

Ryton Pools Café

We ended 2006 with lots of festive customers as a good few walkers were out in force for a stroll on Boxing Day and indeed over the holiday period. Although 2007 has so far been rather wet it has not stopped people coming to the

country park and enjoying the surroundings.

As many of you may possibly know, Gina has now reluctantly decided to retire from running the café and the business has been sold and is due to

change hands sometime this Spring. Thank you to all our customers who have supported us over the years whilst we have been at the café and we hope that you will continue to come along to the country park and enjoy the hospitality of the new owners.

Gina, John and Smudge (the dog)



Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

We are looking forward to an "Old Time Music Hall" in the village hall on October 13th. Pat Pritchard and her company of musicians and dancers will be leading the entertainment. We are expecting plenty of audience participation in true Bubbenhall style! This will be our first event for sometime due to unforeseen circumstances so please book this date in your diary.

Committee: Judith Cheatle, Heather Holmes, Margaret Robinson, Marilyn Cox, Rose Cragg and Sue Wareham.



March 2007

Report from Bubbenhall Parish Council

Security

The Police have reported on security matters affecting the village. There has been damage to a greenhouse in Lower End and damage was caused to a fence at a premise in Moat Close. Two males were found at a premise in Orchard Way. They had both been badly

beaten and dumped at Ryton Pools at some time during the previous night. They managed to make their way to the village and took refuge in a garden.

On speaking to Warwickshire Police the males stated that they had been attacked in Coventry, were bound, gagged and bundled into a van

before being dropped by Ryton Pools. This incident is being dealt with by West Midlands Police, as the offence happened on their area.

We have been asked to draw villagers' attention to several security alerts.

A man has been calling on premises in the village, seeking building or gardening work. He persuades the house owners to pay up front for equipment, goes off to collect tools and does not return. He is also believed to help himself to property if the house is empty. He is described as a white, thin male aged 45/50 years with grey hair and a moustache. If this man comes to your property, do not be taken in – say NO and ask him to leave. If you feel threatened or intimidated in any way by him, then dial 999 and ask for POLICE. Once one enters into a verbal agreement this becomes a civil matter and is not a criminal offence. Please ensure reputable companies are used and a formal contract is drawn up.

Please note this mobile phone scam

On Wednesday 31 January, a person's mobile phone rang with a message saying that there was a message waiting for them.

Newsletter Committee

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

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

Thank you also to everyone who supported the turkey raffle. The lucky winner was James Lovatt of Home Close. Thank you also to the Heart of England Farms who kindly donated this prize.

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



All funds raised go towards the production costs of producing the newsletter.

Next Newsletter due out July

Newsletter committee

Caroline Coles.....024 7630 5287
Angela Kirby.....024 7630 6683
Gill Prudhoe.....024 7630 7747



DANCING CLASSES

Monday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

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

Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

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

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Fortunately they did not respond and instead deleted it. They then received a text message from +20105996500 saying: "We currently have a message awaiting your collection. To collect your message just call 0871 872 3814." Being suspicious they then "Google'd" the number and it came up with many forums about this. Apparently it is an Egyptian number and charges you up to £50 per minute, if you call it. Even if you hang up, it will still have you connected for up to 20 minutes.

A member of Mid-Warwickshire Neighbourhood Watch Association has alerted the police to a disturbing telephone call received by an elderly lady living in Whitnash. The caller falsely claimed to be from British Telecom and alleged that she owed BT a large amount of money and that if it were not paid - by placing it in a milk bottle outside her door - she would have her phone line cut off, with a further hugely inflated cost for re-connection. The lady and her family saw through the scam and the Police were informed.

Liaison Committee

A liaison committee has been re-formed, consisting of members of the Parish Council, Smiths' Concrete, Waste Recycling Group, The Environmental Agency and other interested parties, regarding the Bubbenhall Landfill site. The first meeting took place in November, followed by a second meeting in February. Mr Green, from Smiths' Concrete gave an update on the current situation as far as the site was concerned, since the last meeting in November 2002. The sand and gravel from the Wood Farm site has now been processed and the site restored using the original soils to form grassy banks and ponds. Sand and gravel are currently being extracted from the site known as site G, which is the site near Glebe Farm. The area from Weston Lane alongside the A425 has been restored back to agricultural land and the remaining three stages on Glebe Farm land will be extracted and restored in the same way from 2007 to 2010.

Some final restoration will be undertaken in 2011 with completion by 2012.

At the end of this period, Smiths Concrete will relocate to another plant in another part of Warwickshire.

Some artefacts believed to be 500,000 years old were found in the gravel at Wood Farm and these are now on display at Warwick Museum. Work on Bubbenhall Village Spout is continuing, and is being part funded by Smiths Concrete.

Details of the current workings at the site were given. Mrs Earley, the Manager of the landfill site, has given her telephone and email details for any complaints regarding problems with the site. (01926 634344 and E-mail: ann.earley@wrg.co.uk).

Following the meeting, 2 complaints were made by Bubbenhall Parish Councillors regarding litter and these were dealt with promptly. Extra litter pickers have been employed, especially following the strong winds in January. Planning permission is being sought to erect a five metre high fence around the site and the Waste Recycling Group have appealed against Warwickshire County Council's decision to refuse planning permission to vary the profile of the site. We understand that this will involve a public appeal and the Parish Council will be informed of the dates for this appeal in due course.

Planning Items

The following planning applications have been reviewed by the Parish Council since the last newsletter. An application was received for the reopening of the driveway and new gate pillars at The Manor House. One for the erection of an extension to a house in Home Close and one for the erection of a new pitched roof and internal alterations to a house in Coopers Walk. The Parish Council gave no objections to these applications.

Bubbenhall 100 Club Win £330 for a Tenner!

Help! Help! Help! - We need you as a new member!

Please support your village hall. Last year the 100 Club provided more than £3,000.00 of much needed funds. This year more is needed to finish the verandah, car park, lighting and much more

For only £1 a month you will be entered into a monthly draw and there are four prize winners of £10, £15, £20 & £30. We double the prize money in December & January.

About half of your money goes to the Village Hall maintenance/repair fund and half is distributed in the monthly prize draw.

So for a tenner you will get into the March draw and stand a chance of winning £30.00 every month for 9 months plus £60.00 in December = £330.00.

Come on support your village hall - it is the centre of our community

Ian Henderson



Phone Mike Wareham now on 024 7630 6894 to choose your numbers.

The winners so far this year.

January

- 1st Vicky Fletcher (112)
- 2nd Craig Eady (165)
- 3rd Tracie Ball (182)
- 4th Barry Sant (196)

February

- 1st Catherine Pattinson (62)
- 2nd Norman Busby (57)
- 3rd Declan Hayden (190)
- 4th Gavin Slark (200)



Special bonus draw

The special bonus draw of £50 for those who rejoined by the end of December 2006 was won by Mike Wareham with No 23.

The special bonus draw of £25 for those who rejoined during January 2007 was won by Paul Cains with No 166.

Village Hall Verandah Fund

Delivery of local village Christmas cards

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our service of delivering your Christmas cards locally around the village. We were certainly kept busy and we raised £93.00 towards the verandah fund. Goodness knows how many miles we walked! Thank you for your support.



We appreciate that it is a little too early to be thinking of Christmas yet again but... whilst out delivering we came up with another idea. Whilst we plan to carry on our usual local delivery service round the village, it occurred to us that some people do not like writing Christmas cards or do not have the time, so we wondered if people might like to place their 'seasons greetings' to all their village friends and neighbours via a special page in the November issue of the Bubbenhall Newsletter. More details will follow in the July Newsletter issue.

Margaret Robinson and Gill Prudhoe



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Village Hall: A Date for your Diary Bubbenhall Footpaths

Saturday April 28th, at 11:30 am, Opening of New Village Hall facilities

The Village Hall will be hosting an event on April 28th to mark the opening of the new verandah and the completion of the interior improvements to the Hall. We will be entertaining the two main financial sponsors of these improvements (Awards for All and WREN) on this occasion and would welcome as many people from the village as possible to attend.

We also hope to use this occasion to commemorate an engraved

garden bench in memory of Joan Brandrick who served so ably as the Bookings Secretary for the Hall until her death late last year.

The management committee of the Hall will be providing a light lunch for 20-25 persons in the Malt Shovel at around 12-30 after the formal event. If you would like to join the lunch, please contact Alan Roe:

Tel: 024 7630 1916
E-mail: alan.roe@opml.co.uk
E-mail: RCragg4Dar@aol.com

The Waste Recycling Group have begun to take notice of the Parish Council's rebuke in June 2006, when the Council said "It is to the shame of the Waste Recycling Group that they have allowed such levels of litter to be left to rot [in Bubbenhall Wood], affecting the local animal communities (remember there is a protected Dormouse population established there)".

Now WRG are seeking planning permission for a litter fence along the south-west edge of the wood, where the litter blows over from the landfill site. Litter is just one of the many issues that the Council has with WRG, but this fence will be a much-needed protection for Bubbenhall Wood, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest surrounded by mineral workings and a landfill site.

Smiths Concrete is pressing ahead with sand and gravel extraction at Glebe Farm, but they have now restored and fenced the original right of way from the farm to the A445 junction (Glebe Farm track).

Post Office

Your community post office is open every Friday morning from 9.30.a.m. until 12.00 noon for most bill payments, banking, postage and foreign currency. On demand travel insurance is also available at our parent post office in Ryton-on-Dunsmore. A full range of exciting financial products are also available.

Dates for Your Diary

March
20th Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

April
17th Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall
28th Opening of New Village Hall
Facilities
Village Hall - 11.30a.m.

June
16th Village Fete and Fun Day
Watch Notice Boards
21st Bubbenhall Annual Treasure
Hunt (See advert page 13)

September
8th Fruit, Flower and Produce
Show - Watch Notice
Boards

October
7th Judy Hartland Photographs
Village Hall
13th BEG - "Old Time Music Hall"
Village Hall

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Footpaths

The Kenilworth Footpath Preservation Group has carried out a great deal of work in restoring and repairing footpaths in the area. A booklet has been produced showing local footpaths and this can be purchased from Mr Ian Henderson.

Recreation Ground

Concern has been expressed regarding the state of the trees in Cherry Walk which overhang the play area and these are being lopped. Graffiti has been daubed on signs at the Recreation Ground and these have been repainted. New signs regarding dogs fouling the play area have been displayed. Once again, we would like to ask all residents to report any incidents of damage to the equipment and ask residents to keep their dogs away from the play areas, including the football pitches.

Parish Council News

Mr Tony Sproul, Chair of the Village Spout and Green Committee, reported to the Parish Council on the current proposals to raise the funding for completion of the village green project. The Parish Council agreed to support the undertaking.

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings are published on the

2007 Bubbenhall Calendars

Thank you to everyone who purchased a 2007 Bubbenhall calendar which I hope you are making good use of and enjoying the monthly pictures of the village. This was our first calendar production and hopefully you will be inspired to get your own photograph on the 2008 calendar.

From the sale of the calendars a profit of £123.00 was raised for the verandah fund. If you are not a proud owner of a 2007 Bubbenhall calendar I do have a few left for sale.

Margaret Robinson

Bubbenhall website, which is managed by Mr Mick Jeffs. Councillors wish to express their thanks for all that Mick does to help in this respect.

Bubbenhall will be entering the Warwickshire Best Kept Village Competition again this year. Judging will be in June and, although we won a silver award last year, we would like to reach the standard for a gold award when the judges visit the village in the summer.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March, in the village hall and the following one on 17th April.

Dawn Eady, Parish Clerk

Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Congratulations to Kim Tipper, Emma Beaty, Stacey Clarke and Sarah McGovern who all took their teaching exam in disco and all achieved high grades.

Emma Beaty also did very well in her Intermediate Ballet exam.

We are busy working for exams in March and our two dancing displays in the summer.

We wish the very best of luck to Zoe Benbow, Sara BenAmar, Caitlin Wright, Alice Davis, Rebecca Wallace, Danielle Cooke, Charlotte Ball, Lucy Carter, Lily Hamer, Hayley Waldren and my other Wellesbourne and Dunchurch pupils for their performances in The King and I which is to be performed at the Spa Centre in Leamington Spa from April 17th until 21st.

The children are performing in 2 teams on alternate nights.

Ladies Indulgence Evening

On Friday 23rd February yet another very successful Ladies Indulgence Evening was held in the village hall. Everyone who attended enjoyed pampering from various treatments such as hydro-therapy, reflexology or hand massages to name but a few. Our indulgence came in the form of the wine and the fun with the chocolate fountain !!

A great night was had by all and a fantastic £328.40 was raised towards the verandah fund.

Margaret Robinson

Bubbenhall Football Club

Bright New era for Bubbenhall Village Football Club

The 2006/7 season is now in its back end and Bubbenhall FC is well placed to mount a promotion challenge and also have a big cup final day to look forward to! Bubbers reached the Division Three final for the second successive year by beating Whitnash Tavern in a hard fought semi-final 2 - 1. Right back Ian Ward was the unlikely hero with a late solo effort.

The team will however, be looking for a different outcome to last year's final against Bishop's Tachbrook in April (date and venue not yet known).

Under the leadership of player manager Liam Flowers the team has managed to remain at the right end of the table all season - currently 2nd.

Leaders IBM look to be out of sight, but what's for sure is Bubbers' destiny is in the team's hands - with gains against promotion rivals still to play.

This season has seen a number of new additions to the old guard including John Episcopo, Pete Squires, Ian Ward and more recently Kyle Hadden.

A 10 - 1 mauling of Warwickshire Police in only the second game suggested the team would have plenty of firepower during the course of the season, and goals have come



from all over the park. Goalkeeper turned striker Gary Bevan has even saved the team with vital strikes on more than one occasion this season. Danny Dodds and Blake Thomas have both notched healthy totals, but Adam Halford leads the way on 13 goals.

Arguments over the goal of the season will no doubt rumble on until the summer and probably even next season, but contenders to date must include Adam Halford's Bergkamp-*esk* effort at Chadwick End and a brace of land range free-kicks by Nathan Woodfield. Others will no doubt believe they should have had a mention! The remainder of the season is sure to be a testing time - particularly for the pitch- but let's hope for a strong finish, some silverware and a few celebratory beers!

Special thanks must go out to Blake Thomas (Chairman), Sean Duffy (Captain), George Upton (Treasurer), the Malt Shovel, the Village Hall and all the supporters who have braved the cold each week for their efforts this season so far.

The report would not be complete without thanks to outgoing Manager Duncan Sibley and outgoing Chairman/Secretary Brian Wells for their time and hard work over many years and also the ongoing support and help they have given the new management team during the transition. Your help is very much appreciated and it is good to see you still turning up to support the team every Sunday.

Pete Squires
(Official BVFC Reporter)

Malt Shovel Social Club

Boxing Day Walk

Thank you for the support we received for the Boxing Day Walk - there were a good number of people who turned up to walk. The auction held afterwards in the Malt Shovel raised £1,120.00 for Myton Hospice. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley



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.

Unfortunately I will not be holding the usual plant sale this year. However, if I have any surplus plants of my own left over, I will leave them by the gate for sale.

Mary Long - 024 76302840

Bubbenhall Friendly Club

Bubbenhall Friendly Club continues to grow from strength to strength. We completed our autumn programme with a most enjoyable trip to Nottingham for Christmas shopping.

The coach was considerably heavier on our return journey, as we had all done some Christmas shopping and still found time for lunch, etc. One or two even found time to visit the caves under the town centre. Still in the festive spirit, we went to Bubbenhall House for mince pies and sherry. Once again, Velma and Wendy were the perfect hosts and our thanks go to them for their generous hospitality.

Our final event for the Christmas period was our Christmas lunch which was held at The Queens Head at Bretford. We all had a very good lunch, exchanged cards and did a Secret Santa exchange of presents.

For the first meeting of the New Year, we had a social and were entertained by the Melody Makers. Their repertoire included songs from the shows and we joined in some of the old, well known ones with gusto. There was also a magician, who confused us with his magic - How could he do some of his tricks when we could see what he was doing all the time?

Towards the end of January, we celebrated Burns Night (even if it was in the afternoon). Tartan kilts, ties and some tartan ribbon were worn, we ate Scottish shortbread and Joan and Peter gave a most interesting talk about Robbie Burns and read some of his poems. We finished with a quiz about Scotland and it was surprising how much even the Sassenachs amongst us knew about Scotland, even if some of us did have problems placing Aberdeen on the map!

February commenced with a lunch at the Malt Shovel. Everyone seemed to enjoy a good lunch; some of us just managed a delicious pork batch whilst others ate a big cooked roast dinner. Our second meeting in February saw everyone eyes down for a full house. We had several games of Bingo with Beryl and Dawn doing the calling.

The prizes introduced the Spring theme, with mini eggs for a line and a pot of daffodils for a full house.

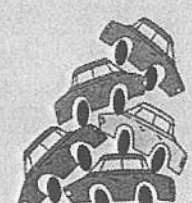
Our next meeting will see us visiting Blooms Garden Centre in March and the Spring programme will end with an Easter lunch in the Village Hall.

We had to say goodbye to Dorothy, who has been a member for some time. Dorothy has moved to Coventry and we wish her every happiness in her new home. We understand she will be joining a similar club near her new home. We will miss her.

The Friendly Club meets every two weeks on a Monday from 2pm to 4pm (except for lunch events). We try to organise an outing or two in each season and have speakers and socials in the Village Hall.

If you would like to join us, please come along and you will be made very welcome. Just contact one of the committee members for details of the next meeting:

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



Bubbenhall Annual Treasure Hunt

Why not join us for this event on Thursday 21st June


An enjoyable evening drive ending at the village pub for a snack,
a drink & prize giving

Limited numbers but priority given to villagers.

Why not make up a car of four people

Book your space now by contacting either of the following

Don Thomas 024 76305460 or Tony Glover 024 76306844



Dates for 2007



16 June 2007
Fete & Fun Day

Look out for further details on the village notice boards



8 Sept 2007
Fruit, Flower and Produce Show

Schedules will be available May 2007



13 Oct 2007
Old Tyme Music Hall

Details to follow



"I say, I say, I say.
Did you hear the one about"

Contact Margaret Robinson ☎ 7630 5931 for further details on any of the above events

Bubbenhall Spring (Spout) and Village Green Restoration Project

As we hope everyone has noticed, the Project has finally got under way. As part of Phase 1, Smith's Concrete, through John Green, has moved diggers in and cleared the undergrowth and root systems at the back of the area where the bus shelter will be built. This was quite a task in itself and it has left temporary scars on the Village Green area. We have not re-landscaped the area yet, as when the equipment moves in to drill the bore-hole, further disturbance will be necessary.

We are on track to have the drilling of the bore-hole achieved within the next month, with the building of the new bus shelter to follow. It is

anticipated that this work will be completed by the coming May.

There has been difficulty in obtaining confirmation of photo voltaic panel sizes and of a view of whether the power generation will be adequate. However we are now on track to complete Phase 1 of the Project.

Phase 2 and 3 will be dependent upon being successful in our applications for grants from Veolia Environmental Trust and Breathing Places (The Big Lottery).



Both assessments will be made and advised during May. We are also looking for funding by approaching other, smaller, potential contributors.

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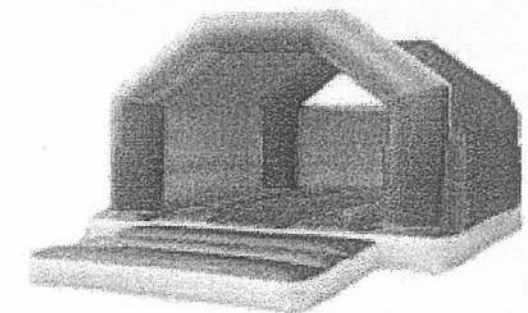
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If we are unsuccessful, there is a contingency plan for a part project completion – but we not considering that eventuality at present!

The overall Project and the applications for funding are being fully supported by the Parish Council and there is an ongoing exchange of up to date information. Minutes of the Project Committee Meetings and the plan of the total scheme can be found on the village web site www.bubbenhall.info.

Additionally we will be posting a copy of the approved scheme in the foyer of the Village Hall. Any offers of help, funding, support or questions or comments can be referred via aspro@btinternet.com or to No.1 Darfield Court.

Tony Sproul and the Project Committee – Gill Green, Vicky Fletcher, Bob Cragg, Geof Glover, John Green, Graham Johnson, Brian Morgan, Peter Sheen.

Rainbows

At the start of the new term we said goodbye to two of our older Rainbows when Sophie Cowlshaw and Georgia Nicholson moved up to Brownies. We know they will have a great time.

We have enjoyed lots of craft activities during the term which include making, bird feeders, bookmarks for the Chinese New Year of the pig. Snow shakers, Welsh cakes for St David's Day and secret surprises for Mothering Sunday. After Easter we will be looking forward to joining other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at a District Event being held at Ryton Organic Gardens

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5 -7 year for more information phone

Margaret Robinson 02476 305931
or Dawn Hands 02476 306073

Neighbourhood Watch

A very urgent meeting of all the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and Community Beat Officer Mike Overall was held on 1st March. This was in the wake of a well known con man and distraction burglar consistently trying to con the residents of this village. He has managed to dupe quite a number of people in Bubbenhall.

Every resident should now have been in receipt of a flyer describing this white male aged 45/55 years of age, grey hair, small moustache, around 6ft tall and slim. He is calling at properties around the village offering to do property and gardening work, and even conning lifts. The only way to prevent being duped by him or his type is 'say no to door knockers'. If at anytime you feel intimidated or threatened by anyone who refuses to leave your property call 999 and ask for police.

If you require a list of reputable tradesmen please call Simon Cripwell of Trading Standards at Warwick, who will supply such a list. Also if anyone would like a full domestic security survey on their property please call Gary Knight of Warwickshire Police on 01926 451111 who will be happy to oblige.

Identity fraud is still on the increase. If a bank contacts you, do not give any of your security details.

If there is any resident in Bubbenhall who is unsure who the Co-ordinator is for their road please contact me.

Bubbenhall is still a very low crime risk village and that is with a great thanks to everyone's continued surveillance and support – let's keep it that way – keep safe.

Gill Green - 024 76305215
4, The Cottages, Lower End,
Bubbenhall.



In November 2006 Warwickshire Police introduced the Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs). These teams are designed to meet the needs of specific local communities and provide a more visible and effective presence.

The Eastern Safer Neighbourhood Team, of which Bubbenhall is part, consists of a team of six uniformed officers working together. Led by Sergeant 134 Chris Cambray, the team members are PC 526 Michael Overall, PC 800 Adriano Towle, PC 1593 Ellen Stipanovic, PCSO 6107 Steven Jephcote and PCSO 6112 Martin Mansell. The Eastern Safer Neighbourhood Team covers the Stoneleigh, Cubbington and Radford Semele District Council Wards, which also include Eathorpe, Hunningham, Weston Under Wetherley, Offchurch, Old Milverton and Ashow as well as the business estates in Stareton and Middlemarch.

We also care for Coventry Airport, the National Agricultural Centre and the Warwickshire part of the University of Warwick. We are committed to providing a more accessible and visible service to the members of our



Our speaker is the eminent historian Chris Pickford who has published many works, and who is a mine of information not only on bells but the wonderful churches which contain them.

He will be focussing on churches in Warwickshire and the talk is therefore of local interest. This promises to be a fascinating evening. Cheese and wine will also be available. All welcome.

Guild Training Day is planned for Saturday 21st April. Subject to confirmation, one of the training sessions will be held at Bubbenhall, followed by a pub lunch.

Full details have yet to be provided, but if you are interested please telephone the contact below.

For further information on any of the above events please contact:

Susan Sheen
Tel. 024 7630 6339.

Bubbenhall Guides

The New Year started with the Guides completing their Science Interest badge. This had included making sweets and looking at the science behind the process, making felt, building bird feeders and making simple lava lamps.

We followed this with some meetings on an international theme covering Denmark, Australia and Wales.

The enjoyable Australian evening was organised by Ellie, Jess, Sarah and Louise who are working on their Baden-Powell Challenge (the highest award in Guides).

The evening was based on "I'm a celebrity get me out of here" and even included a bush tucker trial.

The International theme was linked to Guide Thinking Day which is on February 22nd.

On this day, which was chosen as it was the birthday of both Lord Baden-Powell (founder of the Scouts) and Lady Baden-Powell (the first world Chief Guide), Guides "think" about their fellow Guides around the world. This year we took part in a service in Coventry Cathedral along with Guides from all over Warwickshire and money was raised to help Guiding in Russia.

As a Unit we had a great night out at the Gang Show in Leamington (WAGS) and are looking forward to an evening at the Potter-in in Leamington decorating pottery.

Guides is for girls aged 10 -14 and we meet in the Village Hall on Fridays 7.15 – 9pm.

For more information contact:
Lesley Goodhead
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The Electoral Roll is an important record of the active membership of our church, and if you are on the Roll you may vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and are eligible to serve (if elected) on the Parochial Church Council. Electoral Roll forms will be available at the back of the church or from the Rector.

Annual Parochial Church meeting

Sunday April 1st, at 12.00 noon: in Church after the Palm Sunday service. Rosemary's email is rbking007@btinternet.com. If you would like to receive the Church newsletter by email, but aren't yet on the recipients' list, please just get in touch.

Flowers in Church

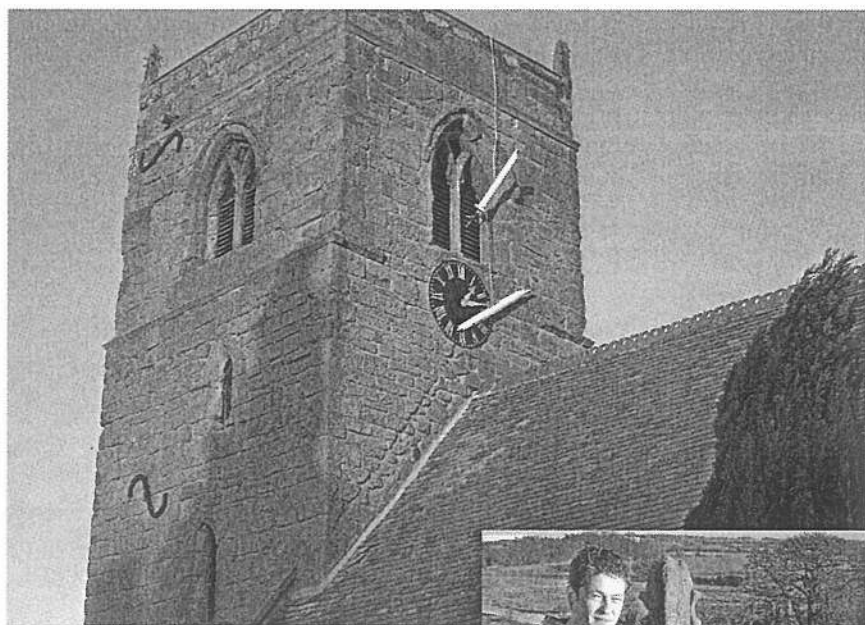
Thank you to everyone who helped with the flowers in Church for Christmas. They looked beautiful and lasted so well. In fact, the remains of the last arrangement were only cleared away last week! No flowers now during Lent. We will be decorating for Easter on Saturday 7th April. The new rota for the year will be ready then; we really do need some more names! It is not a difficult job – just one vase – you do not have to be an expert!

Churchyard News

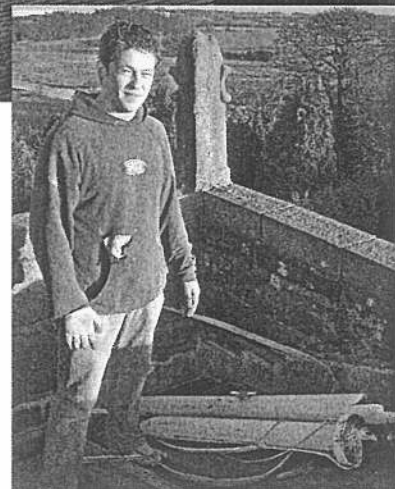
Many of you will have seen the result of storm damage in the church yard. We have lost all our mature trees – three blown down, and the last one having to be felled as it was unsafe. We have to thank our volunteers once again – there was a lot of clearing up to do.

The tower was also damaged – the flag pole snapped and the lightning conductor was damaged. The broken flag pole jammed the hands on the clock face so now you can see the exact time the storm hit us!

Still despite all the damage, the snowdrops are looking beautiful and it won't be long before the grass will



storm damage in the church yard



need cutting and the graves caring for. The regular team welcomes any help – they usually meet on Thursday evenings.

Village Fete

St. Giles hopes to have a stall at the annual fete. The Christmas one was a great success so look out those recipes as we will need contributions please!

Jackie Lloyd

Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bellingers Centenary Celebrations

As part of the centenary celebrations Coventry Guild are hosting several special events throughout the year. These are open to everyone and include the following:

Saturday 30th June is the Guild open day with many churches open across the district. This event is for ringers and non-ringers alike; many who travel from all over the country.

Open days are usually very successful, attracting many visitors. This is the first time that Bubbenhall has been included in a national event and is being marketed as the 'new ring on the block'!

Do come and visit the church. Opening times will be confirmed nearer the date - see notice board for details or phone the contact number below.

Interested in history but not a bellringer?

Then the talk proposed for 24th March to be held in St Nicholas' Church, Warwick may be for you.

community. We aim to provide this by using methods such as high-visibility foot patrols and the provision of Police Surgeries using the Mobile Police Station that we have at our disposal.

SNTs are a separate & unique strand of local Policing, and you are reminded of a 365/24/7 Reactive Policing cover by dialling 999/112 number in an emergency, or 01926 415000 for all other Police Incidents. By using these contact methods, your call will be directed to a Reactive Officer or the SNT as appropriate. Never leave reporting an incident/occurrence until you see an SNT Officer. When you see us on your streets, we would love for you to stop us and say 'hello'. We aim to become an integral part of your community and work alongside you for mutual benefit.

Eastern Safer Neighbourhoods team
wre.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Bubbenhall Rambling Association (BRA)

What did I say in the last Newsletter about not yet having to cancel a walk through bad weather? Well I should have kept quiet because we have had to cancel two walks since then! Nonetheless, we have managed several good walks and our numbers seem to be steady at about 12 – 15.



During the winter we have tended to stay closer to home, but come the spring and summer we are hoping to go further afield, perhaps down to the Cotswolds or up to Derbyshire, perhaps even a walking weekend.

So, if you like walking and would like to join us, we walk for between four and five miles on the fourth Tuesday of each month and the second Saturday and we would love to see some new faces – not that there is anything wrong with the old ones you understand!

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Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group

It may seem like a long time ago but I'd like to start with a big thank you to Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to call into our Christmas party and bring each child a present. Everyone had a great time and we all went home happy but exhausted!

Since we have returned after the Christmas break we have had a number of new members who are warmly welcomed. I hope they are feeling arty because this term is full of sticking, painting and making things for Valentines Day, Mother's Day and of course Easter.

I know that it is a long way off but we have a date for your diary. The photographer Judy Hartland will be coming to the village hall on Sunday 7th October between 10.00a.m. and 11.30a.m.

She takes lovely photographs of kids, mums and dads, grandparents and even pets. If you can please come along (no appointment necessary) - they make great presents.

We meet on Thursday mornings (term time only) at the village hall from 9.30a.m. until 11.30a.m. and it only costs £1.50 per child - great value! If you have a pre-school aged child (yes even new born babies) why not come along and join us.

For further information telephone Lori on 024 7630 5355.

St. Giles Church

Rector: The Reverend David Wintle
Tel: 024 7630 1283
Reader: Mrs Rosemary King
Tel: 01788 573067
Churchwarden: Mrs Jackie Lloyd
Tel: 024 7630 2836

Young St Giles

Please come and join us on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00 am.

Regular or occasional visitors are welcome. The children come to Young St Giles (at the rear of the Church) after the first hymn and enjoy a mixture of free quiet(ish) play and organised craft activities.

We usually chat over a drink and biscuit after the Service.

Lent Lunches at Baginton

Held in the Lucy Price School Room on each Tuesday during Lent. They are hosted by members of St. John the Baptist Church and cost £3.00. Please come and join us on these occasions or at any time throughout Lent. Lunches are quite informal and not confined to church members. Everyone is most welcome.

House Group

Our house group is now meeting at Peter and Maureen Hennessey's house, 34, Cooper's Walk. We meet on alternate Monday evenings for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. New members always welcome - give Peter and Maureen a ring on 02476 303563, or just turn up. Meetings the next two months will be on March 19th and April 2nd and 17th. There will not be a Lent course

Regular Groups

Group

Friendly Club
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group
Rainbows
Brownies
Guides
Ladies Keep Fit

Ryton Pools Volunteers
WCC Friday Mobile Library

Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years
Sarah Cooke Dance School
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Young St. Giles

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.
Friday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please contact Visitors Centre
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this year, so if you want to do something extra for Lent, you might like to come along to the house group instead. Each meeting is a one-off, so you can come just once, or as many times as you like.

Lent Service: Stations of the Cross

On Fridays in Lent we meet at Ryton Church to meditate on the Way of the Cross- Jesus' last journey as he carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the place of his crucifixion. Service begins at 7.30 p.m. and lasts about 40 minutes.

Lent jars in aid of the Women's Fistula Hospital, Addis Ababa

In Ethiopia, and, sadly, in other parts of the world too, many young girls and women are damaged when they give birth. If this damage is not repaired, the women become incontinent, are rejected by their husbands and families, and become outcasts.

The Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa exists to help women in this terrible plight.

Visit the website on www.charitynet.org/~HCCIF/ for details about fistula and what it means for the women affected, and the wonderful work being done at the Fistula Hospital.

Please take a jar from church, or use a jam-jar from home, and put any money that you save as a result of your Lenten self-denials into it, so that we can send a worthwhile donation to help these women. Please leave your Lent Jar in church at Easter, or hand it to any member of the PCC.

Quiet Evening at Offa House.

In response to popular demand, we have booked Offa House for another benefice Quiet Evening on Monday June 11th. Cost is £12.00 per person. The format will be roughly as follows:

6.00: onwards: meet in foyer/ bar
6.30: supper, followed by coffee
7.45: short talk, followed by quiet time in house or grounds.
9.15: Night Prayer together in St Gregory's Church
9.30: Home

Put the date in your diary now, before it gets filled up with other things - the grounds of Offa House will be especially lovely in June, and the light evenings will mean that we will all be able to enjoy them for prayer, meditation, or just wandering round.

New Electoral Roll.

Every five years, we are obliged by law to completely renew our church Electoral Roll. The time has arrived, and we need to complete this exercise one month before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. Even if you are on the current Electoral Roll, you will need to make a new application and fill in a form if you want to be on the new Roll.

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