

# Bubbenhall Newsletter



**March 2021**

## Parish Council Update



### Join us on Zoom

Like Handforth Parish Council, our meetings are currently on Zoom so if you want to be part of the latest media trend and join us, just let the Clerk know. We are happy to confess however that our meetings are extremely civilised and very unlikely to go viral!

### Welcome to Cllr Cooper

Following a number of months with a vacancy, the Parish Council were delighted to co-opt Stephen Cooper onto the Parish Council at

the December meeting.

### Precept for 2021-22

The Parish Council have decided not to increase the Parish Council precept this year, however the change in the tax base had altered. This means a Band D contribution will increase from £56.60 to £57.51, an increase of 1.61%.

### Street Lights & Crime Prevention

A car was broken into on Ryton Road in February, and some valuables were stolen. As this part of the village currently has no street lighting, which is key for

crime prevention, the Parish Council have asked Warwick District Council to remedy this as soon as possible. We will also discuss the need for a light at the top of Spring Hill, as the pavement into the village is also in complete darkness. This is a reminder to all to a) keep all valuables out of sight in a parked car and b) report any street lights that have stopped working immediately to Warwickshire County Council on their website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contactusstreetlighting> It states that if the issue is dangerous, please contact the Customer

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### Remember to Check

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for up to date information about what is happening in the village and

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## Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the first issue of 2021. Let us hope that things continue to improve and at some point we will be able to resume doing all the things and events that we enjoy, and that are important to our Village.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles, and to Bob Cragg and his team for distributing the newsletters.

Keep safe everyone.

Tony Cox  
Catherine Scotcher  
Julie Veasey  
Rose Walker  
Laura Whiteley

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Please note all content is included at the discretion of the committee and articles may be edited before publication.

Service Centre on 01926 412515 between 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 4.30pm Friday or the Police 101 outside those hours.

## Community Fibre Partnerships – OpenReach

Many villagers have responded to the Community Fibre Partnership survey with a view to BT Openreach working with the village to build a customised fibre solution to bring fibre broadband to homes and businesses. Given that ways of working are changing and many of us will be working from home more often, it will be great if the village can have the best provision possible in the future. The threshold numbers of households taking part was reached in January (villagers who took part should have received an email from Gov.uk asking them to confirm that they've agreed to a contract for a new gigabit capable service), so the next stage is that Openreach put a joint funding arrangement forward, where they contribute some of the costs and the community funds the rest. They will also advise whether we can apply for any grants from local authorities or Government to help pay for our part.

## Footpath Safety

During the third lockdown, we've all continued to enjoy exploring our local area on foot. However, we have had some issues reported to the Parish Council. Firstly, walkers are not using the correct exit from the Church Field path out onto Stoneleigh Road, emerging out through a hedge and therefore not visible to motorists or other road users. The stile between the field and the path alongside the Riverside properties has been made much easier to use, so we hope this will encourage walkers to use the correct entrance/exit. Secondly, we have also had concerns from

local landowners with regard to walkers using farm land and not sticking to paths on the land behind the Village Hall.

The Parish Council urges all villagers to keep to public footpaths (which should be clearly signed) and their proper entrances and exits. Please do not trespass on private land – if in doubt, please consult the maps on the village web page.

## Gate onto A445 at the top of Orchard Way

The gate at the top of Orchard Way leading onto the A445, has been repaired after it was vandalised. It now has a new latch and a weight to help it to swing back and stay shut. Please do ensure you shut the gate after you use it as it prevents children and dogs accessing a very fast and dangerous road.

## Highways

### Parking for Ryton Pools Country Park

During this pandemic, there has been a regular and dangerous parking issue where visitors have parked along the verge of the A445 to use Ryton Pools Country Park, either because the car parks are full, or to avoid paying for parking.

County Cllr Redford has allocated a significant part of his road safety budget to fund a series of bollards on the verge (where the Police cones are placed currently) to prevent dangerous parking in the future. Our thanks go to Cllr Redford for this support which will make it much safer for villagers to access Ryton Pools.

There is still an issue of parking for Ryton Pools in the school lay-



by and Paget's Lane, and signage stating 'Do not park here for country parks' has been installed. If parking is dangerous or a nuisance, please report to the non-emergency Police number 101.

**Resurfacing** There have been complaints since the surface dressing had been done, there was an excess of stone chips left behind. County Cllr Redford confirmed that following the initial work, the roads should have been swept 3 times, but this had only happened once. He is addressing this with the relevant department. We are delighted to confirm that this has now been completed. In addition, Paget's Lane has been given a brand new layer of tarmac.

**Local Policing Priority** Villagers had voted and we are delighted that we had been selected as a priority for patrols for inconsiderate/dangerous parking. This is partly in relation to the popularity of Ryton Pools Country Park and for other walks from the village.

**Tree work** The Parish Council have organised for the ash trees in Orchard Way to have some arboricultural work done to keep them in good shape.

## Recreation Ground

**Play equipment** After a very wet and cold winter, we will be looking to top up the bark on the play equipment before the Easter holidays. Chris Goddard has now re-tensioned and repaired the multi court fences, and will be replacing the tyre under the seal see-saw as this has been damaged.

**Gate painting** As soon as drier weather arrives, Chris will also be repainting the three gates in the Village Hall car park.

**New Play Equipment** The trim trail needs replacing and Cllr Baker is looking at options for both equipment and grants to

replace it and possibly some of the very old equipment, such as the stand alone slide. The Parish Council would like to keep this well-loved playground right up to date as it's important to our children's health and well-being, and so have agreed to spend £10,000 on new equipment. We will need additional funding and will be applying to local and national grant schemes. If you have any ideas for new equipment or funding we want to hear from you! Please please contact Cllr Baker at [samanthabaker4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:samanthabaker4@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tree Planting** As part of their Climate Emergency action, Warwick District Council, in conjunction with the Woodland Trust, is offering free community trees. Bubbenhall Parish Council has been in contact with both agencies with a view to obtaining a significant number of trees for planting between November 2021 and March 2022. The planting site is the wild area behind the tennis courts, and we will be looking for volunteers to

help prepare the ground and plan the trees towards the end of the year.

### Village Green Spout

Sadly, the Spring Water Pump for the spout has been stolen from the Village Green. The Parish Council have reported it to the Police and ask Villagers to be vigilant as it could appear on local internet sale sites or at reclamation yards. Before the theft the Parish Council had given the go ahead for UV sterilisation equipment to be fitted to the spout so that the water will be potable in the future. We hope that once the pump is returned/ found/ replaced

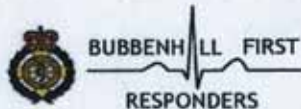


the work can occur. Our grateful thanks to Tony Sproul for his work to get this improvement done and Smith's Concrete for their generous contribution to the cost of this.

**Trough** The new trough with a plaque in memory of Geoff Glover has been purchased and we hope that this will be installed during the Spring.

**Oak Tree** the Parish Council have agreed to fund the cost of removing the dead branches from the tree both for safety and aesthetic considerations.

**The next meeting of Bubbenhall Parish Council will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm on Zoom – all welcome. Zoom details will be published on the village website under 'What's On', or are available from the Clerk by emailing [bubbenhall-clerk@gmail.com](mailto:bubbenhall-clerk@gmail.com)**



## Bubbenhall eNews

The Bubbenhall email list is maintained for the purposes of keeping residents informed of things that are happening around our village including social events, parish notices, police alerts, lost & found, planning issues etc.

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If you are not already registered and would like to join the list: please send your details (including your address) to [admin@bubbenhall.info](mailto:admin@bubbenhall.info) or fill in the form on our website [www.bubbenhall.info](http://www.bubbenhall.info) (find it under facilities).

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If you have had your bike tucked away at the back of your garage or in the shed, it's time to dig it out, dust it down, give it a clean and lubricate that chain.

For the present time we will be riding in groups of 5 + leader, adhering to Government COVID guidelines.

We will cycle along relatively quiet roads and short distances to start with, ensuring everyone is confident and happy, progressing a little further as our rides develop.

We are a friendly and supportive group and welcome ladies who have not cycled for a long time or are new to cycling, as well as ladies who cycle regularly.

Contact me for further information visit our Facebook page: Bubbenhall Breeze Belles or email: [rosemarycragg59@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarycragg59@gmail.com) or [07850 626279](tel:07850626279)

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## Bubbenhall Community First Responders Annual General Meeting 2021

The seventh AGM of the Bubbenhall Community First Responders was held online on Thursday 4th February 2021. The meeting was attended by the Trustees & members of the public.

At the AGM Chair Stephen Haynes commenced his Annual Report by thanking his committee and all team members for their continued hard work during the past year. A vote of thanks was also given to Dave Bevan for his voluntary work in maintaining the AED cabinets. The Chair went onto outline what the group had achieved over the period covered by this AGM concluding that the future challenge lay in encouraging new volunteers from the village to step forward and become involved with the activities of the group.

The Treasurer Bob Cragg then reported on the finances of the group highlighting the future spend that will be required in replacing the aging AEDs deployed in the village. A plan for fundraising activities was discussed and agreed for implementation when it is safe to do so.

The following officials were elected to serve for the forthcoming year:

- Chair - Stephen Haynes
- Treasurer - Bob Cragg
- Secretary & WMAS Liaison - Rose Cragg
- Trustees - Jon Woodforth and Carol Stockman

A discussion on the future impact of WMAS policy changes was held and it was noted that one person from the village had applied to become a First Responder during the recent recruitment drive by WMAS. The meeting wished the individual the best of luck in the upcoming interviews and initial training. Support is available from the group to equip the individual should they be successful.

Rose Cragg announced that she plans to retire as a First Responder at the end of 2021 but will continue to be an active member of the Heartstart Team and Trustee.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

## Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) in Bubbenhall

At the moment there are two AED's in the area that the Bubbenhall CFR group keep an eye on and arrange maintenance if required. They are located at the Village Hall and the Malt Shovel Public House in Lower End.

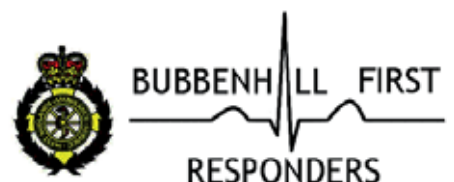
We visit both the sites every month and maintain a record of the current status of each of these life saving machines.

In the event of a medical emergency (cardiac arrest) dial '999' and the Ambulance Control Room Staff will tell you the number required to open the cabinet and gain access to the AED. They will also direct you how to use the AED in conjunction with CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) in order to save someone's life.

If anyone would like to get to know how to use an AED, we will be happy to arrange an awareness session as soon as we are able to, once the pandemic is controlled.

Bubbenhall CFRs are calling for villagers to put themselves forward and volunteer for several roles that are integral to ensuring these life saving pieces of equipment can continue to be provided in the future. The time commitment is not onerous but the reward in knowing you are playing a part in protecting your community is massive.

If you are interested in helping as a First Responder or a Heartstart volunteer please contact Stephen Haynes ([shaycv8@gmail.com](mailto:shaycv8@gmail.com)) or Rose Cragg at [rosemary-cragg59@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary-cragg59@gmail.com)



### Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, when we enjoy a pleasant afternoon. We would welcome new members, so please come along and join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm when it is possible.

Contact details: Margaret Colbert  
01788 878961

Rene Beale 02476 301727

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

## British Landmarks Picture Quiz



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I'm walking 310,000 steps, around Bubbenhall and the local area in March. Why I hear you ask well I'm raising money for Samaritans and I'd like to ask if you would kindly sponsor me. Your contribution will make an impact and help save lives.

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*Gail Haynes*



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## Brownies

Just before Christmas we held a short outside meeting and did a presentation of Bronze and Silver Awards as well as presenting our first ever Gold awards to Tamsin and Phoebe. Both girls worked independently throughout lockdown and completed a selection of badges and challenges.

We have about 12 Brownies joining in on Zoom each week which is brilliant. They have really engaged with the technology and

have taught the adults plenty. The girls have managed to complete a lot of our programme although it has had to be adapted. Quite a few have completed their Bronze and Silver Awards with some completing their Gold. We plan to have another big presentation when we return to face to face hopefully in April. Brownies love parties!

Over Christmas we had another virtual sleepover with the girls completing 24 challenges over a weekend for their Advent Adventure.

This term they have had a bag of crafts and activities to do in our meetings, and are learning how to do a hand massage to give Mum a treat on Mothering Sunday.

A lot of our girls are rising 10 now and will be leaving Brownies to go to Guides or on to other things. This means we have spaces for girls and of course any adults that may want to join us as an Occasional Helper or even a Leader.

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## Bubbenhall Wood



Many of you will have walked in Bubbenhall Wood, particularly since March 2020. Indeed, some villagers have contributed to the Warwickshire Wildlife "An oral history of Bubbenhall Wood and Meadow" which is worth watching ([www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/Bubbenhall.Wood](http://www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/Bubbenhall.Wood)) and is in memory of Peter Wilkins.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust obtained Bubbenhall Wood (and Meadow – more in another issue) in 2016. The wood is mentioned in the Domesday Book entry for Bubbenhall in 1086 as being 2 furlongs long and wide and worth 50 shillings, so it has been part of the village for a long time.

You can access the wood from Paget's Lane where there is a small members car park and gates, or from the Glebe Farm track off the A445 near the lay by.



The start of the track was looking pretty this February with lots of snowdrops. This route takes you



by the quarry and is marked by a public footpath sign. The public footpath goes through the centre of the wood. There is a wide circular path around the periphery of the wood which can be accessed from both entry points.

There have been lots of catkins so



far this year and in April and May there will be masses of bluebells and wood anemones. It is a good



place to see butterflies, and there is the sound of birds such as woodpeckers and buzzards.



**Peacock Butterfly**

It is a lovely place to have on our doorstep, so do enjoy it.

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance

Thank you to all our parents and pupils for their constant support during these difficult times. Everyone is working so hard on Zoom and progressing really well. We cannot wait to hopefully get back to our halls after Easter when we are told that we are allowed to.

Thank you all so much you have all been great x

We have the following places: Wednesday 2.15pm Pre- school Dance from age 2 upwards and Wednesday 4pm Reception - year 2 Ballet, currently on Zoom.

*Sarah Cooke*

[sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com)

## 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.

As always thank you for all your continued support.

*Mary Long*

## Penguin Post

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 £91.00 for the Village Hall. Thank you for your support.

*Margaret and Gill*

## Easter Cheesy Breakfast Casserole



### Ingredients:

8 slices of bread – cubed,  
½ cup butter – melted,  
480ml of milk,  
½ teaspoon salt,  
½ teaspoon mustard,  
5 eggs,  
225g grated cheddar cheese,  
250g diced ham or cooked sausage,  
110g mushrooms

### Method:

- Grease 9 x 13 glass baking dish.
- Mix bread with melted butter.
- Add cheese, ham or sausage, and mushrooms.
- Place in baking dish.
- Mix and beat eggs then add milk and seasonings.
- Pour over mixture in dish
- Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight
- Remove foil and bake for 1 hour @ 325°F, 170C or Gas mark 3
- Remove from oven.
- Let stand for 10 minutes then serve and enjoy

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## Grow Your Own

Last year all your fantastic produce had to be eaten rather than nurtured for entering in the Flower, Fruit and Produce Show. Let us hope that things will be different this year and that it will be possible for the show to be run. The main thing is **get growing** since one's own produce always tastes nicer even if it may be a bit imperfect.

There is a lot that can be grown in your garden without needing masses of space. **Early potatoes** such as Charlotte, which are good for salads and as new potatoes, can be grown in potato containers, tucked around a patio. They need to be watered well in dry periods and benefit from a feed. **Cherry tomatoes** can be grown in growbags or pots in a sunny spot; Bite Size, Rosella, Sweet Aperitif and Sweet Million are all ones to try. **Courgettes** need a lot of water but one way of stopping them taking up too much room is to train them to grow upright. This method can be used for Defender and Venus, both long green types.



Wigwams in flower beds (6-8 canes) are suitable for **Runner Beans** and **Climbing French Beans**, which have pretty flowers ranging from red, pink, violet and white, as well as producing plenty of beans. Try Enigma Elite and Cobra. **Loose-leaf lettuce** such as Navara are colourful, easy to

grow and can be harvested a few leaves at a time.

It is not just vegetables that can be fitted in. **Rhubarb** is a decorative plant that fits into the flower border. **Strawberries** can be grown in planters; just remember to look for slugs and snails when the fruit sets or you won't have any. **Fruit trees** can be grown in large pots, but to make certain that they do not get too big they need to be grown on a rootstock; this information will be available from the supplier. Cherries, apricots and peaches are self fertile so only one plant is needed, but both apples and pears need a partner to ensure pollination. Family trees comprising three varieties on one rootstock are ideal if space is limited.

If you have more space in your garden or an allotment then there should be no stopping you growing whatever you want to try, but do remember that you will not be the only thing wanting your produce. Protection against pigeons and other birds, slugs and snails, carrot root fly, allium leaf

miner (leeks), mice will probably be necessary.

Baginton Mill Allotment, Mill Hill, Baginton has plots available, and enquiries can be made at the "hut" Saturday and Sunday between 10.00 and 11.30 am. Wolston and Brandon Allotments and Garden Association, Stretton Road, Wolston also has plots (contact Ray French, 02476 544753).

### Yes - Christmas This Year, 2021

As we tentatively look forward to, hopefully, a return to a possibly different set of rules, some positive intent must be in place.

So, provided that we all come safely through the current phase, we do plan for the return of the welcoming of Father Christmas and the Christmas Party on the Green for this year.

Hopefully this can be part of the bridge building that will be necessary for many planned occasions throughout this year. 5th or 12th of December look the likely date options.

See you there!

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### On Christmas Eve, the Bubbenhall Crib service was held on Zoom.

Craig had arranged the Crib and we were able to use it as a backdrop to our Zoom service, to remind us all how it looks in normal times, and will hopefully look again next Christmas.

As far as possible, we followed the normal pattern of our crib services, joining in the familiar carols and with a good number of children enthusiastically answering my questions and

showing figures from their family crib sets, as well as some specially made and coloured-in cutouts, which were sent out before the service.

A total of £100 was collected online for the Children's Society, and some of this was Gift-Aided, which will have increased the amount available to the Children's Society to help their invaluable work to help the plight of vulnerable young people; work which lockdown has made even more urgent.

**Alzheimer's fund-raising** This year we will be continuing to support Alzheimer's Society with our Lent Jar Appeal. The Alzheimer's Society is a leading dementia society in the UK. They fund research, campaign for change and offer support to sufferers and their families. There

are local support centres in Coventry and Leamington Spa. Last year was the 40th Anniversary of the Society, so we hope that the contributions in your Lent Jars will assist in bringing help and support to anyone touched by this cruel disease. If you still have your jar from last year, please continue to use it; otherwise please take a jar from home and use that to donate to the Alzheimer's Society. If anyone requires a Gift Aid form for the Alzheimer's Society, could they please contact Gill Church on 07522868524? We will also leave a few copies at the back of church: they can be returned with the full jars after Easter.

*Rosemary King*

## Bubbenhall History Book

### A Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to Alan Roe and the Management Committee of Bubbenhall Village Hall for agreeing to contribute the proceeds from his Bubbenhall History book 'From Reading Room to Village Hall' to Natalie's treatment costs. As many of you know Natalie was diagnosed with a highly aggressive form of brain cancer back in 2017. Following two lots of surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy and having exhausted most NHS treatment options we have set up a GoFundMe page to help fund pioneering treatment in Cologne.

Alan committed to paying proceeds from his book to a cancer related charity in memory of the late Graham Johnson. Very kindly Helen Johnson suggested the proceeds be used to support someone in the village. We are very grateful that Alan chose Natalie's fund; without these donations funding this treatment would not be feasible. We are eternally grateful to Alan and also the wider village community who have generously supported this fund.

Liz and Andrew Paul



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Winter is the season of practical conservation work. While our expectations have had to be slightly reshaped to fit the restrictions this year, the crucial habitat management has taken place. Volunteers are the backbone of this endeavour. With their efforts, for example, we are nearing completion of 80m of hedge laying on the Devon Ride (just in time, as the earliest flush of blackthorn blossom begins to appear!).

In other wildlife news, we've recently had the results of last year's butterfly transect data. It made for uplifting reading. We now have 36 of the 37 Warwickshire Butterfly species breeding on site, and of those eight are UK BAP species. We also remain the only site in Warwickshire (alongside the Butterfly Conservation meadows next door) with a breeding population of Brown Hairstreak, and where all four Warwickshire

Hairstreak species can be seen. A sure sign that all the targeted habitat work is paying off! Visitor numbers have been at an all time high for this time of year due to lockdown (a somewhat ironic reality). On occasion this has meant park closures on some weekends. We have been working to minimise the impact of this locally, through liaison with Highways colleagues, the Police and Parish Councils. Equally we have kept in regular contact with Coombe Country Park and Draycote Water, who have also faced the same challenges.

Litter has, sadly, been an associated problem, making it a struggle at times to keep the park as tidy as we would like. Every visitor can play their part in the solution, of course, and happily some really do go the extra mile. A massive thumbs up goes to Noah, Alex and Isaac, whose mum kindly gave us permission to

use the picture. Well done boys, and thank you!



As the vaccines roll out, we now dare to hope for a time when more normal operations can resume. In the meantime, keep safe, and if you see someone dressed in green during a foray into the park, do say hello!  
*Craig Earl*  
Senior Ranger

## Bubbenhall 100 Club

As was announced in previous Newsletters, the 100 Club was forced to suspend operations a year ago as a consequence of the COVID restrictions. But with the lifting of Government restrictions now in prospect we are able to consider plans for a resumption. At the present time these plans are as follows:

- The collections of subscriptions from members to resume by mid-June but with new COVID-sensitive arrangements in place, for example to limit the need for some door-to-door collections (details to follow).
- Members subscribing at this time would be entered for 12 monthly draws and any additional draws that are announced from time to time.
- Subscriptions would remain at the same levels as in the past namely £12 *per annum* and there would be FOUR prizes each month namely £40, £25, £20 and £15. So at least 48 chances to win every year: great odds!
- The first monthly prize draw after the resumption would likely to be in July – if possible at an open-air event that is at the planning stage.

*All this is of course contingent on the Government's announced plans for the lifting of COVID restrictions remaining on track.*

For more than 25 years the 100 Club has represented a source of back-up funding for improvements of Bubbenhall Village Hall (BVH): all 100 Club subscriptions after paying prizes, are available for such purposes. Several further improvements to the BVH are required and it is very much to be hoped that the 100 Club can once more provide support to these when needed.

At the last count we had 177 paid-up members of the Club and we very much hope that most of you will renew your support as we resume.

New members are always welcome, including any newly arrived residents. Contact Bob Cragg (bobcragg41@gmail.com) or Alan Roe (alan.roe14@gmail.com) to request an unallocated number for the draws.

## Bubbenhall History - update

Sales of the book - *From Reading Room to Village Hall: Windows on Bubbenhall History*, have gone well since the book was published last summer. But some 45 copies of the limited print run are still available if anyone wishes to acquire a copy (still at £9.50 with all proceeds to charity).

2021 is being celebrated as the Centenary of Village Hall Services in the UK. In this connection the organisation ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is constructing a so-called Domesday Book with entries requested from all Village Halls in England. Bubbenhall will be submitting an entry to this Book in due course. In addition ACRE is recording a series of 25 minute audio podcasts and in this connection a podcast interview with Alan Roe is expected to be available shortly under the title *Bubbenhall: A Fitting Legacy*. If anyone is interested in listening to this the relevant link to the ACRE podcast site is <https://thevillagehallspodcast.com/episodes/>

Alan Roe

March 2021

## Rainbows

During September it was lovely to be able to restart our weekly meeting albeit outside. The weather was kind to us and we managed lots of different activities as well as working towards our next badges.

Our first week back we said goodbye to several of our older Rainbows most of which have now moved up to Brownies. During the evening we decorated candle holders and then attempted to melt marshmallows over the candles - attempted being the operative word. The girls enjoyed eating them regardless. Before ending with a going up ceremony, all the girls were awarded with the badges they had all worked hard to achieve before and during lockdown. Many of them received their Bronze award – well done everyone.

Some of the other activities we have enjoyed were decorating stones, collecting leaves and making autumn wreaths, painting poppies ready for Remembrance Day, several of which were on display near the memorial bench. At our

last meeting before half term, we decorated pumpkin shaped biscuits and played lots of silly games.

We were planning to start meeting inside the hall after half term once it was too dark outside but sadly Covid had other ideas for us as we went into Lockdown 2. We did however manage an outdoor pre-Christmas get together with lots of games, crafts and the all-important snacks.

Sadly lockdown 3 arrived in January so still no face-to-face meetings but with the magic of technology since February we have managed to hold our meeting via Zoom. The girls have been working very hard towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards which we are planning to present once we can meet again hopefully after Easter.

Unfortunately our numbers are perilously low, hopefully things will pick up once things return to some kind of normality. If you do know of anyone with a daughter aged 5 -7 who may like to join please get in touch.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5 – 7 years

If you would like more information please contact either

Margaret Robinson on 02476 305931 or Dawn Hands on 02476 306073

Or to register go to [www.girlguiding.org](http://www.girlguiding.org) and click on join us

## Guides

The guides have been holding virtual meetings since Christmas but are looking forward to going back to face to face meetings after the Easter holidays. We have celebrated World Thinking Day, when we think of guiding around the world, and have learnt about guiding history and the guiding spirit during times of trouble. We have also managed to learn some new crafts; not easy to demonstrate online.

*Stephanie*

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## Village Hall News



What a year it has been, but the future is looking positive and we are hoping to be able to re-open the doors to our regular user groups from mid-April and to parties and gatherings of a fun nature from the end of June. We will of course be guided by the Government guidelines and so our opening dates will coincide with the relaxation the relevant rules.

We hope to be able to hold a village event in the summer months so watch out for information via the Village Hall Facebook page and the Village email circulation list.

If you are new to the village and would like to be kept abreast of all things village related e.g. village events, parish notices, community police alerts, lost & found and much more then please email [admin@bubbenhall.info](mailto:admin@bubbenhall.info) and you will be added to the distribution list (see also p. 3).



If you can offer a small amount of time by attending a monthly meeting and offering your ideas on the running of our hall along with helping out at community events then please get in touch.

If you would like to get involved or to find out more about the committee and how it is run, then please contact Village Hall Chairman – Mark Holt, [msholt1958@gmail.com](mailto:msholt1958@gmail.com) or Cate Poolton (Vice Chair) [catepoolton@gmail.com](mailto:catepoolton@gmail.com).

**Are you new to the village?  
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### Dates for your diary

- April**
- 6th .....Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm
- May**
- 11th.....Parish Council Meeting  
including AGM 7.30pm
- 18th .....Annual Parish Assembly
- June**
- 22nd.....Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm
- July**
- 13th.....Parish Council Meeting  
7.30pm

## Bubbenhall Village Events

The Bubbenhall Village Entertainment committee is looking forward to being able to hold one of its events once all restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, if any one would like to get involved in future events, please do not hesitate to contact Vicky Fletcher on 07939288221. We hope to see you all soon.



## Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month	see page 7
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-6.45pm	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides	Tue 6.45-8.15pm	<a href="mailto:bubbenhallguides@gmail.com">bubbenhallguides@gmail.com</a>
Sarah Cooke Dance School	via Zoom	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387

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