



Bubbenhall Newsletter

March 2004

Parish Council

New Councillor

The resignation of Cllr Busby had been received and the chairman thanked him for his fourteen years of devoted service on the council. The vacancy had been advertised and one expression of interest in being co-opted had been received from Brian Wells. At the January meeting Mr Wells from Waggoners Close was elected as a co-opted member of the council.

Security

PC Overall has reported on three incidents since November. There had been two cases of auto crime and one radio was stolen. No arrest had been made in connection with the break in at the Three Horseshoes early in December. There was discussion as to the action to be taken when a burglar alarm was heard. It was agreed that generally it was up to the public to inform the police.

There had been a disturbance at an event in the village hall arranged by a group from a school. The Clerk discussed the matter with the head of the school but it was not an official event.

Local Plan

Staff from Warwick District Council gave a presentation about the first draft of the proposed Local Plan. There was criticism of the timescale for comment (six weeks over the Christmas period). The Clerk was asked to write to protest. The council was told that an application for a fishing pond in the field off the Stoneleigh/Bubbenhall Road was expected shortly. The situation regarding Stoneleigh Park was a little confusing - there is a reference to its development in the draft local plan but there is also a development brief being prepared for consideration by the district council in February.

There was discussion about the proposed

removal of the village envelope boundary. It was explained that restrictions on development within and outside the boundary will be the same and it therefore serves no purpose. However it was agreed that all development outside the existing envelope should be opposed and therefore the envelope should be retained.

Hedge in Stoneleigh Road

The county council has written to the owners of the hedges to have them cut back. Work will be done soon to cut back the verges.

Drains in Lower End - these have been cleared by a resident. The council is grateful for this public-spirited action.

Street Sign

The district council has been asked to provide a sign indicating that Coopers Walk leads to Waggoners Close, Home Close and Orchard Way. The district council has added the request to the wish list for next financial year.

Flooding on Stoneleigh Road. The county council has cleared debris from a pipe and is investigating other causes.

Flooding in Spring Hill

The county council has agreed to clear the drains.

The Spout

At the meeting in December a number of residents addressed the meeting. A meeting had been arranged by Smiths Concrete and a number of residents had attended. They expressed the view that an offer to provide an underground tank with a pump, a bus shelter and solar panels together with other village improvements should be accepted. The offer also includes a fund for on-going maintenance of the pump etc. The parish council stated that the current policy was to support an independent investigation by a hydro-geologist of the idea of building a holding lake in the area of the quarry and a report was expected soon. It was emphasised that Smiths had accepted responsibility for the drying up of the spout

and that the county council had evidence of planning conditions that the flow to the spout should be maintained. The parish council confirmed that they would consider all options when the report was received. The report is still awaited. Subsequently it was agreed to send a letter and information pack to John Deegan, the Director of Planning at the County Council, and to keep the new representative from the county council informed.

Airports

Following the rejection of the proposal for Rugby Airport attention turned to developments at Coventry Airport. It was agreed to object to any development at the airport. The main points were that the current night flights were not acceptable, additional night flights were not acceptable and further daytime flights were not acceptable. The development of the proposed passenger terminal should be opposed.

Playground

An inspection was carried out by the district council. There is little safety work that is urgent. The district council also advised on steps required to meet the Disabled Discrimination Act. It was agreed to revise the notice at the entrance to the field. Councillor Ruth Green agreed to carry out weekly and monthly inspections of play equipment. It was agreed to ask ILAM to carry out the annual inspection when it was due. Following on from weekly and monthly inspections it was agreed that minor repairs should be carried out; Councillor Wilkins agreed to assist. The major work required is a safety surface under the slide - a quotation is being obtained. It was also agreed to chase Hags to carry out repairs as promised to the aerial slide.

Spout Green

Arrangements are being made to puddle the pond and to continue with other improvements.

Clerk to the council

Mick Jeffs has resigned from the post after nearly three years. Five people applied for the position and two people were interviewed. It was agreed to appoint Brian Morgan from 1st March.

Thank you

On leaving as Clerk to the parish council I would like to thank everyone in the village that I have met. There has been unreserved kindness and helpfulness. I will miss contact with many people. I wish everyone in the village well for the future. Mick Jeffs

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support with help towards the production and running costs of the newsletter. Thank you to all who supply articles and to the people who continue to help us by placing their advertisements.

At the Christmas Fair held in the village hall on Saturday 6th December we raised funds by having a "Secret Santa" where the children did their own Christmas present shopping for parents, family or friends and we gift wrapped it for them so that it was a surprise. It was a great success and we raised £45.55 towards the production costs of the Newsletter - Thank you to all who donated gifts, to the children who supported us and we hope that the recipients of the Christmas gifts were pleased. We also held our Turkey Raffle again raising £100.00 towards the production costs of the Newsletter and the lucky winner was Mark and Anita Burrows from Coopers Walk who won a farm fresh free-range traditional turkey, which was kindly donated by Heart of England Farms.

Farewell

I have now officially resigned from the Bubbenhall Newsletter committee and handed the production over to my wife Gill, although I will be on hand to help and advise. The Newsletter Committee agreed to launch the first of the new style newsletters for an initial period of one year back in September 1997. Now entering its seventh year, its great to see that it is still going strong.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members and everyone who has been involved with the Newsletter for their help over the years.

Good luck for the future.
Alan Prudhoe

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The snowdrops are flowering, the daffodils are in bud - spring is in the air and spring is certainly in the step of the organising committee of the mid summer party and flower show. Arrangements are in hand to organise the mid-summer party and will include a carnival procession with marching band and floats followed by the village fete on the playing field and evening entertainment with a live band. This year's carnival theme is the Olympics. Make a note of the date in your diary - 19 June - and join in the fun.

Spring is the time for all you green fingered experts to start planning the season's produce. Don't forget the Fruit, Flower and Produce show on 11 September. Last year saw the revival of the show and was a huge success with over 60 competitors entering 50 classes. Once again the flower show committee are looking at the schedule ensuring that there is a class for everyone to enter. Advance notice of a new class for 2004 is a home made wine class, the wine can be made from everyday ingredients and recipes for the wine can be obtained from Tony Cox, tel: 024 7663 9045. Tony also has a supply of demi johns for anyone who would like to borrow one.

Mary and John Long will be hosting their annual plant sale on 23 May and this will provide an excellent opportunity to buy your plants to grow those prize-winning specimens.

Mid-Summer Party
Saturday 19 June 2004

Fruit, Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 11 September 2004

Proceeds from these events support village groups and local charities.

Village Hall Verandah Fund



Did you receive a Christmas card from someone in the village with the Bubbenhall special hand delivered postmark? Thank you to everyone who supported the service by making a donation to have their Christmas cards delivered round the village. We raised £50.00 - every little helps.

AIRPORT UPDATE

We are entering the critical stage of our campaign, which, by the time you read this, we should know how successful we have been. I am writing this just as the planning report has been published supporting all our allegations and adding weight to our concerns and objections. This is to be voted on by councillors on February 17th whereby we are calling for enforcement proceeding to be bought upon the airport for the work they have already undertaken. The next key date is currently March 10th when the planning application is decided.

You may be aware that we have formed a new group called **CAECA (the Campaign Against the Expansion of Coventry Airport)**, which covers all the surrounding villages as well as Rugby, Coventry and Leamington. This helps lend weight and support to our campaign and results in greater media awareness. Why not check out our new website www.caeca.co.uk. My thanks to Mark Burrows for his help with this.

People believe that since the Thomsonfly announcements that 737 planes will be taking off from Baginton 'as a done deal'. I am confident that we have done enough to have an effect in stopping or at the very least controlling the frequency of these flights.

Thank you all for your continued support. If you wish to send any donations to our fighting fund please post them to: Paul Belfield at Downwind House, Ryton Road. Alternatively contact myself at 6

Dates for 2004

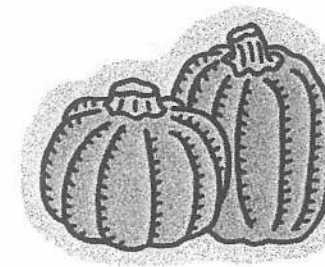
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Mid-summer party



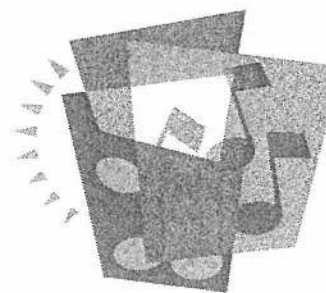
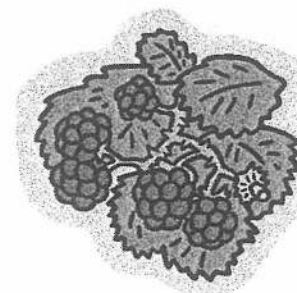
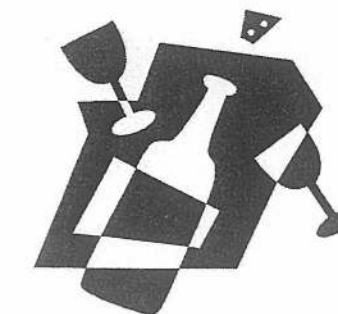
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Fruit, Flower and Produce Show



16 November, 2004

Evening of fun & entertainment - watch this space for further details



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5.30pm Grades 1 & 2 Ballet Class
6.30pm Grade 2 Tap
7.00pm Grade 3 Ballet
8.00pm Adult Disco (everybody welcome)
Wednesdays Bubbenhall Village Hall
2.45pm Baby Ballet/Movement
3.45pm Grade 1 Ballet
4.30pm Primary Ballet
5.15pm Junior Tap Class
6.00pm Disco Class
6.45pm Intermediate Ballet Class
7.15pm Senior Tap Class
8.15pm Adult Tap

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Newsletter Committe

Tonino Ciuffini - 024 7630 6840
Caroline Coles - 024 7630 5287
Angela Kirby - 024 7630 6683
Gill Prudhoe - 024 7630 7747

Road. Alternatively contact myself at 6 Home Close, Tel 024 7630 3918, email craiggreenway@tiscali.co.uk for further information or updates.

Thank you
Craig Greenway

Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

Bubbenhall village hall was the scene of a medieval banquet on Saturday March 6th. There was a good turn out for the festivities led by Pat Pritchard and her merry band of entertainers.

Our next event will be on Saturday 13th November so book the date now in your diary. More details will be available in the next newsletter or watch the village notice boards.

Chris, Heather, Judith, Margaret,
Marilyn, Sue and Rose.

Neighbourhood Watch

The re-launch of Neighbourhood Watch 2004 was held on the evening of the 28th January at Bubbenhall Post Office. It was heartening to see such a good turn out of co-ordinators despite this being one of the

worst nights of the year weather wise.

The Community Beat Officer P.C. Mike Everall was in attendance and supplied us with burglary reduction advice packs to be distributed through co-ordinators to all properties in the village.

Within these packs is a pink evaluation form that needs to be completed by the householder and returned to your co-ordinator or Bubbenhall Post Office ASAP for collection by P.C. Everall.

Co-ordinators are needed for Pagets Lane and Stoneleigh Road. If anyone is interested please get in touch.

Since Christmas there has been a burglary at the Three Horse Shoes and a number of auto crimes. Despite Bubbenhall being a low risk crime area everyone needs to be vigilant at all times. Spring and Summer fast approach please make sure all windows are secure and doors locked when gardening etc. It only takes a few seconds for an opportunist thief to seize his moment and your possessions - don't give them a chance.

The village hall has now had security posts installed at the car park entrance; these will be locked at night unless there is a function in the village hall. The parish council and neighbourhood watch, made the decision to put in these security measures on the advice of P.C. Everall. After burglary incidents last year where it was felt that the thieves were using the secluded car park at night to secrete their transport whilst going

on to commit crime in the village. It is with everyone's support and continued vigilance that we live in a low risk crime area.

Lets keep it that way!

Gill Green (Main Co-ordinator)
Post Office, Lower End, Bubbenhall,
Coventry CV8 3BW.
Tel: 024 7630 5215
email: Bubbenhallshop@AOL.com

Message from P.C. Mike Everall

It has been brought to my attention that there have been several incidences of bullying and anti social behaviour within the village over the last few months. I sincerely hope this has now ceased, I am aware of the situation and shall be monitoring it closely.

I do hope now the lighter evenings are on the way that all the children will be able to enjoy the excellent facilities that you have here in Bubbenhall in safety.

However if anyone feels that their child is being victimised please do not hesitate to contact me P.C. Mike Everall on 01926 415000 Ext. 4420 or Email Mike.Everall@warwickshire.pnn/police.uk

Regular Groups

Group

Friendly Club
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group
Rainbows
Brownies
Guides
Baginton Parent / Toddler
Cubs
Cubbington
Scouts
Bubbenhall Garter Group
Ryton Pools Volunteers
WCC Friday Mobile Library

Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years
Bubbenhall Youth Club
Sarah Cooke Dance School
St. Giles Bellringers Practice

Meets

Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 5.30 - 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tue 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Periodically
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Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Venue

Village Hall
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Village Hall
Baginton Village Hall
Methodist Church Hall

Ryton Church Youth Centre
See notice boards
Visitors Centre
"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road
Lower End
Village Playing Fields
Village Hall
Village Hall
St. Giles Church
St. Giles Church

BUBBENHALL FRIENDLY CLUB



We finished 2003 by celebrating in style, firstly with a visit to Bubbenhall House, kindly hosted by Velma, where we enjoyed mince pies and sherry. This was followed by our usual Christmas lunch in the village hall, which was enjoyed by all. We brightened up the occasion by encouraging everyone to wear 'tinsel and/or tiaras': all took part, with the exception of Peter, who wore a splendid bow tie!

- Prize Bingo
- St. David's Day celebration - making and eating Welsh Cakes;
- Easter lunch - always popular;

We are in the process of planning what we hope will be a very enjoyable run up to the summer. This will no doubt include day trips out (*not to be missed!*), and of course the odd meal out.

Already in 2004 we have celebrated another birthday for the club, marking the occasion with a wonderful cake, followed by entertainment provided by Colin Squire. This time we had no excuse not to join in as he provided us all with song sheets!

We would like to welcome Dot Sibley onto the Committee, and to convey our thanks to Flo Sharp, who has just finished her term of 'office'!

Please remember we are always looking for new members, and can arrange transport if this is a problem - just contact one of us:

Chris Dunn	024 7630 2481
Chris Morgan	024 7630 6131
Beryl Lock	024 7630 6246
Jan Stobart	024 7630 3093

For our second meeting, we had a visiting speaker, who gave a most interesting talk on butterflies. Next on the agenda was a trip to The Rocking Horse in Kenilworth, where Sue made us feel most welcome, and we all enjoyed a delicious cream tea.

Further events planned up to Easter include:

News from Ryton Pools Country Park

Hi to all from Ryton Pools Country Park. I know it has probably been a few issues since you have heard from us here at Ryton Pools so I thought I would fill you in on some of the goings on.

Firstly I will say hello and introduce myself. I am the new Senior Ranger for the South of Warwickshire and am based at Ryton Pools Country Park. I have been here for about a year now so am not so new but am

still getting to know the area as I am still living out of the county.

I have enjoyed my past year in Warwickshire getting to know all my sites and I must say especially Ryton Pools Country Park. We are now looking at taking the site forward adding new things to the park, doing new events and keeping the site up to scratch.

Some of the projects that are happening in the park are, the regeneration of the feeding area Ryton pool, the returning of fishing at Ryton pool working in partnership with Leamington Angling Association and this included the building of a fishing platform

for people with disabilities. Also the old visitor centre is being transformed into a countryside café and will be open by April 1st 2004. Much more is planned for Ryton and if you have any queries please contact me at Ryton or pop in and see me.

We are also doing a more varied programme of events, of course keeping some of the favourites like the bluebell walk and the butterfly bonanza. Below are a few of the events coming up in April but there is a new events programme that runs from April till the end of September and it will be out very soon.

Sunday 4th to Sunday 19th
Exciting Easter Trail - 11.00 - 3.00 p.m.
Sunday 4th April
Drafts and Cake - 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 11th April
Easter entertainment - 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Sunday 25th April
Bluebell Walk - 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Lots of events for all the family, educational visits for schools and community groups, wildlife conservation and visitor projects, this all happens at Ryton and much more. We also have a volunteer group that meets twice a month on a Saturday from 1.00 - 4.00p.m. If you want to come and get involved more information is available.

We hope you enjoy your Country Park and look forward to your visit.

Joanna Lang - Senior Ranger

Garter Group

After struggling for the last couple of years the Garter Group has finally decided to wind down. Whilst the Group has existed in the village for many years providing a fun focus for "us girls", in recent years interest in the Group has dwindled and therefore we have decided to finish.

We did have a last get together at the end of January when around 20 of us sampled the culinary delights at Kane's Restaurant in Hatton. Whilst the evening did not get off to a very good start as the coach sent to collect us was too small, this didn't deter us from having a great evening! Food, surroundings and company were excellent and the wine flowed freely - need I say more!

Finally some housekeeping points, funds raised by Garter Group over the years have now been fully committed. 2 benches were



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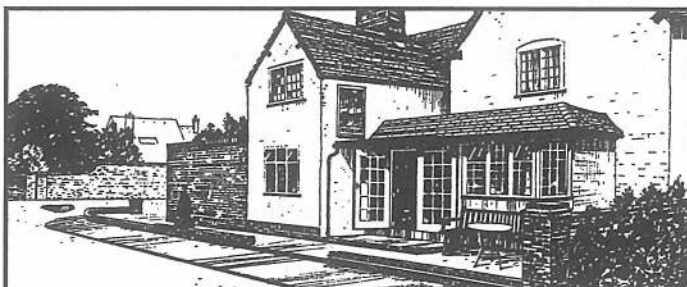
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or

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purchased last summer for the village playing fields and we are hoping that the Parish Council will arrange for them to be installed shortly so that they're ready for use in the spring/summer.

The remaining funds of £114 are being donated to the village newsletter, allowing us to close the Garter Group Account. Many thanks to Elena Johnson for her time and commitment acting as Treasurer for the Group.

All that remains is to thank everyone for their support to this Group over the years, its been a great way of getting to know each other and who knows at some point in the future there may be enough interest to restart such a Group.

Liz Paul - 024 7603 02047

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January £50, £25 & £12.50
February to November £25, £12.50 & £10
December £50, £25 & £12.50

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2004 WELCOME

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN. Please contact one of our AGENTS: John Long 024 7630 2840, Bob Cragg 024 7630 1827 or Mike Wareham 024 7630 6894. The cost is only £12 a year, which we collect up front so if you join in MARCH you will only pay £10.

If we increase the members we will be able to increase the number of monthly prizes!!

Prize Draws take place at one of the Village Pubs on the last Friday of each month. Planned dates, subject to change are:

March 26th	The Three Horse Shoes
April 30th	The Malt Shovel
May 28th	The Three Horse Shoes

The Winning Numbers in January 2004 were:
1st Vic Dodds 129
2nd Pete Bell 132
3rd Catherine Patterson 62

Support The Club and your Village Pub come and join us on Draw Night about 9 p.m

BUBBENHALL BROADBAND UPDATE.

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- You can make and take normal telephone calls while on the Internet.
- Complex downloads are virtually instantaneous.
- Play interactive games at top speed against gamers around the village or the world.

BT Broadband is not available to us because we are too far away from our Toll-Bar exchange. However, satellite/wireless Broadband from WarwickshireLive is available and has already been successfully installed in about 30 homes and businesses in Napton.

PROGRESS

We received 35 emails following our article in the last Newsletter when we reported that we needed at least 25 users to set up a viable system. Presentations from the providers were arranged for Sunday 22nd February in the Village Hall.

Despite the attraction of Songs of Praise & Antiques Road Show 18 people braved the Arctic weather and they were rewarded with a very informative and interesting presentation from WarwickshireLive.

Estimated costs are: £25 per month per home user plus an initial set up cost of £80. The one off cost of the central satellite and wireless equipment is estimated at £5500.

Steve Patalong of Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC) kindly attended our meeting and outlined sources of grant funding that we should explore to help defray some of the one off costs.

ACTION PLANS

Those who attended were very enthusiastic to proceed subject to final clarification of costs, grant availability, security issues and siting of satellite/antennae equipment. Mike Wareham agreed to take up these issues and a further village meeting will then be arranged to address these points and decide next actions.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BROADBAND ACCESS, AND YOU HAVE NOT TOLD US ALREADY PLEASE LET US KNOW URGENTLY!

SEND AN EMAIL TO MIKE WAREHAM AT mc.wareham@virgin.net
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Any queries or if you would like to know more please contact either:
Paul Johnson - 024 7630 5168 or Mike Wareham - 024 7630 6894

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

Some of the children are busy doing exams in March, and some of the older girls are taking professional exams in June.

I am pleased to say that some of the children will be involved in the May Fete at Proyst Williams School and all the children will be dancing in June at the Bubbenhall Fete.

Samantha Clarke auditioned for a show in London and was successful. She will be performing at Her Majesty's Theatre in London in April.

Two more girls are also auditioning for stage school in London and Blackpool in March so hopefully they will do well.

A big thank you to all who attend adult disco and adult tap. The classes are doing really well and we are working hard. Anyone wishing to start please come along.

Monday - 8.00 - 8.45pm - Adult Disco
Wednesday - 8.15 - 9.00pm - Adult Tap

Bubbenhall Mother and Toddler Group

Is it too late to wish you a Happy New Year? Well Happy New Year anyway! I hope you all had a great Christmas, we certainly did at Toddlers. Father Christmas came along bringing each child a present, quickly followed by party food, party games and then finally a children's entertainer who kept the children spellbound. Thanks to everyone who helped make the party such a success. Also thank you to Vicki who organised our Christmas night out for the mums! A fabulous meal at the Three Horseshoes and good company! Just one last thank you is to everyone who either helped to run or supported our stall at the Christmas Fayre. The money that we make is very important to us to keep the group running. Thank you everyone.

Enough of looking back. It is time to look ahead to next term. If you are sat at home with a pre school aged child why not give yourselves a change of scenery and come along to toddlers' session on a Thursday morning? You never know you may find that you both make loads of new friends. We meet at the village hall (during school

term time) from 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. on a Thursday morning.

If you would like further information please call Lori on 024 7630 5355 or better still just come along and you will find that we are really friendly and we don't bite - honestly !!

Malt Shovel Social Club

Thank you for the support we received for the Boxing Day walk. The weather was not very good but there were a good number of people who turned up to walk. The auction held in the Malt Shovel afterwards raised £1,280.00 for Myton Hospice.

Another thank you to everyone who donated dog meat and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley. The week before Christmas we loaded up the car and took it all over to them - they were very pleased to see us. Thank you

On Sunday May 23rd I will be holding the usual Plant Sale so please come and join us if you can. There will be lots to buy and you can enjoy a glass of wine, buy a raffle ticket, and sit in the garden and have a chat. This will be held at 1, Avon Terrace, Bubbenhall at 2.00 p.m. and all money raised goes to Myton Hospice.

Mary Long - 024 7630 2840

Rainbows

This term we have welcomed two new girls to Rainbows Zoe Upton from Bubbenhall and Meredith Whiting from Ryton, which brings our numbers up to twelve. We still have a few spaces left for girls aged 5 - 7 years. At the end of January we attended a Thanksgiving Service at the Temple Speech Rooms in Rugby. This was to celebrate Thinking Day, this year we travelled by coach with other Rainbows Brownies and Guides from our District and after the service we returned to Bubbenhall Village Hall where we enjoyed the rest of the afternoon playing games with an American theme.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5 - 7 years for more information please contact Margaret Robinson on 024 7630 5931 or Dawn Hands on 024 7630 6073

Theatre Trips

So far this year, trips have been booked to see Grease in March at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham and Disney on Ice at the NIA, this is on Friday 29th October - we still have a few tickets left for this if you would like to join us.

If there is enough interest we are also planning trips to see JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOURED DREAM COAT in August and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR in September both at the Birmingham Hippodrome. If you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact either Gill Prudhoe on 024 7630 7747 or Margaret Robinson on 024 7630 5931 as soon as possible.

Bubbenhall Guides

Although few in number we have a very enthusiastic Guide Unit. All the girls attended our sleep-over in the Village Hall just before Christmas - and they even got a reasonable amount of sleep!

The Guides plan their own Patrol time and are currently working on their third "Go for It" - a series of ideas based round a theme. The Chocolate Go for It was very popular. Once we have the lighter evenings we will be going outside more and preparing for our two summer camps.

We joined with the rest of Rugby Division at a service of Thanksgiving early in February. While the service was enjoyable I think the girls will mainly remember the tea and games, with an American theme, back in the Village Hall.

We try to do something outside the meeting place each school holiday - for February half term we are attempting ice-skating.

We would be glad to have more members - if you know of any girls, aged between 10 and 15. We meet on Tuesday's in the Village Hall, 7.15 - 9pm during term time (unless there is a Parish Council meeting).

Lesley Goodhead 024 7630 6964, Claire Relf and Rachel Stickley

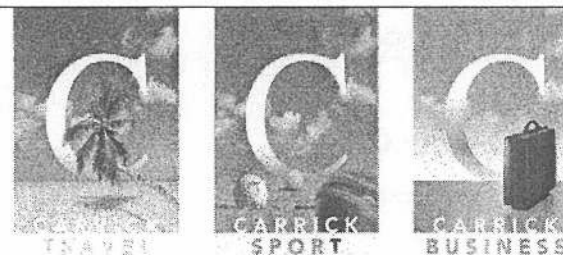
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