kindly provided the paint for the walls.

Caroline Coles 024 76305287
Secretary to the Village Hall Committee

Clarendon Lodge

Following a change to the doctors rota at Clarendon Lodge Surgery, Dr Chapman will be taking the Tuesday surgery at Bubbenhall and the Thursday surgery at Bubbenhall, will be taken by Dr Fullbrook. Both surgeries will commence at 10.30.

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St. Giles Church

Bubbenhall

I am having to take quite a long view
in writing this, because I am writing it
in the middle of February, just as Lent
is starting, and by the time the next
Newsletter after this comes out, a lot
of things will have happened.

First of all, Mothering Sunday -
there will be Holy Communion at
11am on 10 March, and posies will
be blessed and handed out to all the
children (and any grown-ups who
want one). We have a special
preacher on that day, Mrs. Jan
Craven, a volunteer worker with the
Children's Society, and she will be
talking about the work of the
Children's Society.

Palm Sunday is on 24 March, and
again there will be a celebration of
Holy Communion at 11am on that
day.

Holy Week and Easter are the most
important part of the Church's year,
when we make a particular effort to
remember and celebrate the
Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus
Christ. One result of that is that we
have quite a lot of church services in
that week.

During Holy Week, there will be:
Holy Communion at St. Leonard,
Ryton on Monday 25 March at
7.30pm; Stations of the Cross at
St. Leonard, Ryton on Tuesday 26
March at 7.30pm; Holy Communion
at St. Giles on Wednesday 27 March
at 10.30am; Commemoration of the
Last Supper and the Watch at
St. Leonard, Ryton on Thursday 28
March at 7.30pm; our very popular
Good Friday workshop at St. Leonard,
Ryton on Friday 29 March at 10am;
Good Friday Liturgy at St. Giles on
Friday 29 March at 7.30pm; the
Easter Vigil at Coventry Cathedral on
Saturday 30 March at 8.15pm, and
Holy Communion on Easter Day at St.
Giles at 8am and 11am.

Please come and join us.

And now one very important
advanced notice: on 19 May, the
parish of St. John the Baptist,
Baginton will formally be joining

St. Giles and St. Leonard, Ryton, and
from then on we will be three parishes
with one priest in charge. I hope we
will be able to make the congregation
of St. John the Baptist and the people
of Baginton feel welcome, and join
happily and enthusiastically with them
in prayer, worship and mission, to
encourage and help each other and to
meet for social events. This does
mean, of course, that I will be spread
more thinly, but, for six months at
least after we join together, and for
longer if it seems like a good idea to
all concerned, we shall be maintaining
the existing pattern of services at
St. Giles.

**Finally - a very early Happy Easter
to you all.**



David Wintle
Priest-in-Charge
024 76301283

Alan Rowland Gibson,

Burma Star 1923-2001

Mourners from many walks of life
gathered together at St Giles Church,
Bubbenhall on Thursday 3rd January
to pay their respects to Alan Gibson
who died suddenly on December 24th
aged 78. Alan had lived in Bubbenhall
for the past twenty years and since
his arrival had become a hugely
respected and well loved figure as
both the chairman of the Village Hall
Committee, a post which he held until
his death, and previously as Vice
Chairman of the Parish Council.

Alan was educated at Old Merchant
Taylors School and Imperial College,
London, but war interrupted his
University studies and he was
commissioned in the army in 1941.
He attained the rank of Colonel in the
Royal Horse Artillery. After initial
training in Scotland, he was posted at
short notice to Burma. After his
arrival, he joined the special Chindits

volunteer force established to fight
behind enemy lines.

Alan was captured by the Japanese
in 1943 and interned under dreadful
conditions for almost three years.
Although a naturally tall and imposing
person, his weight dropped to less
than six stone. He readily
acknowledged that he was fortunate
to survive the experience when so
many of his fellow prisoners died.
Having entered the camp as the
youngest officer he was the senior
surviving officer when it was relieved
in 1945. In that capacity he accepted
the surrender of the Japanese camp
commander and often described his
elation when the Black Watch
marched into the camp in full
uniform.

After hospitalisation in Singapore,
he saw post-war service as a
commanding officer in Calcutta
working on "operation hunger" to feed
the Indian population and in
Languard Fort, Felixstowe, including a
period with Field Marshall
Montgomery.

The largest part of his civilian
working life was committed to
Laughtons and Sons - an old
established Birmingham metal-ware
company. He became the Works
Manager there in 1962 and retired
from the company in 1988. Former
colleagues speak of his almost
instinctive talents as a manager. He
was easy to talk to, ready to listen
seriously to even the most junior
employee, and had few hang-ups
about status, seniority or hierarchy.
Above all, his success as a manager
is attributed to his fastidious attention
to the detail of even complex new
engineering projects, and his concern
for the safety and well-being of staff.
Retirement did not suit him and he
worked part-time for several more
years as the administrator of the
Warwick Research Institute at the
University of Warwick.

He moved to Bubbenhall in 1982
and married Margaret his surviving
spouse in 1987. His potential for
leadership was spotted early on and
he was persuaded to become the
Chairman of the Reading Room
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Committee, taking on this decaying Victorian legacy along with a bank balance of £244. Alan immediately informed the Committee that they would fund and build a new Village Hall for Bubbenhall within three years. Despite their initial scepticism Alan pulled everyone together and the new village hall was built and formally opened in 1987. Alan continued to run the operation with military precision and efficiency and almost single-handedly raised tens of thousands of pounds for the village with projects including a major extension to the hall, a multi surface playing court, emergency heating and cooking facilities and most recently additional car parking facilities. He once said that his Chindits training prepared him well for the perils of village politics!

In his youth Alan played Rugby to a high standard. He played fly half for several years for Harlequins, and also had games for the Barbarians. After his army service he committed himself with his usual energy to cricket playing for his work's team. For many years he played golf at Fulford Heath Golf Club, Birmingham where he played off a single digit handicap. Later he became a member of Kenilworth Golf Club where he was well known as Chairman of Eggs (The Senior Section), a post he relinquished only a few months ago. He was still playing off a handicap of 22 a few weeks before his death.

Alan was greatly respected in both his professional and his community life as a natural leader, the man who would always go the extra mile for family, colleagues and friends even when he himself was busy. He was an inspiration to anyone who wanted to get things done!

Alan is survived by his beloved wife Margaret, by his children Mark and Roger, by his step-children Vicky, Alex, and Kingsley, and also by his daughter-in-law Anne, grandchildren Emma and Jade and great-grand daughter Leah.

"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today"

(from the Kohima War Memorial)

News from the Tower

St Giles' Bellringers have been honoured with a return invitation to the Church of St Laurence at Rowington near Warwick to ring for one of their village wedding ceremonies. Their verger, Mr Chris Pickering, invited our team to ring their tower for official ceremonies as their own bellringers have left the area. This is an exciting venture for our team as the Tenor weight at Rowington alone is actually more than our entire ring of six in Bubbenhall!

Along with two of our teachers, Margaret Pinder and Bruce Caldwell, team members Beryl Lock, Peter, Susan and Kayleigh Sheen gave a successful performance of Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons (on six). The verger seemed pleased with our efforts and has invited us to ring again later in the year.

At our home tower we are in preparation for the Golden Jubilee Celebrations planned for later in the year. Bubbenhall tower will certainly be celebrating with special ringing. More information on what and when will be published on the Tower notice board in due course. (We can feel a quarter peal coming on!)

Visiting Ringers

A large group of ringers from Warwick University visited Bubbenhall on Saturday 23rd February.

Some of the band were already known to us having assisted in teaching on the Guild training day last November. It was good to meet them

again and to listen to the ringing, some of which was particularly fast! Their ringing down technique had us all smiling when at the very end instead of catching their own rope to chime they rotated to the next rope instead!

Rugby Deanery District - Forthcoming Event

Saturday 9th March Songs of Praise at Church Lawford.
Saturday 13th April Ringing Meeting at Dunchurch
Saturday 11th May Striking Competition. Venue to be arranged.
Friday 16th May Deanery Practice at Bubbenhall. (Little & Plain)
Saturday 8th June Business Meeting at Monks Kirby.
Check noticeboard in Church for further details nearer the time.

Coventry Diocesan Guild Bell Restoration Fund - Fundraising Stall 16th March in Warwick

The Guild donates many thousands of pounds each year to go towards Bell Maintenance and Restoration Projects (such as ours here at Bubbenhall). The money is raised in many ways, one being to hold a Bric-a-Brac stall.

If you have any unwanted items, (not jumble) please either leave them in the tower for us or hand them to one of the ringers.

Practice times: Thursday 7.30 - 9.00
Saturday 10.30 - 12.00

Visitors - please phone first to check if practice is taking place in order to avoid disappointment.

Tel: Susan Sheen 024 76306339.



Left to right Top row: Freda Bennett, Anita Burrows, Jan Stobart, Sandra Cuifinni, Beryl Lock, Chris Dunn, Margaret Robinson, Kate Pinder
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one particular event and that was that I was left absolutely speechless (and most of you know that that doesn't happen very often!). The dance floor was cleared (which I had not asked for) and the leaders and kids presented me with an engraved Beer Tankard for the work put into the club over the past 2 years. Although I said very little at the time, I would like to say that I really appreciated the gift and the speech. The tankard has been in use every single day since and the beer certainly tastes better than from a glass – Thank You.

The weeks activities have been varied so far with a Scalextric evening, thanks to John Hirons and Graham Johnson, a Beetle drive, thanks to Margaret Robinson and Christine Tait, Valentine cakes (obviously by Pat!) and the usual sports in the tennis courts. No reasonable suggestions tend to be forthcoming from the members on programme ideas but we do intend to have another visit to the Skydome for Ice Skating once Sandie and Frank are back from New Zealand in March/April. Also, on April 16th, a make up evening is planned for the girls and their mums and friends. Its early days for details but there will be a draw resulting in a full makeover for one lucky winner.

The adults who have come along and helped with specific activities have all enjoyed themselves. Do YOU have a hobby that you could share with the younger members of the community, an interest that you could introduce them to, even just an idea that we could fit into the programme. If so, we'd would love to hear from you. Don't worry about it being unusual or bizarre – those are the type of things kids really enjoy!
Dave & Sandie, Pat, Ann, Frank & Colin 0771-236-2305
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Bubbenhall Mother & Todler Group

May I start by saying a big thank you to all our mums, nans, childminders etc. who kindly provided the beautifully decorated jam jars full of prizes that we needed for our 'jam jar

tombola' stall that we ran at the Christmas Fayre. Not only were they really pretty, the stall was extremely popular raising more money for the funds than we have ever made before !! – Great news !

At the end of the winter term we had a lovely Christmas party for the children. Father Christmas was kind enough to take time out of his busy schedule to come along bringing each child a present and after a couple of hours of food, fun and games everyone went home happy (and very tired !!). After all that exertion we hard working mums, childminders and helpers treated ourselves to a lovely meal at the Bar Citrus in Leamington. Thanks to Lia for her brilliant organizational skills (it is not easy to control twenty plus women full of Christmas spirit).

Over the Christmas break I was pleased to hear that our latest brand new member had arrived safely even if she was late ! Welcome to little Madeline Hamer and well done to mum, Kate who impressively has made it to every toddler meeting along with big sister Lily since little Madeline was born !! Ahh ! (you see you don't need to be a 'toddler' to come along).

Back after Christmas the children have plenty to do making valentine cards, Mother's Day pressies and Easter goodies to name but a few. This they fit in between playing with each other and all our toys (our latest addition being some very popular new livestock for the farm !).

So if you have a pre-school aged child why not come along and see for yourself. We meet at the village hall every Thursday morning from 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. If you would like any further information please feel free to telephone

Lori on 024 76305355.

Bubbenhall Rainbows

At this time of year we think of our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell, who started the Guide movement over 90 years ago. In January we attended a Thanksgiving service in Rugby, where we thought of

Guides from around the world. This theme will continue on Saturday 23rd February when we will be taking part in an event being held at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh; called Global Connections, where we will join 5000 other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to take part in Craft Activities and Games from around the world.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years for more details please contact
Margaret Robinson 02476305931

Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Congratulations to the following children who took their exams in November.

For passing their ballet exam :-

Kirsty Troy, Nicole Reily, Anna Price, Olivia Batchelor, Amy Kent, Charlotte Jackson, Samantha Clarke, Samantha Riley, Amie Louise Pyne.

For passing their tap exam :-

Samantha Riley, Emma Lissaman, Emily Ledger, Lauren Twynham, Jessica Stobart, Elle Kendray, Olivia Batchelor.

For passing their disco exam :-

Daniel Stark, Gemma French, Lucy Dipple, Sophie Oustayiannis, Reme Muller Bartlett, Zoe Eadon, Alice Thompson Lane, Georgina Coles, Gemma Bramshan, Amy Belfield, Sammy Vickeridge, Catherine Ludlow.

I was particularly proud of the adult tap exam :-

Jan Stobart, Jeanette Tipper, Rachel Wallace, Claire Cooke, Sue Lane, Valerie Gulliver who all took their adult tap exam and gained top marks !!!!

Anyone wishing to join the adult tap class please come along on Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45 p.m. each week at Bubbenhall village hall. (It does not matter if you have never done it before).

See opposite for photographs !....

The Malt Shovel

Thank you to everyone who supported the Boxing Day walk. The raffle and auction held afterwards raised £1,500.00 for Myton Hospice – this is the highest amount we have raised, thank you all.

The response for dog meat and blankets for the Honily Dog Rescue was also very well supported. We were able to take a loaded car to them before Christmas which was very much appreciated.

I shall be having a Plant Sale again this year with all the money raised going to charity. The date for the sale will be Sunday May 26th at 2.00pm. Hope to see you all there.

Mary Long 024 76302840

Race Night

I would like to thank everyone who supported and helped the Race Night held on Saturday 16th February in the village hall. We raised over £1,000 for the Cancer Research U.K.

Thank you all - Lyn Johnson.

Theatre Trips

100 tickets have been provisionally booked for this years Disney on Ice – Beauty and the Beast. Two coaches will leave Bubbenhall at 6pm on Friday 1st November. If you would like to join us please contact either
Margaret Robinson 76305931 or Gill Prudhoe 76307747 asap.

Village Web Site

I am currently in the process of creating a website about Bubbenhall village.

If you have an interest in the village, please could you let me have information about your club / association, both written and pictorial, and I will endeavour to ensure they are included in the final site. A contact e-mail address will also be very useful.

Please e-mail the relevant information to
ianthomasuk@talk21.com

I look forward to hearing from you all.
Ian Thomas 07713 251763

Dates for your diary

March

18th Queens Golden Jubilee
 Planning meeting 8.30-Village hall
24th Palm Sunday Service
 Holy Communion St. Giles
30th 150 Club Draw
 Malt Shovel 9.00pm

April

2nd Parish Council meeting
 7.30pm - Village hall
16th Youth Club Make up evening
 Village hall

May

14th Parish Council meeting
Annual Parish Assembly
 7.30pm - Village hall
26th Plant Sale
 Mary Long, Avon Terrace 2.00pm

June

1st-2nd Queens Golden Jubilee
 Village Celebration
25th Parish Council meeting
 7.30pm - Village hall

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue
Friendly Club	Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4.00 p.m.	Village Hall
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group	Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Village Hall
Rainbows	Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Brownies	Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Guides	Tuesday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Baginton Parent / Toddler	Tue 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Baginton Village Hall
Cubs	Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Methodist Church Hall Cubbington
Scouts	Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Ryton Church Youth Centre
Bubbenhall Garter Group	Periodically	See notice boards
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Every Friday 9:00 a.m.	Visitors Centre
Young St. Giles Saturday Club	2nd and 4th Saturday of every month	Church 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
WCC Monday Mobile Library	Every fortnight 2 : 00 p.m.	Bottom of Coopers Walk
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every fortnight (Watery Lane) 11: 00 a.m. (Weston Lane) 11: 30 a.m.	Junction of Stoneleigh Road and Watery Lane, bottom of Weston Lane
Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years	Every Saturday, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Village Playing Fields
Bubbenhall Youth Club	Friday 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.	Village Hall
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Monday & Wednesday (see advert)	Village Hall

The
**Patricia Pritchard
Singers**
present
A Golden Jubilee Concert
**Elizabethan
Serenade**
Sunday 2nd June 2002
7:00pm till 8:15pm
Saint Giles Church
Church Road Bubbenhall
ADMISSION £5-00
(includes glass of wine)

Bubbenhall Garter Group

In January, around sixteen of us enjoyed an evening out at Oscar's Restaurant in Leamington. The food and company were good and we were all able to indulge in a few glasses of wine as transport was provided. A big thank you to Sue Wareham for organising the evening!

The next event will be the Annual Treasure Hunt which Janet & Don Thomas and Gill and Tony Glover have kindly agreed to organise. They are planning to hold the Treasure Hunt early June (evening time) – for further details watch the village Notice Boards. Date, cost and venue for refreshments will be posted well in advance of the evening.

The volunteer who had offered to arrange the Theatre Trip has now left the village so unless anyone else would like to co-ordinate this, the final event of the year will be the AGM to be held in September.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for events you would like to see the Garter Group hold let us know or better still how about offering to arrange it !!!
Liz Paul 024 76302047

St. Giles Family Service

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response of our young musicians and actors at the last service, we should like to remind you that Family Service takes place on the first Sunday of

every month at 11:00a.m. (followed by refreshments).

There will be a practice for musicians at 10:15a.m. Next service 7th April.

Bubbenhall Friendly Club



Friendly Club has now entered its third year of meetings, events and outings for the over sixties.

In December we all sat down to a traditional, festive Christmas lunch. Every one entered into the spirit of things and seemed to enjoy the food as well as the entertainment that followed. We were visited by "The Welsh Road Warblers", a trio of ladies with an amusing repertoire of songs, anecdotes and recitations.

In January we started the year off with a return visit to the Spa Centre where Vince Hill was singing. Later in the month we held our second AGM and birthday party. We toasted the success of the club with bubbly and birthday cake. Members had been asked to bring along a favourite poem to read out. What a range of tastes that demonstrated, both thought provoking and amusing.

Flo Sharpe has now agreed to join the committee – we welcome her and send our thanks to Joan Draper for her help over the last two years.

We were visited at half-term by the young dancers from Sarah Cooke's "School of Dance". They put on a delightful display for us which everyone enjoyed. We send our thanks to them.

At the time of writing we are planning a trip to Kenilworth and a visiting speaker for March before we finish the Spring session with an Easter lunch.

Anyone interested in joining the club need only contact one of the committee members listed below for more information.

Chris Dunn 024 76302481
Chris Morgan 024 76306131
Beryl Lock 024 76306246
Jan Stobart 024 76303093

The Queen's Golden Jubilee

Plans have started to be put together for the Jubilee's Celebrations. This will be a two-day event on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June. A brief plan of the proposed program follows. It is not too late to get involved in planning this event, as there are lots of jobs to go round.

The next planning meeting is on Monday 18th March at 8.30pm in the Village Hall, everyone welcome. Nearer the time someone will call selling programmes and asking for various donations of food for the street party or raffle prizes to help raise funds for the event. Please give generously.

We are also trying to compile a list of names and dates of birth of children who live in the village. Please give this information to one of the committee members listed below or hand it in at the Post Office.

Saturday 1st June

2.00pm Carnival type parade with Marching Band followed by fancy dress (with King's and Queen's theme). 2.30pm Junior Football Tournament begins. 2.30 – 4.30pm Village Fete with stalls run by local groups and many other attractions. 4.30pm draw raffles and announce any winners from the afternoon plus presentation of football awards.

5.30pm onwards barbeques will be lit and entertainment will continue throughout the evening

Sunday 2nd June

11.00am Jubilee Family Service - in Church. 3.00pm Family Treasure hunt around the village. 5.00pm Street Party to be held in street near village hall. 6.00pm onwards-Family Disco and Barbeque. 7.00pm Musical Concert in Church (see separate advert for details on page 6). 10.30pm approximately Fireworks to end the Celebrations.

Committee members

Judith Chettle 024 76305164
Bob Cragg 024 76301827
Gill Green 024 76305215
Beryl Lock 024 76306246
Margaret Robinson 024 76305931
Lori Slark 024 76305355
Don Thomas 024 76305460

Bubbenhall 150 Club

Thank you for your enthusiastic support. At the time of writing we have almost 150 members and hopefully by the time you read this we will be fully subscribed!!

The money raised helps to provide much needed funds to support the running and upkeep of your Village Hall.

The Prize Draw takes place at one of the village pubs on the last Friday of each month. Details are posted on the village notice boards and prizes are as follows:

January £50, £25 & £12.50

February to November £25, £12.50 & £10

December £50, £25 & £12.50

The January Winners were

1st prize - John Farrow - No.51

2nd prize - Richard Wormell - No.7

3rd prize - Gill Green - No.14

The February Winners were

1st prize - Margaret Robinson No.5

2nd prize - Lynne Brown No.86

3rd prize - Charles & Harriette Williams - No 52

The next draw will be at 9pm on Friday March 30th in The Malt Shovel.

Bubbenhall Youth Club

One of the problems with the Youth Club programme is that you never know how successful any activity will be or what response you will get until the night – and so it was, when we decided to do something different this year and raise funds for a cause other than ourselves.

The cause chosen was the Birmingham Children's Hospital in recognition of the time spent there by two of our members. The first event was timed to coincide with the 'Children in Need' night. Our 6-hour sponsored darts marathon turned out to be a great success, not only in raising the much-needed funds but also in having a good time together. Right from the 6 o' clock throw-off through till Midnight for the older members, 2 dartboards were in use non-stop by the kids, the leaders and a handful of parents.

To add to the proceeds from this Colin wrote a Christmas Play and 13 of the braver members agreed to present it on the final Friday before Christmas. The preparation was immense, taking up to 13 weeks prior to the event to help make it all such a success. Our thanks go to Cubbington School for the loan of the staging and to The Talisman Theatre in Kenilworth for the lighting. Colin worked tirelessly at the script and rehearsals to ensure it was 'all right on the night'.

The play was dedicated to the memory of William Hollway, one of our members who lost his fight for life. William was a very positive and courageous young man and we couldn't have chosen a more suitable person, and cause, to remember on the night.

Over 60 people turned up for the evening. We were all very proud of the cast who had worked so hard in the weeks leading up to it. Presentations of flowers were made, by the members, to Sandie, Pat and Ann for all their work during the year and chocolates went to Colin and Frank for their help.

A grand total of £378 was raised for the Hospital – well done to everyone involved and to the parents and supporters for their contributions.

Just one week off and it was back to celebrate our 2nd Birthday, this time with a disco and buffet. It was a year that I approached with some concern as I had told the leaders at the end of last year that I was not able to continue devoting the time to Youth Club that I had been able to in the past. My earliest arrival time on Friday evenings was very often after the night had started and sometimes I only arrived in time to clear up. It was decided, to ensure that the club continued, that Pat and Ann would ensure that they opened up and started to get things set up from 7.00pm onwards. It's the heavy kit that causes the problems and if there are any Dads that could spare 30 minutes from 7.00 till 7.30 and help set these up it would be most appreciated.

The Birthday Disco was notable for
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