

B.R.A.G.

All Bubbenhall residents will have been asked to subscribe to BRAG, and we can report a very encouraging response. As soon as all the forms have been returned, we shall compile an analysis of the village views.

Research is well under way with an army of volunteers feeding information through Lynn and Bill Brown, and through liaising with Barford there are plenty of statistics to analyse.

Good progress all round and everyone will be kept informed as we go - without too many full meetings - we hope!!

Maggi Ward

Coventry 306006.

THANKS to all contributors to this Newsletter.

Copy in writing for the next issue (due out early September) to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall. (Coventry 301727).

There are always spare copies of the Newsletter available, so please ask for extras if you wish to pass them on to ex-Bubbenhall neighbours and friends.



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Sand and Gravel Extraction, Weston Lane to Pagets Lane.
Parish Council Report.

This matter was first raised by the reported acquisition by Smiths Concrete of the "Glebe Lands", and at a subsequent meeting Smiths Concrete's proposals for the extension of the existing Weston Lane site along the A445 to Pagets Lane were outlined.

Arrangements were made for an "open evening" to be held at the Village Hall on a date to be agreed, when parishioners would have the opportunity of inspecting the proposals in detail.

The proposal also came up at the "Question and Answer" meeting held by our M.P., Sir Dudley Smith, who has now given his support to the opposition to the proposal, and also at the Annual Parish Meeting attended by 50 residents.

The Annual Parish Meeting was appraised of the provisions of the Town and Country (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations, 1988, under which the County Planning Committee had given authority to the Director of Planning & Transportation to formally express the need for an "environmental assessment" under the regulations after consulting certain members of the County Council. This is a preliminary measure to be undertaken before the submission of any planning application.

The Annual Parish Meeting was unanimously opposed to the extension of the sand and gravel extraction and subsequent landfill operations along the A445, and a resolution was passed demanding that the County Council should implement the provisions of the Regulations, and carry out an "environmental assessment" before the actual planning application was submitted.

This resolution has been supported by the Parish Council, Sir Dudley Smith, M.P., the County Councillor for Bubbenhall, Councillor C.S.Cleaver, and the support of neighbouring Parish Councils has been invoked.

The present position is as follows:-

1. No planning application has yet been submitted by Smiths Concrete for this project.

PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Sand and Gravel Extraction (contd.).

2. No reply has yet been received from the County Council with regard to an "environmental assessment" of the project.
3. As far as is known, the arrangements for the proposed "open evening" at the Village Hall still stand, although it is not possible to give a date as to when it might be held. When a date is arranged, all residents will be notified.

Weight Restriction Orders - Bubbenhall Roads.

The Parish Council has been pressing the Planning & Transportation Department of the County Council for Weight Restriction Orders on roads into and through the village from Bubbenhall Bridge, Tantara Lodge on the Stoneleigh Road, Stoneleigh Road, Spring Hill and Pit Hill in the village, and on Weston Lane. A reply has been received that there is no justification for such orders and it was proposed to leave the roads around Bubbenhall as they are, relying on those "Unsuitable for Heavy Traffic" signs already erected. The Parish Council is not satisfied and proposed to press the matter further.

Weston Lane

The Parish Council does not agree with the County Highways Department regarding road signing on the narrow part of Weston Lane and is continuing to press for warning signs to be provided.

Footway, Bubbenhall to Ryton Landfill Site.

The provision of a footway from Bubbenhall to the Landfill site was raised again at the Annual Parish Meeting and has been taken up once again with the County Council.

Avon Terrace

At the Annual Parish Meeting a request was made that the grass verge outside Avon Terrace be tarmacked, as the grass area is heavily fouled by dogs. This has been taken up with the County Highways Department.

Street Lighting.

The Parish Council is asking for improved street lighting in Spring Hill from "The Spout" to the A445, and also on the length of road between Lower End and Church Road.

Parish Council Officers

Councillor C.B.Haynes was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, and Councillor Mrs.J.Lloyd was re-elected as Vice-Chairman, for the year 1989/90.

Future Meetings.

Future meetings of the Parish Council are as follows:-

Tuesday, 20th June	7.45 p.m.	Village Hall
Tuesday, 25th July	7.45 p.m.	Village Hall
Tuesday, 5th September	7.45 p.m.	Village Hall

50+ CLUB

The Club is now well established with a growing number of members and our meetings on alternate Wednesday afternoons provide a mid-week form of social activity for those of us who are over 50.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS (Contd.)

Please do come along and support this event - try to make it even bigger and better than last years - if that is possible. All money raised will be divided three ways between the Village Hall, the Malt Shovel Sports and Social Club, and the Football Club and their various charities.

Events to look out for later in the year:-

Charities Quiz Night

We would like to hear from any group who would be prepared to enter a team for this event. It will all be extremely light-hearted, with a bar and refreshments, and prizes for the winning team (not to mention a booby for the losers!). Date to be early Autumn.

New Year's Eve Dance

Once again we have the Hall reserved so book the date in your diary; guaranteed to be good fun.

October 1st.

Exhibition of paintings and drawings by Ron Ablewhite, a local artist, who has made a study of landmarks, houses and views of the village at different times of the year. This will really be well worth seeing! More details next News letter.

Sue Wareham,
Secretary, Village Hall Committee.

Coventry 306894.

72ND COVENTRY SCOUT GROUP

Thank you for the support given to the Annual Group Dance at Peugeot-Talbot. This raised £202.

Congratulations to two members of the Venture Scout Unit - Alison and Joanne Gadsby. In March the County Commissioner presented them with their Queen's Scout Badges and they received their Certificates at Windsor Castle on St.George's Day.

Forthcoming events for the Group's Golden Jubilee Year are:-

Friday June 9th	Scout Open Night 8.00 p.m.
Saturday July 15th	Visit to the R.A.F.Museum at Hendon and the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.
Friday September 8th	Cub Scout Open Night 6.30 p.m.
Friday September 29th	Venture Scout Open Night 8.00 p.m.
Golden Jubilee Service	September 17th 5.30 p.m.

The Group expresses its thanks to Mr.Brian Morgan for all the work he has done over the past four years as Chairman of the Parents Executive Committee.

Rev'd J.T.Sykes

Coventry 303570

ART GROUP

The exhibition of paintings and drawings in the Village Hall on the 15th and 16th April was a great success, and we are truly grateful to everyone who came to see the exhibition, and for the refreshments provided by the School Support Group. We gave a donation to the school, and several paintings were sold. We all enjoyed putting the exhibition together and having our work on view, and hope that this will be the first of many exhibitions in the future.

The classes are still at:-

4.45 p.m.	Tuesday	9-12 year olds.
6.15 p.m.	Tuesday	12 years and over.
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Friday	Adults.

I am afraid I have to be away quite a bit during the next few weeks so please 'phone to make sure there is a class. There will be classes in August to make up for the ones missed in May and June.

For any other information, please phone:

Sanna Alexander

Coventry 302103.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Recent winners:-

February	£25.00	R.Twiney
	£12.50	A.Harfield
March	£25.00	E.Shattock
	£12.50	R.Twiney
April	£25.00	D.Williams
	£12.50	G.Busby

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall continues to run very smoothly, thanks to the excellent services of our booking secretary, Maggi Ward (Coventry 306006), and our caretaker, Mrs. Brandrick. Very many thanks to them both.

Our next event will be Gala Day on Saturday, June 24th. Programmes will be available very shortly at a cost of 25p, through all village hall representatives, and will include details of times etc. The events will commence at 1.45 p.m., when our Member of Parliament, Sir Dudley Smith, will judge the Gala Queen Competition in the Malt Shovel car park, and will continue with a procession to the playing field for the grand opening by Sir Dudley at 2.00 p.m. Once again there will be children's races, a pet show, plus the five-a-side football competition, along with a barbecue and bar, children's amusements and sideshows.

The theme of the event will be "Midsummer Madness" and we would ask all stallholders to enter into this spirit by dressing up and decorating their stalls appropriately.

50+ CLUB (Contd.)

Since the last issue of the Newsletter, we have had interesting talks by well informed speakers, and our Easter Tea-party was an entertainment in itself as members wore hand-made bonnets which were very colourful.

We continue to support Myton Hospice and Age Concern by fund-raising, and our latest venture, being a successful Flea Market in the Village Hall, will help to further our commitments in every way.

Trips to Stratford-on-Avon, Worcester and Prinknash Abbey are on the agenda for the forthcoming months, and anyone wishing to join us on these outings will be most welcome (your day will be well worth-while, as those members who went to the Black Country Museum will verify!). Also, if anyone young in heart is interested in Yoga, our classes are on alternate Monday afternoons. Bingo still forms part of our Club's activities as welcome relaxation from Monday's wash-day monotony.

On June 24th - Gala Day - our members will be providing the cream teas and will also man a bottle stall, so do come along and support this mid-summer event.

Mrs. K. McBroome, Secretary.

Coventry 306915.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There will be a meeting of Co-ordinators of the above in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd June, 1989.

Two types of crime still appear to be causing the Police a considerable amount of concern, i.e. burglary and thefts of and from motor vehicles. In the former, extreme vigilance is necessary, and anything suspicious seen should be reported at once. Don't be misled by the obvious, as recently a man arrested for many burglaries netting him some £1,000 per week, was riding around on a bicycle wearing a red anorak and a distinctive "bobble hat". In the latter cases, teams of youngsters from the nearby cities come out into the surrounding areas in fast stolen cars, break into many cars left unattended, and steal cassettes, radios and other valuables they find - they are then quickly back into the cities. A word of advice here might help car owners:- if on your insurance form you state that your car is garaged overnight and then you leave it in your drive or on the road, you might have difficulty in making a successful claim against your insurance company.

R.B.Gardner, Chairman of Co-ordinators
Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Watch.

Coventry 303546.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Dates to remember: GALA DAY June 24th.
FLOWER SHOW, FUN DAY
& CAR BOOT SALE September 9th.

Please join us on these days if you can.

We have some days out arranged through the summer. Details of these are on the notice board in the Malt Shovel.

The Bowling Club welcomes new members. Details from Tony Cardellino at the Malt Shovel.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us in the Mercia Walkathon. We had a good day and we all managed to walk the 20 miles.

Mary Long

Coventry 302840.

BUBBENHALL MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Thank you to all who contributed to our bric-a-brac stall; we raised £23 which will go towards new equipment.

June 8th Toddler Outing to Cotswold Farm Park. If you are interested contact Lesley Batchelor, 305497.

June 24th Gala Day. We are holding a cake stall, and would be very grateful for home-made cakes and biscuits.

Details of Mums Night Out coming soon.

Geraldine Leman

Coventry 304621.

BAGINTON PLAYGROUP

Our term will finish on Friday, 21st July, and the new term will start on Tuesday, 5th September, but there will be play sessions on Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August, 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., open to all children.

We are also organising a trip to Twycross Zoo on August 9th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are charging £3.20 adults; £1.60 over 3 years, and 50p for infants under 3 years, to cover the cost of the entrance fee and coach. If anyone is interested contact Playgroup or myself.

I would also like to thank everybody for their support at the February Jumble Sale and other fund raising events during the year.

Judith Chettle, Treasurer.

Coventry 305164.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL

Since Easter, we have been busy in school, starting a gardening project, and with the older children, a look back into our past. Parents have been extremely helpful with donations of money, pots, compost, seed trays, seeds and plants. The children have done all the planting and seeding, and my classroom, at one end, resembles a greenhouse. Hopefully, school will look brighter for our 125th anniversary year, with tubs and the garden areas planted out.

I would like to thank Mrs. Alexander, not only for a very enjoyable exhibition of local artists, but for the £50 donation to the school. We intend to buy clay with some of the money, the rest to be used for art supplies.

The 3rd and 4th years are finding out about their past, and we visited St. John's Museum, Warwick, on May 9th, where we worked in a Victorian classroom, hand-washed in the kitchen, using the old hand-pump, grated soap, used a blue-bag (anyone admit to remember using one), and did the washing using a wash dolly and a mangle only.

I have already had offers of old photographs, cuttings and objects, so we can specifically find out about our village. If anyone has any further articles that they would be willing to loan to us in school, we would be grateful and would take extreme care of the items. Also, if anyone has memories of the school or village and has time to come into school to talk to the children, could they please contact the school - Coventry 303200 - and we can arrange transport.

As part of the school 125th Anniversary celebrations, we are holding a family barbecue at the school on July 8th.

I would again like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to the school.

Wendy Thomas, Headmistress.

Coventry 303200.

BUBBENHALL SCHOOL - PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

This year Bubbenhall School celebrates its 125th Anniversary. We commenced this event with a Fun Morning held on 13th May at the Village Hall. A fancy dress competition was held with entrants in mid-Victorian dress.

Our stall at the Flea Market held on 29th April, namely, toys, books and bric-a-brac, was very well supported.

There has still been no application for the post of Lollipop person. It seems a shame that all our hard work hasn't paid dividends.

We look forward to having your support for our stall on Gala Day on 24th June.

Janet Thomas, Secretary.

Coventry 305460.

BROWNIES

Thanks to all who supported our Jumble Sale. Over £120.00 was raised and divided between Ryton and Bubbenhall Brownies and Guides.

Bubbenhall Brownies joined the rest of the South Fosse District and enjoyed a trip to Windsor Safari Park on May 20th. They also celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a special service and tea party on Sunday May 7th, at Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

We would welcome all girls aged 7-10 years - meetings in the Village Hall on Wednesdays, 6.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Summer term ends July 19th

Autumn term begins September 6th.

Contact:

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Suzie Bristow

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Coventry 418425.

GARTER GROUP

Listed below is a diary of events for the coming months:-

8th June Treasure Hunt

15th July Barbeque

No meeting in August.

14th September Charity Fashion Show

12th October Talk and wine tasting presented by Peter Dominics

9th November Christmas flower arrangements.

December venue yet to be decided.

The Garter Group was formed several years ago and is an opportunity for all ladies in the village to get together once a month, usually in the Village Hall. We try to arrange an interesting and varied programme that will appeal to the majority of our members, but if anyone has any new suggestions or can recommend a particular speaker, then please let us know.

We are always pleased to see new faces. So if you have not been along to any meetings, then give us a try. Meetings start at 8.00 p.m.

Valerie Powell (Publicity)

Coventry 307469.