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# Bubbenhall Newsletter



MARCH 2010

## Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the March 2010 issue of the Bubbenhall Newsletter.

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

Thank you also to everyone who supported the turkey raffle. The lucky winners were Mr & Mrs Letchford of Home Close. The prize as always was kindly donated by Heart of England Farms.

We'd be really interested in your comments/suggestions about what should be included in the Newsletter. Or if you have any interesting photos of the village or villagers we'd really like to see them! So if you would like to contribute, please

## Off piste in Bubbenhall!



Jon Hirons skiing down Coopers Walk, January 2010! Picture taken by Tony Cox.

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## Parish Council

### Security

There has been very little crime in the village over the last few months, but the Police have asked residents to be vigilant and not to leave articles in their parked cars. A motor vehicle was broken into on Spring Hill and a rucksack stolen during August. 1000 litres of oil and £4000 of electric cable were stolen from Smiths Concrete on separate dates. In November, papers were stolen from the recycling bins put outside a house in Moat Close. It was felt that this may have been people on the look-out for identity fraud and care should be taken to remove any identification from any paper put out for recycling.

Concern has been expressed by the local police regarding a man in a white Escort van targeting elderly people in the Cubbington area, offering to do work, taking a deposit and not returning to complete the work.

### Planning

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a first floor extension to a property in Lower End, the erection of a two storey side extension to a property in Home Close and the erection of a single storey extension to a property in Leamington Road. Permission has also been granted for the conversion of a triple garage into self catering holiday accommodation at a property on Stoneleigh Rd and an extension to a property in Church Rd.

The appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission for a wall on a property in Stoneleigh Rd has been dismissed.

### Recreation Ground

The bark under the play equipment will be renewed when the weather improves. The matting under the swings is being replaced and other small improvements have been made to the play equipment. The weeds around the BMX track have been removed. The boys involved with the BMX track are being invited to the next Parish Council meeting with a view to forming a committee to look after the track.

A new contractor has been appointed to mow the recreation ground, after the retirement of the previous contractor. A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Wagstaff for his contribution to the upkeep of the recreation ground over many years. Warwick District Council have now arranged for the dog bins to be emptied on a regular basis. A security barrier to stop vehicles entering the field from the overflow car park has been requested.

### Parish Council Report

An affordable housing survey is being circulated. The Rural Housing Enabler from Warwick District Council will assist the rural communities to assess their housing schemes for local people and assist in the identification of

suitable development sites. The forms will be returned to WRCC who will analyse the results and report back to the Parish Council.

The occupiers of properties on the outskirts of the village have been having problems obtaining a broadband service. The Parish Council has contacted British Telecom, with little success. One of the residents in Stoneleigh Road is liaising with the Parish Council to see what the alternatives are.

Uneven paving slabs leading to the bungalows in Lower End have been repaired and Warwickshire Highways department have agreed to supply a road-name sign for Leamington Road. The pot holes in Coopers Walk were reported to the Highways Department but the temporary repair has been damaged by the frost and further holes have appeared. The Highways Department has been informed.

Parish Council meetings are held ten times a year. The next meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, followed by a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April and the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May. The minutes of the meetings are published on the website ([www.bubbenhall.info](http://www.bubbenhall.info)), as is the agenda for future meetings.

*Dawn Eady, Parish Clerk*

## Dog Rescue at Honiley

Thank you to everyone who donated dog meat and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley. The week before Christmas it was delivered to them – they were very pleased to see us.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Mary Long*



## Bubbenhall Events

Yes it is, it's coming again!

The now annual Bubbenhall Village Fete will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June commencing with a fancy dress parade from Pit Hill.

This year's theme will be Mardi Gras/Carnival. I am sure this will give everyone plenty of ideas, so children and mums and dads start working on your costumes.

To keep you entertained we will have a jazz band, a marching band, an entertainer, along with dancing displays. I am sure the Bubbenhall Barrows will also make an appearance, and in the evening a steel band and rock band, not to mention our traditional firework display to end the day. A bar will be available all day, as well as teas and barbequed food.

In the evening come and picnic with us and cook your food on our BBQs.

A full fun day for all the family – so make sure you join us.

All we ask is that each household buy a programme to help with the cost of the event, and to

encourage you, we will be offering a significant cash amount as a programme prize. So please buy when you get the call.

Get ready for another great day, and let's make it another Bubbenhall success.

If you want to set up a stall on the day please contact Don Thomas (7630 5460), or any committee member. A small fee will be required for the stall. It would also be best if you bring your own gazebo for your stall.

### BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

Forthcoming events for your diary:

11<sup>th</sup> September – Fruit Flower and Vegetable show  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols

Bubbenhall Village Events Committee

#### Dates for your diary

##### March 2010

16<sup>th</sup> .....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall – 7.30pm

##### April 2010

20<sup>th</sup> .....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall – 7.30pm

##### May 2010

18<sup>th</sup> .....Parish Council AGM, Village Hall – 7.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> .....Crowning of the May King and Queen, Provost Williams – 1.30-3.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup> .....Provost Williams May Gala – 1.30-4pm

##### June 2010

15<sup>th</sup> .....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall – 7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> .....Village Fete and Fun Day

##### July 2010

13<sup>th</sup> .....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall – 7.30pm

Tbc.....Sports Active, Warwick District Council, Village Hall

## Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	Alternate Mon, 2-4pm	Village Hall	Dawn Eady - 7630 3957
Mother & Toddler Group	Thu, 9.30-11.30am	Village Hall	Lori Stark - 7630 5355
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-7pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 811643
Guides	Fri, 7.15-9pm	Village Hall	Lesley Goodhead - 7630 6964
Movement to Music Class for over 60 and less able	Tue, 2-3pm	Village Hall	Geri Goward - 01926 632532
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Please contact Visitors Centre	Visitors Centre	
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 10.05-10.25am	"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road	Mobile Enquiry
	Every 3 weeks, 10.30-11am	Lower End	Line - 01926 851031
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
St Giles Bellringers Practice	Thu, 7.30-9pm & Sat, 10.30am-12noon	St Giles Church	Susan Sheen - 7630 6339
Young St Giles	First Sun each month & 11am-12noon	St Giles Church	Rosemary King - 01788 573067

## St Giles Church

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

### Work on the Church Roof

Major renovation work on the church roof and guttering is due to start soon - many thanks to Peter Sheen for planning and organising this.

### Christmas Wreaths in St Giles' Churchyard

Please would those of you who have laid Christmas floral tributes in the churchyard remove them as soon as possible? We appreciate that these signs of your continued love and care are important, but the grass will soon be beginning to grow through them and the mowing team will want to make the first cut.

### Help needed in churchyard

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

### Easter Services

Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March - Holy Communion at 8am.

Easter Day, 4th April - Holy Communion at 8am, Family Communion at 11am and Evensong at 6.30pm.

For all other services please see notice board.

## Bubbenhall Bellringers

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February ringers from Kineton visited St Giles. A successful quarter peal attempt was scored with a first for one of the ringers.

### Guild Open Day 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and Avon Dasset

Towers will be open throughout the diocese to raise funds to pay for restoration works to the bells at Avon Dasset. Bubbenhall will be open from 5pm for about an hour. You don't have to be a ringer to visit. If you like hearing bells rung, or just enjoy visiting churches then please come along on the day. It is an opportunity to watch and listen to the bells being rung and maybe enjoy a cup of tea at the same time.

Below is a list of participating towers:

9.20 Barford  
9.40 Sherbourne  
10.00 Snitterfield  
10.20 Claverdon  
10.40 Rowington  
11.00 Hatton

11.20 Leek Wootton  
11.45 Ashow  
12.00 Cubbington  
12.30 Leamington Spa  
12.50 Offchurch  
1.00 Avon Dasset (Refreshments in church)  
2.30 Fenny Compton  
2.40 Farnborough  
2.50 Ladbroke  
3.10 Priors Hardwick  
3.30 Priors Marston  
3.50 Napton  
4.10 Leamington Hastings  
4.30 Stretton on Dunsmore  
4.50 Ryton on Dunsmore  
5.10 Bubbenhall  
5.30 Stoneleigh  
5.50 Kenilworth  
6.30 Ettington

We are also hosting the Guild Striking Competition this year which will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Bubbenhall ringers practice on Thursday evenings 7.30-9pm and ring for Sunday services on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

Susan Sheen - 7630 6339

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Well done to Millie Ruck, Alice Walters & Jessica Mingins I really enjoyed watching you in the pantomime in Kenilworth. Busy times ahead, some children are working hard towards exams in March and we've started doing our display dances for the summer. Costumes will be started soon! Great to see so many at adult tap we work hard but have a good laugh!

Congratulations to Maddie and Lily Hamer and Carrie Hammond who successfully auditioned for the English Youth Ballet. They will be performing in the EYB's production of Sleeping Beauty in June – can't wait to see it!

Miss Sarah

# Warwickshire's Best Village Competition 2010



Encouraged by our success last year in finishing as runners up to Austrey, we will again be entering the Competition. The final result from 2009 was: 1st AUSTREY for showing that community spirit is alive and well in their village and for winning two categories in the competition. Look at: [www.austrey.co.uk/News\\_body.htm](http://www.austrey.co.uk/News_body.htm) and [www.austrey.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.austrey.co.uk/index.htm) to appreciate possibly the one to beat! As you will see, a much larger village with more facilities than Bubbenhall. 2nd BUBBENHALL for making the most of the amenities available to them. 3rd QUINTON for being an active community with innovative ideas.

The competition is fierce and impressive. Just read the detailed results at [www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/warwickshire-best-village-competition-](http://www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/warwickshire-best-village-competition-)

Anyone living in a village with 5,000 inhabitants or less can enter and there are hundreds of pounds to be won. There are six categories to choose from

- Community Projects
- Community Buildings
- Communication
- Community Heroes (or businesses which benefit the community)
- Environment
- History & Heritage

and all kinds of evidence is welcome (photos, DVDs, publications etc).

The closing date is Sunday 31 May. Competitions Organiser, Ariadne Uslu, says, "we're not looking for the tidiest village but the one people enjoy living in because there's so much going

on. We hope the prize money will be used for more activities in the future."

For our entry for this year's competition, I have been asked to co-ordinate our input, across all of the competition categories. These inputs will be from the whole variety of activities, initiatives, evident examples of "community" and the individual people of the village.

Is Bubbenhall a good place to live? Does everyone feel as engaged as they need to be? Does our website give a vibrant, interesting and encouraging impression of the life of the village? Is it interactive? Could we have a Village Blog? Do we communicate well – through the Village Newsletter, via door to door leaflet drops, via an intranet? Where do the Church, the Parish Council, Village Events and the Village Hall fit into the "persona" which is Bubbenhall? Are our organisations co-ordinated in any way? Additionally, who are our local heroes – companies and people who are champions for our village?

I am contacting the leaders of the key Bubbenhall Village community organisations and groups, to obtain their inputs into what I believe can be a winning impression. I will write of my personal experiences from the restoration project but there are many stories of the "work" of the village out there. Our entry will be co-ordinated by bringing together the leaders of the village activity groups and by identifying our strongest USP's – unique selling points – for our entry!

My individual inputs will be covering:

- Community Projects - the future uses and integration of the Village Green into the life of the Community.
- History & Heritage - the launch of the restored Bubbenhall Spring Water and our plans for 2010. The bonding with the Spring Water town/large village of Bundanoon in New South Wales.
- Community Heroes - nominations of people from local businesses, who have contributed to or benefited our community.

In addition, there should be a strong presentation in the Communications section and the only area where we are lacking in content is Environment – unless we could involve our success in combating the further development of the landfill operation. In addition, what about our involvement through Parish Councillor, John Border in the containment of Coventry Airport.

Any ideas would be extremely helpful. Please get in touch.

Tony Sproul -  
[aspro1@talktalk.net](mailto:aspro1@talktalk.net)  
7630 2881/07977 070069



# Marathon Effort – Air Ambulance

Last summer my daughter Rachel phoned me out of the blue to say she had a great idea - she wanted to run her first ever London Marathon with her dad. Being the wrong side of 50 and because my only effort at jogging had been mainly around Ryton Pools Country Park, plus a couple of efforts at the Two Castles 10km run with some friends, I tried to decline, but you know how persuasive your kids, no matter how old, can be!

On the premise that 80% of entries for the Marathon are rejected, somewhat reluctantly I did eventually complete an online entry and gave it no more thought.

Roll on October 2009 and two red envelopes from the Marathon organisers arrived. One marked 'COMMISERATIONS' the other 'CONGRATULATIONS'. I glanced at them briefly and said to my wife Wendy "Told you I wouldn't get in!" She laughed and just said "Read the names on the envelopes first!" Whoops... what had I let myself in for?! The London Marathon is run on Sunday 25th April 2010.

Once the initial shock had passed I sat down and came to the conclusion that I may as well just have a bash at it. I needed some advice so spoke to an old friend of mine, Gus Davidson, who used to live in Bubbenhall. Gus has done more than his fair share of long and ultra distance running. He assisted me with support and training guidance. (Impressively, Gus is currently busy getting ready for his solo Atlantic crossing in May as part of the Jester Challenge 2010.)

After a number of weeks I began to suffer a common runner's complaint called 'Plantar Fasciitis' in my left heel, which left me wondering if I was going to be able to complete this challenge at all. With a few weeks rest before Christmas, by the time New Year came it was make or break time.

For Christmas, Rachel had given me a book - How to Run Your First Marathon by Grete Waitz. This book detailed a 16-week training plan, and as from 2<sup>nd</sup> January it has been a useful source of reference. One of Wendy's Christmas gifts was a watch and linked heart rate fitness monitor – I think she was trying to tell me something!

So, I have been running the roads and lanes around Bubbenhall and the surrounding villages as my endurance and distance increase. If I am able to run consistently at around 6 mph for the 26.2 miles, I should complete the marathon in about 4 hours 15 mins +/- . My marathon

entry number is 8960. I have decided to use the event to try and raise some money to support the work of our local Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Funded solely through voluntary charitable donations, it provides an air ambulance service to the communities of Warwickshire & Northamptonshire. It covers a population in excess of over 2 million plus the users of the busy motorway network in our area everyday. It costs over £1.4 million per year to operate the service.

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Jon Hirons - 12 Coopers Walk,  
07894 077432

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By buying through this link the village hall benefits from commission on your purchases.

# Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice

Greetings to all of our patients in Bubbenhall! We are coming to the end of a very busy period for all at the practice. In addition to our seasonal flu vaccination campaign, we ran an additional campaign to vaccinate our patients considered to be at a higher risk of contracting swine flu. This looks set to continue over the next few months.

Dr Fahmy has now gone on maternity leave. She will be returning in early June. She will be covered by Dr Wilmot and Dr Alsop. We all wish Dr Fahmy well and look forward

to her return.

We have also undertaken quite extensive premises work since October. We have had all electrical distribution boxes upgraded as well as having a full upgrade done to our fire detection system.

When you are next in the surgery we hope that you will notice that the entire interior of the building has been painted.

Best wishes for 2010.

*Stephen Gallagher*

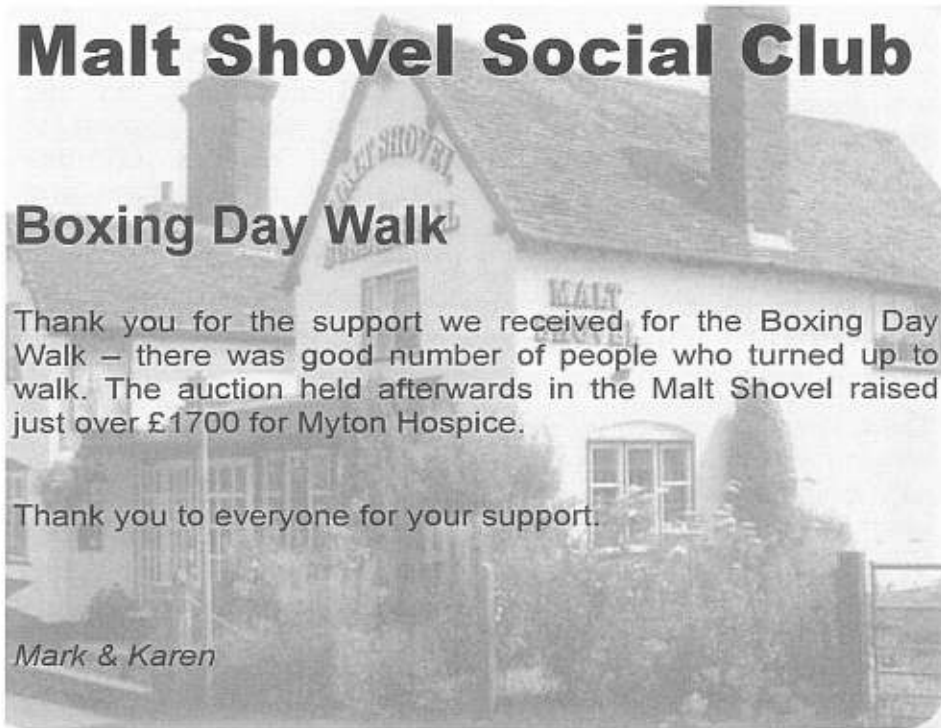
## Malt Shovel Social Club

### Boxing Day Walk

Thank you for the support we received for the Boxing Day Walk – there was good number of people who turned up to walk. The auction held afterwards in the Malt Shovel raised just over £1700 for Myton Hospice.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

*Mark & Karen*



# Bubbenhall's Emergency Plan

An emergency plan has been developed by Bubbenhall Parish Council in conjunction with Warwickshire Emergency Planning Unit and Warwick District Council. The plan has been designed to enable the Parish Council to identify the immediate actions they should consider during an emergency. These actions may assist the community in reducing the impact an emergency can have until further assistance has been received.

The objectives of the plan are to:

- Identify resources in the community available to assist during an emergency (eg four wheel drive vehicles, generators, emergency water supply, sandbags, blankets, gaslights, heaters, etc).
- Identify local people and organisations who may be able to assist during an emergency (eg doctor, nurse, pharmacist,

first aider, plumber, electrician, builder, mechanic, etc).

- Identify vulnerable people in the community and develop arrangements to assist them (eg specific consent of the person concerned is needed).
- Provide key contact details for the Parish Council Emergency Team, key community resources, the emergency services and local authorities.
- Establish local co-ordination arrangements including opening and running local rest centres as necessitated by the circumstances of the emergency.

To this end, it is requested that anyone who can assist in any of the above categories contacts one of the committee (names and details below) so the relevant details can be recorded.

Thanks for your help!  
*Emergency Committee*

Tony Cox, 22 Coopers Walk  
tc\_bubbenhall@btopenworld.com  
(7663 9045 evenings & w/ends)  
Mark Burrows, 14 Coopers Walk  
John Border, 20 Coopers Walk,  
Peter Hennessey, 34 Coopers Walk

# Bubbenhall Friendly Club

The Friendly Club had a long and enjoyable lead-up to Christmas. We went to Leicester for our Christmas shopping outing, the minibus being driven by Alan Dunn. Many thanks Alan for a smooth drive and for your patience when one of us arrived late (namely me - Dawn). We all came back loaded with parcels, tired but having enjoyed the retail therapy.

Our next Christmas event was sherry and mince pies in the village hall. The mince pies were made by Chris D and Chris M - they were delicious. We also did our Christmas card exchange and went home with lots of cards. We finished the Christmas festivities with a meal at the Three Horseshoes at Princethorpe. We pulled our crackers, enjoyed our meal and did our Christmas present exchange.

We started the Spring term with a social and AGM in the village hall. Most of the members braved the cold weather and ignored the snow on the ground. Beryl circulated the financial return of the club and Dawn gave a précis of the events of the last year. After the official business of the meeting, Beryl and Chris D gave us a quiz on chocolate bars. Needless to say, most of us got most of the answers right.

On 25<sup>th</sup> January we held a party in the village hall to celebrate Friendly Club's tenth birthday. People who had helped the Friendly Club's success were

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greet members of the Parish Council, Bubbenhall Village Events committee, the Village Hall committee and the vicar and his wife. Baginton Singers entertained us and a good time was had by all. A buffet was enjoyed after the entertainment and the cake, beautifully made and iced by Chris Morgan's daughter in law, was cut. Our particular thanks go to the two Chris' and Beryl, as well as Sue Wareham and Jan Stobart, who were all instrumental in starting the Friendly Club and who have worked hard over the last ten years to make it a success.

The Friendly Club meets every two weeks on a Monday 2-4pm (except for lunch events). We try to organise an outing or two in each season and have speakers and socials in the Village Hall. This club is for you – if you are over 50 and have a couple of hours free on a Monday afternoon, please

## 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 £90 towards the village hall. Goodness knows how many miles we walked!

Thank you for your support.

Margaret Robinson - 024 7630 5931  
Gill Prudhoe - 024 7630 7747

come and see us. The meetings only cost £2, which includes a cup of tea and biscuit. Unfortunately, we do have to put an extra cost on the outings and some of the food events. Just contact one of the committee members for details of the next meeting.

Whatever the weather, you will be assured of a warm welcome at the Friendly Club.

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

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## The Restored Village Green and Village Spring Area

*Much has been achieved – but there will always be more to do!*

The successful completion of the original project was achieved with great relief. It was I believe also received with great pride by the people of Bubbenhall village and great pleasure by our many visitors.

### Bringing the new facilities to life

The first sign of the potential for bringing diversity and life into the new area came at Christmas, when for the first time we had "Christmas lights on The Green"

Although we had generous donations of £100 from the winnings of Best Village in Warwickshire and from the Village Hall Committee, this funding in no way was going to provide the money to buy permanent lights, estimated at £2500!

I therefore approached Warwick District Council to see if they could be persuaded to help us. They were very supportive and directed me to Neil Booth of N.S.Booth of Myton Road, Warwick, who is the lighting contractors to the DC. Neil generously offered to deck the whole area with golf ball lights and to only charge for installation and removal.

The monies we had received, which also bought a small display for the bus shelter, were sufficient to fund the display. If we can achieve the same result this year, we will ask Father Christmas to perform the official switch on.

### Glazed ends for the Bus Shelter

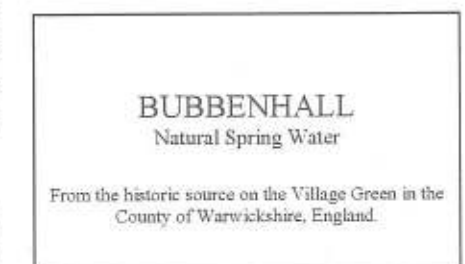
Craig Greenaway will by now have very generously supplied and fitted the oak beadings for the glazing of the shelter. He has done this at his own cost in time and materials! Thanks Craig, it is much appreciated and illustrates what individuals can contribute to the benefit of everyone. Warwick Glass have also completed the installation of "weatherproof" toughened glass.

### Fund Raising for the Maintenance and Development of the Village Green area

There will be an ongoing requirement for funds to ensure that the new Village "Space" stays looking representative of our care and is enhanced over time.

Some examples are:

- Creating properly printed, gummed labelled 1 litre Bubbenhall Spring Water bottles, which we can sell for the village to use as a refillable source of Spring Water at home. Provider – hopefully IKEA



- Producing a key fob celebrating "Water for Life".
- In May (or to coincide with Fun Day), we want to organise our own local version of Well

Dressing. This will involve anyone who wishes to place a vase full of fresh flowers or a fresh flower "creation", around the base and the rear of the "Well".

- We are investigating the acquisition of a permanent growing Christmas tree for the centre of the Green. Unfortunately, a 12' living tree will cost £350 - around £200 for the tree and £150 for transportation from Scotland. Smiths Concrete through General Manager John Green, have offered (even in these difficult times) to contribute to the final cost. We are examining ways of raising the funds to acquire what would be an everlasting icon for the Village. To begin, we are looking at organising collection jars on the bar at the Three Horseshoes and the Malt Shovel.

- We have a mole infestation of the green, which for this year the village will provide funding to clear.
- Eventually we want to install a Village storyboard in oak. A run of around 6m of the original spout pipe-work, under the allotments, will need to be replaced eventually. Cost estimates are being sought.

### Your help and input

As always, any contributions of time, ideas or funds/sponsorship will be very welcome. We work under the title "Bubbenhall Parish Council – Village Green and Village Spring Restoration Project", for anyone wishing to contribute financially to a specific or general aspect of the funding for the area.

Tony Sproul

# The Bubbenhall 100 Club

Bubbenhall 100 club helps to make village hall £30,000 modernisation programme a reality

Trudging the streets and lanes of Bubbenhall during late December and early January/February on those cold, dark, wet nights is a bit of a chore. But when you open your front doors and the greeting is; "Oh it's you! I suppose you want my money again," followed by it's; "I guess you want a wee drinky then?" "Yes! Yes!" to both says I – eager not to disappoint.

It's not just me of course it's Mary Long, Margaret Talbot, Bob & Rose Cragg as well as Alan Roe.

The Bubbenhall 100 Club has 200 numbers and only a few are available! Every year they all get sold – WHY? Because you want to support your Village Hall. Nearly half the money collected is distributed in the monthly prize draw but more than half is used to support the maintenance and funding of improvements and modernisation of the Village Hall.

This year Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee has applied for funding grants of nearly £30,000 for the complete refurbishment of the kitchens and toilets. These grants have to be supported by third party funding. This is provided by Bubbenhall 100 Club. Without this third party support we would not even qualify for external funding.

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

In addition to providing funds for maintenance and improvements to the village hall the 100 Club pays out four cash prizes every month - £30, £20, £15 and £10.

Prize money is doubled in January and December. Usually we do the draw in one of the pubs on the last Friday of each month.

Winners in December & January were:

- December 2009**  
 1st .....Marilyn Cox  
 2nd .....Declan Hayden  
 3rd.....Fiona Pattinson  
 4th.....Yvonne Cure

- January 2010**  
 1st.....Gavin Slark  
 2nd.....Nigel Carter  
 3rd.....Rose & Jim MacArtney  
 4th .....Ashley Simpson

Mike Wareham - 7630 6894

## Bubbenhall Entertainment Group



By the time you read this we will have just held our Spring dance on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Live Music was provided by 'Mr Ben' and we had a ploughman's supper.

Many thanks to Margaret Robinson, Rose Cragg and Marilyn Cox who all sold tickets for the event.

Judith Chettle - 7630 5164

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# Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA)

Pat, Margaret and Barbara would like to thank you for your contributions over the past twelve months; £300 was raised for a very good cause.

WNAA has purchased a new office in Burnthurst Lane, Princethorpe (0845 410 0999) which will be officially opened in April. A new helicopter has also been leased which is much faster than the old one, still flying from Baginton. On the first day of operation it was called out eight times!

Pat Long - 7630 4653  
 Margaret Woodhouse - 7663 9416



### Heroes Run

WNAA is hosting its flagship 'Air Ambulance Heroes Run' at Stoneleigh Park on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. One of the main features

of this event will be the 'Inter-parish competition' between all the parishes it serves in Warwickshire. The winning parish will be the one that raises the

most funds from entry fees and sponsorship. Five members of the team will receive a visit to the WNAA base and meet the helicopter and crew.

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 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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For more information please telephone  
 Mrs Sarah Cooke on 024 76511387  
 Mrs Sarah Cooke, MIDTA & RAD Teaching Dip.

## Rainbows

Rainbows are continuing with their Centenary Celebrations through most of this year. At the moment we are working towards a badge called "Adventure 100" where the girls have to collect 100 points by taking part in various activities. These are going well at the moment and hopefully they will have completed the challenge before we break up for the summer holidays.

At the end of February many of us will be joining other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from our District to celebrate Thinking Day, this has an international theme and the girls will have the opportunity to have a go at line dancing, music making, food tasting and various craft. In the evening we will be watching

'The Story Teller Who Forgot' – this year's Live and Local event held at the village hall.

The Rainbow Unit is full at the moment with an ever growing waiting list and for that reason we are sending out a plea for extra adult help. If you could spare one hour a week (term-time only) we would love to hear from you.

Rainbow's is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. If you would like more information or to put your daughter's name on our waiting list please contact us.

Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931  
Dawn Hands - 7630 6073

## Brownies

The Brownies are having a lot of fun working on their Adventure 100 Badge, which is a special

badge only to be gained after completing a number of challenges over our Centenary year. They have to gain 100 points from the challenges in order to be awarded their badge. As part of the challenge they rehearsed and performed a pantomime for their families and friends. The performance was spectacular, and as a result we also managed to raise £50 for the Haiti Appeal, which was a fantastic achievement.

Our Brownie Holiday in January had to be cancelled due to the snow however we managed a snow day on the Saturday and the girls made models, cooked lunch and went out to play in the snow. They enjoyed sledging and rolling down the slopes in the park.

We have had a visit to St John's Museum in Warwick where we learnt what it would have been like to be a girl in 1910 when Girl

## Provost Williams School

coming on the back of two games which ended 4-3. First up was a spirited display against Division Two outfit Holly Bush in the George Dutton Cup, although despite a late rally which reaped 2 late goals the home side could not quite force extra time and bowed out. Blake Thomas, Stokes and David Protheroe were all on target.

A Cancer Cup match against lower league opposition presented 'Hall with a perfect opportunity to bounce back, however the visitors were way below par and on another day could, and probably should, have been sent packing by a youthful Leamington Hibs Reserve side. Blake Thomas took time out from a series of verbal exchanges with the opposition manager/linesman - which were in good nature of course - to net a hat-trick on a quagmire of a pitch at Newbold Comyn to which Squires added a solo as Bubbenhall scraped through to the next round. There was also a rare appearance for Gareth Hughes who answered an early morning rallying call to take to the field on the promise of a full 90 minutes!

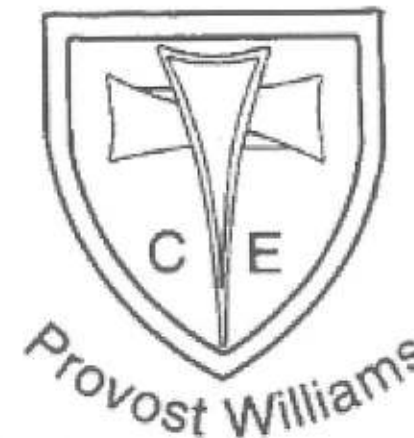
Thomas had also found the net as Bubbers slumped to a surprise 4-1 defeat at Leek Wootton as they failed to build on winning by the same score line when they welcomed newcomers Bar 44 seven days earlier. Squires kicked off the scoring with a curled effort which caught the keeper off his line, Neil Woodfield clinically hammered home, while Halford bagged a brace to complete a comfortable win and Rugby Road goal-fest!

So with plenty of games still to squeeze in between now and May, along with a civilised site-seeing trip to Krakow, Bubbenhall FC are in for a busy time of it over the next three months.

Pete Squires  
Blake Thomas - 07793 113584






In February Provost Williams held a "Hats for Haiti" day where children wore hats to school and made a donation to Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Haiti appeal. The school raised £307.84, well done to staff and pupils.

This year's May King and Queen will be crowned on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, followed by the Provost Williams May Gala on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May held at the school.




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## Bubbenhall Football Club

It promises to be a busy back end of the season for Bubbenhall FC as the cold snap continues to play havoc with the fixture list. At the time of writing Bubbers had only taken to the field twice during 2010 – taking 4 points from a possible 6 on home turf courtesy of a comfortable 5-1 victory over struggling Ettington Rovers and 4 goals shared with Heathcote Athletic.

Captain Dave Paget ended his goal drought with a double, a feat matched by centre back turned left midfielder Adam Parker, as Bubbenhall maintained their promotion hopes with an impressive display against Stratford outfit Ettington. Top scorer Simon Protheroe was also on target, while strike partner Joe

Cure looked lively throughout and probably deserved a goal. Stuart Levis also performed heroics in the heart of the defence, alongside Pete Squires and marauding full-backs Ian Ward and Darren 'Roberto Carlos' Laffey!

The victory followed a competitive encounter with Heathcote – a game in which 'Hall squandered a two goal lead to draw 2-2. Adam Halford and Protheroe finding the net before the visitors netted two goals in the final 15 minutes to steal a point.

So with as many as three games to make up on some of their Leamington & District League Division Three rivals Bubbers sit in fourth place in the league table within touching distance of second spot.

The decade had ended on a bright note for Liam Flowers' side as AC Cricketers were brushed aside 2-0 in the final game of

2009. Jamie Stokes put the hosts in the lead before a 35-yard screamer from David Protheroe settled the tie – the Zac Efron wannabe's strike crashing in off the underside of the bar to the shock of his team mates! The victory was built on a solid display by keeper Gary Bevan and was the perfect way to bounce back from the disappointment of being dumped out of the Division Three Cup at the semi-final stage by Whitnash.

Having fallen behind to an early goal Bubbers looked to be heading to yet another Division Three final – which have been particularly cruel to the club in recent years – as a Simon Protheroe penalty and Stokes goal put them 2-1 up with just minutes to go. Under-strength 'Hall couldn't quite hang on though and after conceding a late equaliser went down 4-2 following extra time.

The match was the third straight cup game Bubbers had played –

Guiding first started.

We have a waiting list of girls waiting to join our Pack, so if you would like to put someone's name down or you would like to join us as a helper then please contact me.

Beverley Suffell - 01788 811643

## Guides

Did you see the documentary on the BBC "100 Years of Guiding"? In this, our Centenary year, we have been looking back at how Guiding has changed and developed to ensure it is relevant to the girls. Girl guiding is running a Story Gathering project to try and put on record the oral history that abounds.

We know there are a number of ladies in Bubbenhall who used to be Guides and Brownies. Would

any of you be prepared to come and talk to our current girls about what things were like in your day? We would love to hear from you.

Our Centenary celebrations continue to give us many opportunities. At Christmas we held a disco for our Bubbenhall Guiding "family". Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, together with their friends, had a great time and a good start to the Christmas festivities.

This term our programme is based on "Adventure 100" where we have to complete a range of challenges to gain 100 points. Since January we have had a cool buffet, celebrated Chinese New Year, designed Guide uniforms for the future, done yoga and played games in the dark. We started the February half term with a sleepover (20 points!) in the Village Hall. Rachel Hepworth, supported by friends, organised the activities

as part of her Baden Powell challenge.

At the end of February we will celebrate Thinking Day with our District. Thinking Day is special to Guides and a time when we remember Guides all around the world and, of course, is particularly important in this special year. The afternoon will be spent going "Around the World" and in the evening we will be joining the 'Live and Local' storyteller.

We are also having our annual visit to the Warwickshire Gang Show in Leamington which includes one of our ex Guides Aimee.

We would be glad to welcome new members. Guides is for girls aged 10-15 meeting at the Village Hall on Friday 7.15-9pm.

For more information contact: Lesley Goodhead 7630 6964



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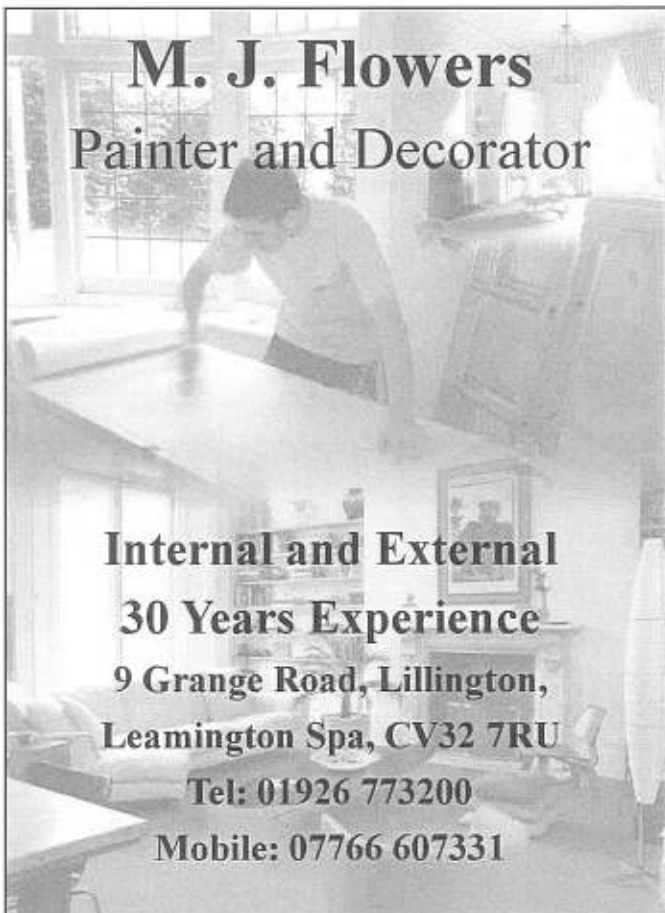
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# Bubbenhall Mother and Toddler Group



We held our annual Christmas party at Jam Jam Boomerang soft play area who provided a lovely meal for both the adults and children!

Don't forget we meet every Thursday, 9.30-11.30am in the village hall – so if you've got a little one, or are even looking after a grandchild for the day, please come along and join us!

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# BRA – Bubbenhall Rambling Association

This, I am afraid, is the last report from BRA, as we unfortunately had to disband the group. Last October, while rambling near Shuckborough, one of our members, who was walking with his dogs, was attacked and trampled by a herd of cows, resulting in quite a severe head injury, an emergency airlift to hospital and several weeks convalescence.

As a result of this, we were alerted to the necessity, as a walking group, of complying with health and safety issues, such as risk assessment, personal accident and public liability insurance.

The essence of BRA has always been that of an informal walking group and we were not prepared

to formalise ourselves by even exploring these avenues. We had therefore no alternative, but to disband.

It is with great sadness and some anger that we have had to do this; we all enjoyed our fortnightly walks. That little bit of exercise, tempered with a bit of gossip, our pub lunches and general fellowship. It seems unfair that because of an obsession with health and safety, we have to lose this, but there it goes.

So farewell from BRA and thank you to all who have joined us, whether on one occasion, or on many. We will miss you.

Sue Wareham

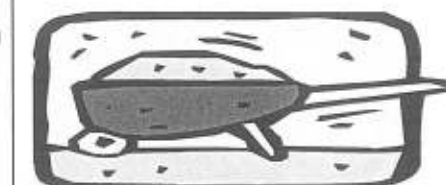
# Call to all Barrows!

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

Last years Battle of Bubbenhall was a great success and we're looking to better it this time!

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

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