

March 2014

Gateway Campaign - Planning Application latest news



The Gateway public Planning Inquiry is to be held at **Leamington Spa Town Hall, beginning at 10am on Tuesday 8th April 2014.**

It would be truly wonderful if we could have a good turnout of residents on that first day, so that the Inspector is left convinced of the local feeling against Gateway. We would therefore urge as many of you as possible to attend on at least the first day.

Since you were last updated, the three Rule 6 Parties (The Community Group, Bertie MacKay's group and the CPRE) have all met Inspector Phillimore at the Pre-Inquiry Meeting (PIM) held at Leamington town hall on 22nd January. Mr Phillimore is the Inspector who recommended passing the housing development near to Mary Arden's house in Shotton.

There were no surprises at this PIM and a number of items were satisfactorily resolved. However, the Rule 6 Parties made it plain that we were being actively excluded (by

the two local authorities and the applicant) from the important steps of agreeing a Core Document List and a Statement of Common Ground. This continues, but the Planning Inspectorate and the Inspector are aware.

Our opponents are still pulling a variety of tricks. Some of you will have received the Secretary of State's (SoS) 29/7/13 notification letter regarding the inquiry. Pending the result of this inquiry, Section 14 of his letter specifically precludes any planning permissions being granted on land which is part of, or

includes, the Gateway application. Since then we have discovered two such infringements.

One relates to hedge removal to allow Severn Trent to move a water main to suit the Gateway plans. We got it stopped briefly, but then WDC effectively tore up the request for planning permission for hedge removal and simply granted it, despite it being in contravention of the SoS's conditions. A complaint about this has been sent to the National Planning Casework Unit.

The other is more worrying in that it

Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the March issue!

Thank you all for the donations we received for the Secret Santa stall 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. Thank you also to everyone who supported the cockerel raffle. The lucky winners were Clive and Ann Trentham. The prize as always was kindly donated by Heart of England Farms.

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concerns extensive works at Leaf Lane in Coventry, related to the failed and still under-used Whitley Business Park. These works were actually part of the Gateway plans, but were suddenly passed as public works by Coventry City Council last week - and the work has already started. What was due to cost Sir Peter Rigby's company some money is now being paid for out of the public purse – you lucky people!

Unbeknown to us, Sir Peter has obviously been cosyng up to the

SoS (Eric Pickles), who granted a special dispensation for these works to go ahead in contravention of his own directions letter! It seems that our Eric is as keen for Gateway to go ahead as we had always feared.

If we are given a fair hearing at the Inquiry, and if there are no further unseen Machiavellian dealings involving government at high levels - then right, plus national and local planning policies, are well on our side (in spades), and we must win this inquiry.

It is for these reasons why we all need the Inspector to fully appreciate the strength of local feeling against Gateway, and why you are so important to the success of this Inquiry.

Please support us on day one - at least.

Alan Roe, Cllr Joanne Shattock, Cllr Mark Symes

Bubbenhall Parish Council



Gateway Zone

A Preliminary Inquiry Meeting took place on 22.1.14 at Leamington Town Hall when the Rule 6 groups, comprised of The Community Group, Cllr Bertie Mackay's Group and the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Warwick District Council and the applicant met the Inspector who will conduct the inquiry.

The next stage will be the preparation of "Proofs of evidence" by both sides, which are due to be exchanged at the beginning of March. There will be 2 weeks for each side to comment. The Inquiry begins on 8th April and is due to end on 13th May. It is hoped that as many villagers as possible will attend the first day of the Inquiry at the Town Hall to register their opposition to the Gateway.

The Inspector's report will not be received until August at the earliest.

Cllr Symes reported that he has, up to now, secured the support of 5 local parish councils for The Community Group during his visits to other parish councils.

Underground Coal Gasification (UCG)

Cllr Redford reported that there is still no information from WCC at the moment. However an application has gone to the British Coal Board for a licence to test drill. The Council discussed the fact that Uzbekistan is the only country which has an active UCG programme; other countries have tried the process, but all lasted between 14 days and 3 months before being shut down by the authorities due to environmental problems.

At the recent Liaison Committee meeting the Chair asked Smiths Concrete if they had received any correspondence from the company associated with UCG given that Smiths' land falls within the UCG suggested area. Michael Knight confirmed Smiths had not been approached.

Cllr Powell commented that WCC are currently circulating their Minerals Plan consultation, Cllr Redford confirmed that WCC do not have a policy on UCG at the moment. Cllr Baker asked whether a company could be granted permission without a WCC policy on UCG in place. Cllr

Redford speculated that the Coal Board would definitely grant permission and then WCC could in theory grant permission "subject to...." other criteria being met.

Highways

The repairs to Stoneleigh Road will be completed in the New Year.

The Junction of Paget's Lane with the main road has been reported as water collects in a large puddle after recent repair work

Toll Bar diversions: At the last meeting Councillors expressed concern that the Toll Bar improvement work's diversions will increase traffic through the village and that HGVs will end up getting stuck. At Cllr Redford's suggestion the Clerk wrote to the Head Engineer for WCC Highways.

The WCC Traffic Manager has replied stating there are no diversion routes programmed to be in Warwickshire, they are all within Coventry. They do not foresee at this moment in time any change to this situation. The Council agreed that increased traffic is likely to be an on going problem during the

BUBBENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Clerk, who has an interest in supporting the Parish Council shape the future of the local community and effectively deliver local services.

The successful applicant will be required to provide professional support and guidance in respect of all aspects of the Council's work including acting as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer.

The post is home-based for 30 hours per month, but will require attendance at the ten parish council meetings per year and some additional meetings. Applicants need to have excellent communication skills and organisational skills, be able to take minutes of meetings, undertake administrative duties and manage the Council's finances. Access to a computer and the internet are required.

The successful candidate will be employed under nationally agreed NJC terms and conditions of employment. The appointment will be made within salary scale LC1 (pts 15-22), £8.428 to £10.300 per hour, depending on relevant experience and qualifications.

For further information or to apply please send your CV with covering letter, including the names of two referees to bubbenhallclerk@gmail.com or Rose Woodforth, Clerk, Bubbenhall Parish Council, 31 Coopers Walk, Bubbenhall CV8 3JB.

Closing Date: 30th April 2014

Finance

The Council agreed the cost of a new grit bin purchased after last meeting due to health and safety concerns expressed during the meeting. The Council also commented it deplores the fact a resident was aggressive to the Clerk due to the siting of the new grit bin. The Council also expressed dismay that the new grit bins have not been filled yet. Clerk to contact Highways again.

Precept

The Parish Council discussed the budget for 2014-15 fully and it was agreed the precept for the next financial year should be £12,000. The Clerk will ask for £11,461 from WDC (WDC will be providing a grant of £531 this year). The Council noted this is an increase of £1000 from last year. However given that precepts are likely to be capped and also the Gateway crisis, felt that residents will understand. WALC has also suggested that parish councils set their precept as high as necessary.

Reports from meetings attended WALC Planning Course

Cllr Symes attended the WALC Planning course and reported that due to the Gateway, Bubbenhall parish council is very much more informed on planning matters than many other councils.

Community Levies were discussed during the course, a Community Levy can be fixed on a developer for any type of development if the local authority has introduced such a levy (it is not known whether WDC has such a policy). That levy is paid to the planning department as a tax on development and a proportion should be made payable to the local Parish Council in the form of compensation/mitigation or

improvement works, regardless of village by the Highways department; whether there are official diversion Cllr Redford agreed that this was routes. It was agreed that the parish Bubbenhall's main hurdle to getting council would continue to pursue help with road safety.

the matter.

WCC Traffic and Road Safety Group have received the £440 deposit for installation of new signs on the A445, however they have stated that they did not include costs for backing the signs in "high-stop visibility" yellow as had been discussed during the original site visit. The Safety Engineer will send new quote for costs of the signs. The Clerk is also still waiting for quotes for two "Bubbenhall" and "please drive carefully..." signs. The Parish Council noted that the A445 is not considered part of the

encouragement for the development.

Cllr Symes also mentioned that developers are no longer required to provide 40% affordable housing when building new developments.

Liaison Committee

The Chair reported that at the January Liaison Committee meeting Smiths Concrete confirmed that at the Wolston Farm Fields site the seam is very shallow and it is expected to take 6 years to quarry plus restoration time. Smiths also confirmed that there will be no traffic through Ryton, the Highways Agency having revoked its original decision not to allow Toll Bar roundabout to be used for transmission of gravel between the new quarry and the processing plant at Bubbenhall.

Bubbenhall Calendars

We would like to thank everyone who bought the 2014 Bubbenhall calendar and for all your positive comments. All profit made goes towards Village Hall improvements.

If possible we would like to have the 2015 edition for sale much earlier this year, therefore we would ask if we could have any photo contributions by the end of June. It has been suggested it might be nice to feature

gardens from within the village, I'm sure we've all got photographs of our own gardens looking their best whatever the season. Obviously we may not be able to include all photos this year but they will be kept on file for future years.

Thank you for your support

Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931

Parish Matters

The Clerk reported the fallen fence panel by the electricity sub-station to National Grid before Christmas; they will arrange removal and repair.

Residents have complained about the recent refurbishment of the street lighting in the village and the

“bright” light they emit.

The Council noted with concern the increase in thefts from cars recently.

Rose Woodforth - Parish Clerk
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Christmas Fair

Very many thanks to those who provided produce to sell, those who manned the stall, and those who came to buy.

Many thanks to those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for

Christmas. The Church looked lovely. May I add sincere thanks to Jackie and all those members of the St Giles' community who create beautiful arrangements in Church all the year round.

Christmas services in Church

It was lovely to see so many children and families at the Christingle and the Christmas Eve Crib Service. Many thanks to the children who read lessons and prayers, and to Jenny, Isabel and Amelia who played the main parts at our Christmas Eve Crib Service.

Children in Church

As mentioned it was lovely to have the presence and participation of so many children and their families at Christmas.

Unfortunately, we don't at present have the resources - human and otherwise - to run regular children's worship at St Giles, (though the Rector and Rosemary would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to form part of a team to help start up and run such services). However, there is always provision for children at St Leonard's Church, Ryton 9.30am service, and Bubbenhall families with babies.

Rosemary King

St Giles' Bellringers

The Lord Mayor of Rugby Rings Quarter Peal at Bubbenhall

As part of his year in office as Mayor of Rugby, Tony Gillias plans to ring a quarter peal at every church within the Rugby Deanery of the Coventry Guild of Church Bellringers. A member of the bands from Monks Kirby and Brinklow, Tony wishes to promote Church bell ringing by providing publicity for this fascinating, traditional skill.

Tony and his fellow band members visited St Giles, Bubbenhall, on Saturday 15th February. The following quarter peal was rung.

Bubbenhall ringers are affiliated to the Coventry Diocesan Guild. Our practice night is Wednesday and we ring from 7.30-9pm. New ringers/visitors always welcome. Sunday Service ringing takes place on first and third Sunday of the month.

Susan Sheen – 7630 6339



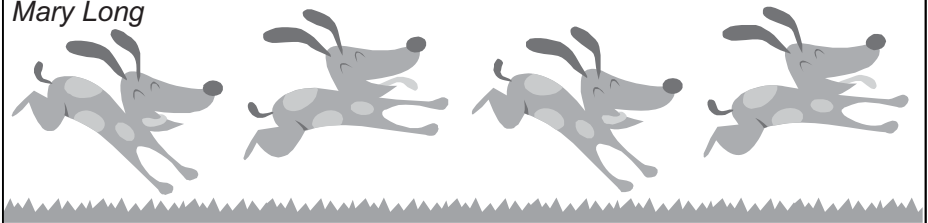
Cambridge Minor (left to right): Catherine Jamieson, Chris Idle (conductor), Tony Gillias, Margaret Pinder, Christine Homer and Sally Idle.

Dog Rescue at Honiley

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

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As Christmas approached the members had a great time at the Christmas lunch. 2014 started with the AGM and also the 14th anniversary of the Friendly Club. There are already outings booked for this year, and coming up will be the Easter afternoon tea. After Easter we are planning another outing in addition to our monthly meetings at the Village Hall.

Why not come along to the next meeting, meet friends old and new, everyone is welcome.

For more details about the Friendly Club please give any of the following a call:

Margaret Colbert - 01788 87896

Rene Beale - 7630 1727

Beryl Locke - 7630 6246

Rainbows

We've had a great start to 2014 with lots of Rainbows making their promise and earning their Roundabout Rainbows badge.

Activities have included celebrating Burns Night with dancing a Scottish reel and Chinese New Year by trying out chopsticks, Chinese writing and making traditional money envelopes. We have also made bird food cakes and played lots of fun games.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. To put your daughter's name on our waiting list or for more information contact:

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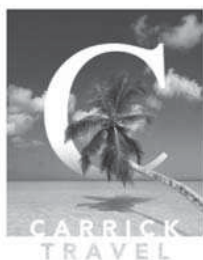
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Bubbenhall Village Events



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

On behalf of the Bubbenhall Village Events Committee, I would like to thank all of you who supported our events during 2013 with a special "thank you" to the many helpers – we couldn't do it without you!

We hope that everyone enjoyed these events – the Fun Day in June, the Fruit, Flower and Produce Show in September and the Christmas Carols in December.

The Carol Evening in December saw Bilton Silver Band entertain us with their brilliant playing and excellent sense of humour! We were also lucky enough to be visited by Father Christmas who awarded prizes to children who entered the Lantern competition. A big thank you to both Bilton Silver Band and to Father Christmas.

The Committee is keen to ensure that the events we run this year meet villagers' expectations and we feel that the events in 2013 were not as well supported as they have been in previous years. We are

keen therefore to hear your thoughts, opinions and suggestions for future events so please do let us have your feedback at bubbenhallevents@gmail.com or indeed if you would like to attend our next committee meeting on **Thursday 3rd April** at 8pm in the Malt Shovel please come along, we would love to see you!

Plans for the Fun Day which will take place on **5th July** will soon be underway and we look forward to seeing you there and in the meantime we wish you all a happy and healthy 2014.

Vicky Fletcher
BVE Committee



Brownies

We have had lots of fun during the Autumn term. Working for our Cooks Badge we have made scones, apple crumble and cakes and designed and made a fruit salad. For our Seasons Badge we have designed and made outfits to wear at different times of the year, unfortunately they were made out of newspaper so not very practical. We have looked at the stars, planted bulbs for ourselves and also to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and made picture frames decorated with leaf rubbings.

Once again we have made Christmas decorations for our tree in St Andrews Parish Church, Rugby as part of our Christmas Good Turn.

The Brownies sang brilliantly when we visited Homestead, a home for the elderly and they spent some time chatting to the residents. Quite a few of the ladies had been Brownies so we had some interesting conversations.

We finished the term with a bouncy castle and party games.

As we move into 2014 we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Brownies. There are lots of events and activities planned for the next few months and it should be an exciting time for us all.

We are still looking for another adult leader and also a regular unit helper so if you know of anyone who is willing to commit to coming to Brownie meetings on a Tuesday evening in term time then please get them to contact me.

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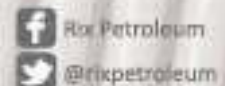
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Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice in Bubbenhall



As most residents are aware, the Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice holds a fortnightly surgery in Bubbenhall village. There is a room in the Hall that was built for, and is used exclusively by the doctors. Their surgeries are normally held on Fridays at 10.30am. That service has for many years been of great benefit to residents in the village who face difficulties in accessing the main surgery in Clarendon Street in Leamington Spa. But the service is also of convenience to others who prefer a surgery visit closer to home.

Recently the Management Committee of the Village Hall has had to comply with some tough new requirements from the NHS in order to ensure that the Clarendon Practice

can continue to operate in the Hall: eg improved certification of our fire and general safety procedures. This work has been done and we are therefore confident that the fortnightly surgery will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

However, in conversations with the Practice (and especially with Dr Oliver Lawton who often conducts the Bubbenhall surgery), it is clear that the Clarendon Practice faces on-going and intensifying pressures to cut costs. In this situation services provided to outlying villages such as ours seem likely to come under review from time to time. In the light of this it is very important that the doctors see a reasonable level of demand from the village when they are conducting their village hall surgeries.

This is not a request to fellow residents to get sick more often – heaven forbid. But it is a request to everyone to remember that when they do need to visit a doctor they can do this on alternate Fridays in the Village Hall – thereby avoiding a drive into Leamington. The more people that make use of the valuable service provided by the Clarendon Practice, the more likely it is that the service will continue in the long term future. This may be another case of **“use it or lose it”** so please do try to think of the local surgery if and when you do need to visit a doctor.

Management Committee
Bubbenhall Village Hall

Bubbenhall Babies & Toddlers

Although our membership numbers are not as high as we would like, we did however, have a busy term running up to Christmas. There was lots of Christmas craftwork to be done with lots of glue, cotton wool and glitter along with lots of important playing with the toys. As you can imagine the highlight was, of course, a visit from Father Christmas and his Elf Helper.

Although most of the children at toddlers are under the age of 1 there was still a lot of excitement. Naturally all the children had been good and so Father Christmas gave them all a present. Parents were also excited especially as we 'treated' ourselves with coffee and mince

pies. So now we go into the winter term and we are back to our normal routine of playing and there will also be lots of exciting craft work to do in the run up to valentines day and Easter.

Since starting back after the holiday we have welcomed some new members and also one of our long standing members Laura has given birth to her 3rd child - this time a boy, Monty. Well done and congratulations - at least we have one member who is doing her bit to keep our group going!

So if you would like to come and join us we meet every Thursday morning (term time only) in the

village hall from 9.30am onwards until 11.30am.

Lori Slark - 7630 5355



National Award to Villager

Sandra Hoffman is a familiar figure walking her Guide dogs around the village or across the fields. Her pedigree black Labradors Evie and Yana, mother and daughter, accompany her nearly everywhere. Whether she is helping out in villagers' gardens, going on a fundraising activity or acting as a tour guide at the National Guide Dog Breeding Centre near Bishop's Tachbrook, they are at her side.



And Sandra's volunteering endeavours were officially recognised last December when the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association chose her as Volunteer of the Year for Outstanding Dedication. The ceremony was held in the London Hilton Park Lane and was hosted by Adrian Chiles. The photo shows Sandra flanked by Chief Executive of Guide Dogs, Richard Leaman, and Awards presenter Martin Clunes.

Sandra came to live in Bubbenhall twenty-two years ago. Before that she lived the high life, literally, working as a member of British Airways cabin crew on many routes across the world, including prestigious Concorde flights. After seventeen years of this hectic lifestyle she chose, in her words: 'to find a house in the middle of a field and to look after dogs.'

She has helped over fifty Guide Dog puppies into this world and has seen them successfully established in their careers as Guide Dogs, brood or studs, hearing dogs or police dogs. She has also made a real impact on people's lives as a sighted guide and through her

fundraising ventures. Not content with holding a collection box on the

pavements of local towns, she has

persistently found new ways of

raising finance for the charity. Her

persistence led to Italy where she

persuaded Andrea Bocelli, the

famous blind Italian tenor, to allow

her to take one of her dogs to his

concerts and collect for Guide

Dogs. She now regularly attends all

his UK concerts - with Evie, of

course. Sandra is, indeed, work

dedicated to the work of Guide

Dogs. So congratulations to you,

Sandra, from all Bubbenhall

P.S. Several people in the village

already support Guide Dogs but

Sandra is keen to muster more help

for fundraising/volunteering. If you

are interested, please contact her

on 7630 6163 or email:

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For further information about the

work of The Guide Dogs for the

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www.guidedogs.org.uk

Gateway Meeting

There will be a public meeting about the Gateway proposal in Bubbenhall Village Hall at 7:30pm on Friday the 21st of March 2014.



Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

Our next event is on Saturday evening 22nd March in Bubbenhall Village Hall at 8pm. We will be hosting a Live and Local show: Spiltmilk Say Dance. It is a show of two halves with the second half a chance for us all to "strut our stuff" to live music of all types, entertaining and enticing us to dance! In the first half three dancers will show us their interpretation of the popular dance crazes, we all know and love, which will surprise, intrigue and delight us whether we're young or old, dancer or non-dancer alike.

Tickets are available from Margaret Robinson (7630 5931) at £8 per person. Light refreshments will be available and a raffle. You are welcome to bring your own alcohol to loosen the joints/get you in the mood for dancing.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Sunday matinee The Mice who ate Christmas, in December. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the performance. It was a lovely start to the chocolate eating season with the Swiss theme. We will hopefully be able to choose similar quality performances for next Autumn and Spring.

We look forward to dancing alongside you on 22nd March.

Judith and Margaret

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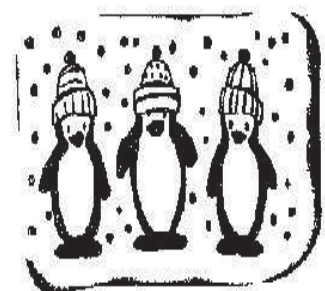
Delivery of local village Christmas Cards

We raised £93. From this amount we purchased a microwave for the village hall and the remainder of the money went into the village hall funds.

Just as a matter of historical interest ! Penguin Post started in December 2003 and over this period we have raised £897.10 for

the village hall. Goodness knows how many miles we have walked or how many Christmas cards we have delivered over this 11 year period!

*Margaret - 7630 5931
Gill - 7630 7747*



FILL YOUR FRIDAY EVENINGS WITH FUN!

Cubbington Ranger Guides are recruiting!

Are you aged 14 and over?

How would you like to come and join us, make new friends and take part in loads of greats trips and activities?!



We are a well established group with 2 Leaders and have a varied and interesting programme which ranges from camps, canal boat trips and international jamborees to performing on stage with WAGS Gang Show. We can help you to develop and realise your potential as well as helping you to learn new skills for life, increase your self-esteem and confidence and have a great laugh with new friends.

We are based at Cubbington Village Hall and meet most Friday evenings during term time - 7.00-8.30pm.

We are a friendly group and we welcome girls from all backgrounds and walks of life, to join us and have tons of fun! Come join us!

If you or your daughter are interested please give Di a call on 01926 774799 for more information or email diddleydi@ntlworld.com.

Hope to see you soon!



Girlguiding

girls in the lead

The Bubbenhall 100 Club

I just want to express my thanks and appreciation to Don Thomas, Alan Roe, Judith Chettle, Bob Cragg and Terry & Clare Hill for volunteering to go out in all weathers recently and collect this year's subscriptions from the club members.

The purpose of the 100 Club is to provide financial support to the Village Hall and this year we are planning to support the Committee's new refurbishment programme as well as providing funding towards a new notice board.

If you would like to join the Bubbenhall 100 Club with a chance to win one of the monthly prize

draws then there are still a few numbers still available. There are four prize winners every month £30, £20, £15 and £10. Tempted to join then please feel free to call Stephen Haynes to reserve your number for future draws.

Lucky Winners:

December 2013

- 1st Charmaine Goodrem
- 2nd Aiden O'Hare
- 3rd Geraldine Lemon
- 4th Jeff Veasey

January 2014

- 1st Jade Greenway
- 2nd Mary Long
- 3rd Ann Hendry
- 4th Hugh Lemon

2013 Christmas Champagne Draw

The following members each received a bottle of champagne to enjoy over the Christmas holiday: Judith Chettle, Ruth Green, Alan Roe, Catherine Pattinson, Gill Glover, Joanne Shattock, Brenda Salt, Jas Jaspal, Bill Pear, Helen Sanders, Jackie Kemble and Declan Hayden.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stephen Haynes

07745635687;

email: gailsteve999@aol.com

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FOOD SERVED

Monday to Saturday 12 noon - 2pm, 6pm - 9pm

Sunday 12noon - 3.30pm

NO FOOD SERVED SUNDAY EVENING



*To avoid disappointment
we strongly recommend pre-booking*

1st Thursday of the month - Pie Night

3rd Thursday of the month - Fish Night

The Malt Shovel

Lower End, Bubbenhall, Coventry CV8 3BW

Telephone **024 7630 1141**

Village Hall Accounts

Bubbenhall Village Hall Accounts January-December 2013

Sheet 1/3

Receipts £s		Payments £s	
Opening balance brought forward	7,789.42	Recurrent items	
Fees + other current income		Services	2,652.72
Clarendon Lodge Medical	300.00	Insurance	589.01
Parish Council rent	95.00	Cleaning	1,710.00
Post Office	0.00	Parish Council rent	50.00
	395.00	Bookings/Secretary expenses	30.00
		Waste disposal	887.59
		Warwicks Police Keysafe	18.00
		Council Tax	145.33
			6,082.65
Fundraising + other receipts		Cleaning materials & disposables	172.05
Bookings and hire	7,570.00	Maintenance	702.96
Electricity meters	26.00	Fire extinguisher test & renewal	94.80
Deposit account interest	2.54	Bubbenhall Newsletter donation	0.00
Fundraising & donations re		Equipment/improvements	340.00
Improvements project	1,378.69	Postage/Printing/Stationary	0.00
HSBC funding donation re		Printing Calendars	494.00
BVE annual fete event	500.00	BVE (Funded by HSBC Grant)	500.00
	9,477.23	Web site registration	42.00
Total receipts	9,872.23	Legionella Testing	50.00
		Other	86.00
			2,481.81
Total receipts + opening balance	17,661.65	Total expenditure	8,564.46
		Add adjusted balance brought forward	9,097.19
		Cash Book Total	17,661.65

Bank Reconciliation at 31.12.2012

Current account balance statement No 53	1,543.23	
Add deposits not credited	nil	
Less unrepresented cheques:	nil	1,543.23
Deposit account balance statement no 47	7,553.96	
Deposits not credited	nil	7,553.96
Total Adjusted Balance		9,097.19

Signed

M S Holt

Chairman

J Woodforth

Treasurer

Village Hall Report

The village hall continues to be well used by the regular groups and also, increasingly for parties at weekends. It is an ideal venue for events and get togethers of all kinds. For information on prices and booking procedure visit www.bubbenhall.info and follow the link to the village hall.

The committee are busy working on planning the next phase of improvements which will involve refitting of the old kitchen with new sink and small dishwasher, etc. together with fitting drop down work surfaces which, when in the folded position, will provide space for the area to be used as a small meeting room. The accessible toilet has been requiring attention for some years and will be refitted with replacement hand basin, toilet and electric hand drier. In addition a baby nappy change station and suspended ceiling with improved lighting will be installed. New flooring is also planned for the entrance hall, disabled toilet, small kitchen and doctor's surgery room. In the main hall we are investigating the cost and suitability of installing French doors exiting on to the verandah and also solar panels which in the long run will reduce the energy costs.

Our ability to keep improving the hall depends largely on grant funding being available and these avenues are being explored at present. The flooring at the kitchen end of the main hall is cracked and worn and we are grateful to the 100 Club who have offered to pay the cost of levelling and replacing with a modern flooring material. The 100 Club are also looking at providing a new exterior glass notice board to display contact and booking details and doctors surgery notices, etc.

Also we thank BEG for their recent contribution towards improving the rainwater guttering.

For many years we have been conscious that a stage would improve the hall for shows and musicians, etc and also provide the audience with an improved view and experience. As you will be aware, roof height and space are a limiting factor. However we have sourced a modular system which can be stored away when not in use and can be purchased from time to time as funds allow. A series of events is planned to help raise money for this project, the first being a Barn Dance evening on Saturday 10th May. Details will be circulated shortly so come along, have an enjoyable evening with your neighbours and friends and help us raise funds for this project at the same time.

On the subject of funding can we just remind you that if you shop online you can do this through the village hall eStore without any cost to yourself. Go to www.bubbenhall.info and follow the link to the village hall and then to eStore on the drop down menu. The majority of household names are there and you can buy online at the suppliers usual prices. The village hall receives a small commission on sales which helps with our funding and ultimately benefits the village and users.

We strive to contain costs where ever possible and to this end do organise the occasional work party once or twice a year to tidy up the car park and outside areas and the inside of the hall. This is work that is easily completed without the need to hire in expensive labour and if

you feel that you could offer to help with a couple of hours from time to time that would be great and much appreciated. Just give me a call and I'll add your name to the list of people who have offered help.

We are fortunate to have the benefit of a fortnightly doctor's surgery provided by Clarendon Lodge Medical Practice. This service has been provided for many years but the number of patients attending has fallen recently. Whilst we wish everyone the best of health, if you do need to see a doctor on a non urgent basis then consider saving yourself a trip to Leamington and book an appointment at the village hall surgery.

Finally, we are sorry to learn that Jon Woodforth intends to stand down at the AGM this year.

Jon has made a tremendous contribution as treasurer since taking over the position, but with increasing work commitments taking him away from home and his heavy involvement with Bubbenhall First Responders he feels that he must move aside due to lack of time. The job of treasurer, although not onerous, is key to the running of the village hall and under our constitution and charity commission rules, cannot operate without. The time required in the position of treasurer, whilst important, is not that great and if you feel that you can help then please speak to Jon or myself and we can tell you what is involved. Formal book keeping experience is not required but if you have worked in a small business, run your own business or run a cost centre that may be helpful. There will of course be plenty of support from Jon and the previous treasurers.

Mark Holt, Chairman – 7630 1226
Village Hall Committee



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 - Associate Ballet

Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

2.15pm - 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

*Classes are also held in
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Classes follow the school term times.
Payment required at the start of each term
depending on the number of weeks in the term.

For more information and to see other Pilates
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Warwickshire Community Oil/LPG Syndicate – latest news

January saw another great oil price for both our kerosene and red diesel members.

A saving of £54.50 per 1000 litres against the average market price was made by members ordering kerosene, paying just 52.95pence per litre, whilst our members who use red diesel saved a massive 9pence per litre.

We are still able to provide bulk LPG at just 43 pence per litre with an introductory £100 fuel discount and our LPG cylinders remain very competitively priced.

As a charity that works exclusively in Warwickshire's rural communities we are delighted with these results and hope you might be tempted to join us.

For more information:
Call: 01789 472611
Email: oil@wrccrural.org.uk
or visit www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/oil



Sarah Cooke School of Dance



We finished the term with 2 great parties with Mr Oddsocks. January is always our busy term, some children are taking exams in March and we are starting our show dances. Our dance show is Sunday 18th May at North Leamington School the proceeds are going to the Bubbenhall Responders who all do a fantastic job in working with the ambulance service. I am asking each dancing family to try and sell at least 5 tickets per family/friends and then in April the tickets will be on sale for anyone who would like to come and support us and the Bubbenhall Responders!

Last term Lottie McClay took a major ballet exam lasting an hour! She did really well and is hoping to go to stage school, the two schools Lottie has auditioned at have offered her a place which is great! Sophia McDermott is auditioning for LIPA which is a very good stage school in Liverpool and is associated with Paul McCartney so we wish her the best of luck. We are also keeping our fingers crossed for Jacob Stark who is also hoping to go to stage school.

In the Summer a few children are going to do a Matilda workshop in Birmingham for a week it's from age 9 and is supposed to be very good. If you are interested in your child doing it please come and see me. Miss Jenny is doing two dance workshops in Bubbenhall at Easter, the 14th and 15th April, letters will be out shortly, her workshops are very popular.

It has been really nice to welcome new children to dancing so it looks like 2 very busy terms ahead. A big thank you to all my dancing parents and grandparents for your constant support.

Sarah Cooke x
7651 1387; sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Provost Williams Primary School



OFSTED

We would like to thank all parents, carers and friends of PWP for their lovely supportive messages and best wishes for our recent OFSTED inspection...for which Provost Williams School has been rated 'Good' in all areas including 'Overall Effectiveness'! This is a significant improvement on the last inspection.

The hard work and enthusiasm of the children was also key in securing the inspection judgements. The inspectors were full of praise for the pupils' friendliness and enthusiasm towards their learning.

The children at PWP have had a busy start to the year. To support their Earth, Moon and Sun topic years 3 and 4 had an exciting trip to Think Tank in Birmingham and Year 5 went to Bubbenhall quarry. Nursery went to see Peppa Pig in Leicester.

To support their topic on dinosaurs and mini-beasts, Reception and Nursery Classes had some very special visitors including snakes and lizards!

Before half term school held the Great Provost Bake-off! The entries were grouped into 3 categories:



large cakes, small cakes and biscuits. The competition was judged by our 3 professional caterers, Mrs Bachu, Mrs Walker and Mrs Harris. Judging took far longer than expected as choosing a winner was so difficult and lots of tasting had to be done! After judging the cakes were sold and all proceeds went to MacMillan, the school's chosen charity.

Dates for your diary 2014

March

- 21.....Gateway Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 22.....BEG Live & Local Event, Village Hall - 8pm

April

- 3.....BVE meeting, Village Hall - 8pm
- 8.....Gateway Public Inquiry, Shire Hall - 10am
- 8.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm

May

- 13.....Parish Council AGM, Village Hall - 7.30pm

June

- 7.....PWP School fete, 1.30-4pm
- 17.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm

July

- 5.....Village Fete & Fun Day
- 15.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	Alternate Mon	Village Hall	Margaret Colbert - 01788 87896
Babies & Toddlers	Thu, 9.30-11.30am	Village Hall	Lori Slark - 7630 5355
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-7pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides	Fri, 7.15-9pm	Village Hall	Bev Whiting - 7630 2798
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Please contact	Visitors Centre	
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 10.10-10.30am	Ellesmere, Stoneleigh Road	Mobile
	10.35-10.55am	Lower End	Enquiry Line
	11-11.30am	Inside Out Nursery	- 01926 851031
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
St Giles Bellringers Practice	Wed, 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