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Bubbenhall Newsletter

November 2006

Newsletter Committee



The newsletter committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support with help towards the production and running costs of the newsletter.

Thank you to all who supply articles and to the people who continue to help us by placing their advertisements.

Once again we are having our 'Secret Santa' stall to help raise funds towards the production costs of the newsletter at the Christmas Fair to be held in the village hall on Saturday 2nd December. At "Secret Santa" the children can come and purchase a special Christmas present for their parents, family or friends in private and we will also gift

wrap it for them! We would welcome any donations towards this fund raising event so if you have any suitable items such as toiletries, unwanted gifts or sweets or chocolate, please contact:

Gill Prudhoe at 3 Orchard Way

Tel 024 76307747

or any other newsletter committee member

Thank you!

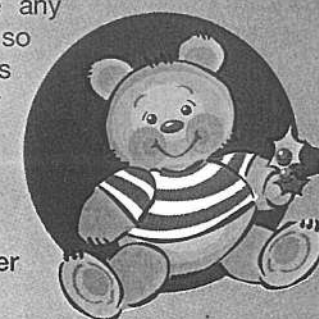
We shall also be running our Turkey Raffle and the draw will take place at the annual Christmas Fair to be held in the village hall on Saturday 2nd December.

Once again this prize has kindly been donated by Heart of England Farms and the previous years' lucky winners have all been pleased with their prize. A member of the committee will be coming round the village to sell raffle tickets to win the farm fresh free-range traditional turkey to be collected before Christmas.

Next Newsletter out
in March 2007.

Newsletter committee

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St. Giles Church

Harvest Supper

On September 30th we saw a full house in the village hall for the Harvest Supper. Unfortunately the Barbershop Group were unable to perform, as they were busy rehearsing for the National Finals! However, David did a great job in getting us all on the floor for the barn dancing, and a lively evening was had by all.

Churchyard Wall

Finished at last! Leftover stone will be used to repair various parts of the rest of the wall. Many residents - especially generations of conker gatherers - will have been sorry to see our great horse chestnut tree succumb to the 'bleeding cankers' disease which is affecting horse chestnuts. It had to be felled and we all miss it.

Flowers in Church

Thank you to all who continue to arrange flowers in church, and to those who made the church look so beautiful for the harvest festival. We shall decorate for Christmas on December 16th.

Village Christmas Fair.

We hope to run a produce stall at the Fair on Saturday 2nd December. All contributions will be gratefully received - please contact any church member.

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A Thought from the Rector: "The Most Caring Child"

So often, when we know someone who has been recently bereaved, we don't know what to say or do.

I have known people avoid the telephone, even sometimes people who have crossed the street or pretended to be very interested in something in a shop window so as not to have to meet a bereaved person's eye. These are not bad people; they are just terrified that they will do or say the wrong thing, or that they will be unable to do or say anything at all. Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest

was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's garden, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, "Nothing: I just helped him cry."

David Wintle

Young St Giles

We had a fantastic turn out of children for Harvest Festival. Everyone decorated boxes with coloured tissue paper before filling

them with a variety of produce and placing them at the front of Church. The children then played with toys in our toy corner before going up to the altar rail for a blessing during communion. After the service we all enjoyed a drink and biscuit or cake whilst chatting/playing.

Please come and join us on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00 am. Regular or occasional visitors are welcome. The children come to Young St Giles (at the rear of the Church) after the first hymn and enjoy a mixture of free quiet(ish) play and organised craft activities. We usually chat over a drink and biscuit after the Service.

Rainbows

We have enjoyed yet another busy term at Rainbows. It started by us saying goodbye to two of our older Rainbows Zoë Upton and Hayley Waldron when they moved up to Brownies in September. Our crafts this term have been mainly looking at autumn and all the beautiful colours it brings with it. Although we started off decorating plant pots ready for the Fruit and Flower Show. We have also printed with fruit and vegetables and even had a go at baking bread – very tasty it was too! To help use up some of the Rainbows energy Sarah Cooke kindly came along to one of our meetings and taught the girls including our Young Leaders disco dancing.

After half term it will be time to look forward to Christmas with all its craft activities and excitement with it brings. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rainbows is a pre Brownie group for girls aged 5 – 7 years to put your daughters name on the waiting list or for more information please contact either:
Margaret Robinson: 02476 305931
or Dawn Hands: 02476 306073

Dates for Your Diary

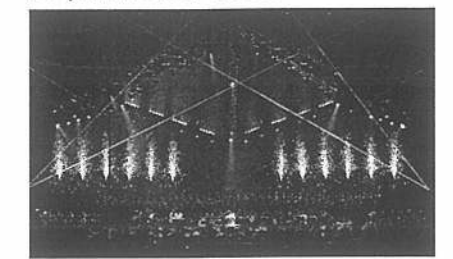
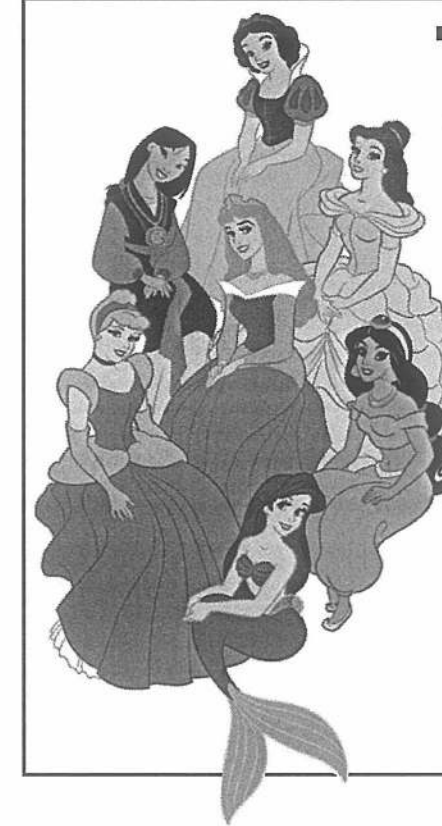
December

- 2nd Christmas Fair
Village Hall – 2.00 pm
- 10th Christingle Service
St. Giles – 11.00 am
- 10th Turn on your outdoor Christmas Lights at 5.00 pm followed by Torch Light Procession round village to look at lights – meet village hall 5.30 pm
- 12th Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall – 7.30 p.m.
- 14th Toddlers Christmas Party
Village Hall
- 20th Christmas Carols
The Malt Shovel – 7.00 pm
Cublington Silver Band
- 24th Crib Service
St. Giles – 4.30 pm
- 26th Boxing Day Walk – leave Malt Shovel at 10.00 am
Auction for Myton Hospice at 12.00 noon.
- 26th Carols by Candlelight
St. Giles – 4.30 p.m.

Theatre Trips

On the evening of Friday 3rd November a group of adults and children went to see Disney on Ice – Classic Princesses at the NIA in Birmingham.

As normal a good time was had by all. Hopefully more trips will be planned for 2007.



Joan Brandrick

Sadly, Joan Brandrick passed away at Myton Hospice in the early hours of Wednesday 25th October.

For many years Joan was a stalwart member of the Village Hall team and undertook her role of caretaker and booking secretary with enthusiasm and commitment. A short time ago

she stood down as caretaker but being keen to maintain her links with the village hall, continued to manage the bookings diary and collection of hire fees. A job that she did extremely efficiently until her medical condition forced her into hospital. Even then she was asking for the books and diary to be taken into her in order to maintain accurate and up to date records.

Joan loved her garden and flowers and despite her illness entered the rose and pot plant section of the Flower Show in September. Joan also managed to walk round the car boot sale – something she always enjoyed and had been actively involved in promoting the Bubbenhall event in previous years.

We shall all miss Joan and her no nonsense approach and our thoughts are with Beverley, Chris, Wayne and family at this time.

Farewell from the Committee and Users of the Village Hall.

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We have our usual popular jam jar tombola stall to organise for the Christmas Fair, the end of term Christmas party (complete with a visit from Father Christmas) is organised for 14th December.

However, before all of this the mum's are busy organising a mums' night out for a meal – free of kids!

We meet every Thursday morning from 9.30 am until 11.30 am in the village hall. So if you have a pre-school aged child please come along, let the children play and have a not so quiet cup of coffee!

For further information call Lori
Tel: 024 7630 5355.

Ryton Pools Café

We have had a good summer at the café this year thanks to the prolonged mild weather and the ongoing support of our customers both regular and new. Unfortunately we have had to say farewell to Margaret who has retired but we welcome Viv as her replacement. Viv was previously a manageress of a 'well known' burger bar and so she should be able to cook us a good burger!!

The autumn colours are just beginning to be at their best before the leaves finally fall and we go into winter. The country park is always nice to visit whatever the weather or season – always something different to see. The café is open every day except Christmas Day.

Season's greetings to all our customers. Gina and John.



Ryton Pools Country Park



As a typical Englishman I'm going to start by indulging in a few words on our national obsession; the weather! In recent years we have grown used to a certain randomisation of the seasons and 2006 has been no exception. One of the hottest July's on record was immediately followed by one of the wettest August's ever. As a country park, whose brief (among other things) is attracting visitors we are often at the mercy of the elements. For example, none but the most intrepid of dog walkers are likely to venture out during a storm (some do!). Interestingly though, in spite of these climatic extremes visitor numbers have remained pleasingly buoyant this summer. Warwickshire obviously breeds 'em tough!

There have been several staff changes over the last few months.

Mike Labram, who was the ranger covering the Stratford Greenway and Burton Dassett Hills, but who was based at Ryton has moved to a new post in the north of the county. We are currently in the process of recruiting for his replacement.

One of our weekend receptionists, Brenda Woodhead, leaves us at the end of October and is being replaced by Gemma Duggan, who you will see working over the half term holidays.

The other big change is that for the first time we have decided to keep the Visitor Centre/Shop open during the week over the winter period. In previous years we have closed the Centre outside the school holidays, however as the site has grown busier we now feel it is time to keep it open throughout the year.

It is still a bit of a 'suck it and see' situation and as such the hours are slightly shorter (11am – 2.30pm). We hope that having the Centre open will make it more convenient for our visitors. Please pop in and say hello when you are here.

Ryton Pools Country Park celebrated its 10th Anniversary in August.



Dates for 2006



2 December, 2006

Christmas Fayre



21 December, 2006

Christmas Carols



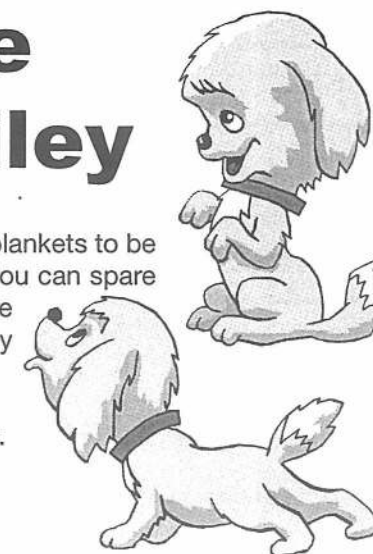
Further details published in the Village Newsletter
and on the notice boards.

Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal I am collecting dog food and blankets to be taken to the Dog Rescue at Honiley. If you can spare a tin of food or have any blankets to spare please leave them at 1, Avon Terrace by 16th December please.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mary Long



A party was thrown and was open to all. There were a range of free activities such as mask making, pond dipping, quizzes and birds of prey. A great time was had by all who attended. Here's to the next ten years!

The park has become a regular venue for a series of free organised walks. There is a regular walking group which meets on Wednesdays at 10am and a "Prams in the Park" walk for mums with young children, which meet Tuesdays at 10.30am.

For more information pick up a leaflet in the Visitor Centre or call Rosie Smith on 01926 418638.

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A new wooden xylophone has been installed on the Sensory Trail and has proved popular with children and adults alike.

The tuneful (?) echo of the instrument was heard across the courtyard throughout the summer!

On a sadder note, we have unfortunately had to remove the plastic tube slide in the courtyard play area due to safety concerns.

We will be replacing it with something similar in due course but sadly the company has ceased trading so it may take a little time to source something compatible. We apologise for any disappointment caused.

I hope to see you in the park over the winter.

Kind regards,

Craig Earl
Senior Ranger
Ryton Pools Country Park

Report from the Parish Council

Security

PC Mike Overall has reported on security matters affecting the village. Tyres have been slashed on a car parked near one of the alleyways in the village, and a laptop computer was stolen from a car in Home Close. A motorcycle has been stolen from the rear of an address in Avon Terrace.

We have received a notice from the police regarding information from the Trading Standards Office regarding a scam from a company calling themselves PDS (Parcel Delivery Service). Information is given in the magazine.

Planning Items

The application by Waste Recycling Group for full planning permission to vary the final profile and restoration of the site in Bubbenhall

was discussed following the Planning Committee meeting on 13th June. Cllr Hammon and Cllr Shattock put a very good case at the meeting. The Planning Committee were mindful to give planning permission provided certain conditions were agreed with the Parish Councils involved. Bubbenhall Parish Council stated their continued objection to the application on the grounds already given. There is also concern that the height levels are already higher than those given. The Parish Councillors visited the area to look at the contours. A statement was issued to the press on behalf of Bubbenhall Parish Council.

The application for the increased tipping at the Bubbenhall infill site was refused at the planning meeting held on 11th July at Shire Hall. This meeting was attended by Cllr Border and Cllr Lloyd. The waste tipping company have said they will appeal against the decision but no further applications have been made to date.

The proposals for the Toll Bar roundabout area were discussed at the last meeting. The Parish Council objected to a proposal to use land in green belt and this proposal has now been withdrawn.

Recreation Ground

The dense foam seat on the aerial slide appears to have been damaged by being chewed by a dog. We ask all residents to report any incidents of damage to the equipment.

We should like to point out that dogs are not allowed on the recreation ground. The recreation ground is a pleasant area for use by all residents of the village and dog mess is causing problems to football players, children and others using the field.

Mindless vandalism!

It's unfortunate to note that recently graffiti in the form of blue paint has been dabbed on the play equipment, signage on the park and frontages to some dwellings. It's worth noting such acts constitute criminal damage and individuals could be prosecuted.

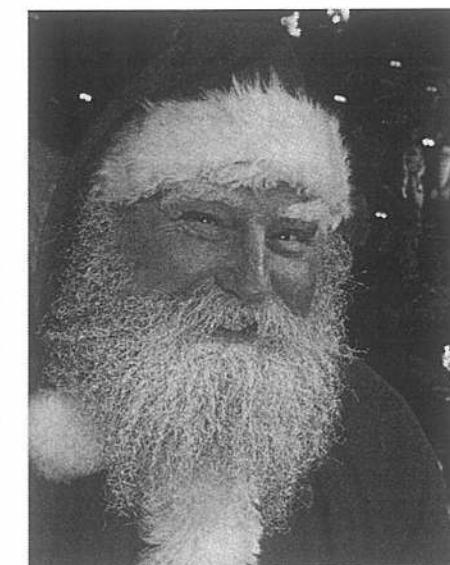
Please can we all remain vigilant and help keep our village clean, tidy & crime free.

Bubbenhall Mother and Toddler Group

Here we are again organising Christmas and it only seems five minutes since the summer holidays. Our summer party was great fun.

The weather was extremely kind to us and whilst we adults enjoyed our summer meal alfresco the children were content to play on the bouncy castle.

A big thanks to all those who supported us by coming along to our recent photographs session with Judy Hartland. Not only do they now have some beautiful photographs of their children but they have also helped us to raise valuable funds to cover the toddler group's costs and enable us to buy new toys and equipment.



Also a special thanks to those who gave up precious time on a Sunday morning to come and help and to those who did their best to rally around enough people to make the event worth while.

So, it's now back to Christmas and there is plenty to do and lots to look forward to.

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Village Hall Verandah Fund

Delivery of local village Christmas cards

Once again take some of the pressure off yourself this year by having your Christmas cards delivered for you locally around the village. To take advantage of this service all we ask for you in return is a donation towards the Village Hall Verandah Fund. Please address your Christmas card envelopes clearly with the name and address and leave them all with either Margaret Robinson at 21, Moat Close or with Gill Prudhoe at 3, Orchard Way. They will all be delivered before Wednesday 20th December.



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Sarah Cooke School of Dance

A very busy start to the new term. Some of the children are getting ready to take exams in November and four students are taking 'teaching exams' in December.

Congratulations to Charlotte Ball, Rebecca Wallace, Alice Davis, Lily Hamer, Danielle Cooke, Hayley Waldron, Sara Benamar, Caitlin Wright and Lucy Carter. They all auditioned for a part in The King and I, which is to be performed at the Spa Centre, Leamington Spa in April 2007 and all successfully got in.



This lesson takes place on Wednesday at 2.30 pm in the Bubbenhall village hall. If you are interested please come along. Don't forget - Adult Disco on Monday evenings from 8.30 pm until 9.15 pm - It is great fun and we work very hard !!

Sarah



I have 6 places in the pre-school ballet and movement classes for children aged two and a half to three and a half.

This lesson takes place on Wednesday

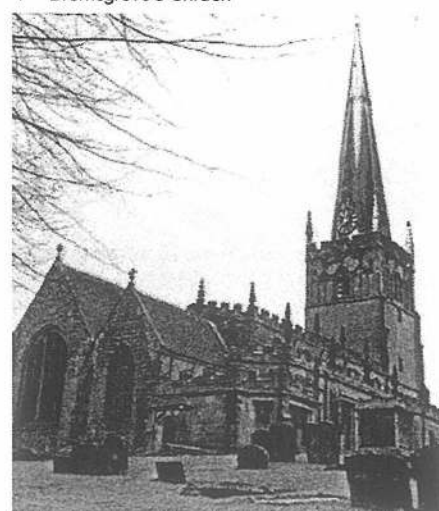
Bubbenhall Guides

Our Guide Unit continues to be active and enthusiastic. We have been joined this September by Alex Suffell who is a Young Leader doing her Leadership qualification. Alex was a Guide in Wolston so brings with her lots of new ideas and games.

Our summer camp this year took place at the beginning of the school holidays. 11 girls and 3 leaders attended ARDEN 06, an International Camp organised by Warwickshire Guiding. Nearly 1000 participants, including girls and leaders from 17 countries, camped near Bromsgrove for a week. The extreme heat had passed by then

and the odd shower of rain was quite welcome!

▼ Bromsgrove's Church



▲ Other view of Bromsgrove

We were lucky to have camping with us a group of 12 from Denmark who proved to be very friendly (and spoke good English!).

The girls had a hectic week. During the day they did a wide range of activities - water sports, adventurous sports, service, International and craft. In the evenings there was further entertainment - a girl power night, an international night, salsa dancing and, of course, a big camp fire with singing. They came home very tired but having had many new experiences and met girls from around the world.

The leaders came home equally tired but pleased with a successful camp. Special thanks go to Margaret Robinson, who was our QM, cooking, in a tent, for between 40 and 45 people - no mean feat.

Our Danish visitors invited us to an International camp in Denmark next year and some of our Guides are hoping to attend as part of a Rugby Division group.

This term we are working as a Unit on 2 badges - the Traditions of Guiding badge, which looks at how Guiding used to be done, and the Science badge. Linked with this we are going to the Think Tank in Birmingham, a hands on science museum, in half term.

We would be pleased to welcome new members.

Guides is for girls aged 10 - 15 and we meet on Fridays, 7.15 - 9 pm, at the Village Hall.

Lesley Goodhead 024 7630 6964

If you take your dog to collect children, etc, please ensure that the dog does not go on the field or the play area.

The lines have been re-painted on the tennis courts and a disabled parking space provided in the village car park.

Bubbenhall Council News

- Bubbenhall has been awarded a silver award in the Village of the Year competition.

- Several residents have had difficulty with their broadband connections and the Council wrote to BT on behalf of the residents. A Senior Engineer replied to our letter giving details of the work, which BT has undertaken to ensure that all residents of Bubbenhall can get broadband if they so wish. Many of the old cables have been renewed, and work is still in progress to improve the cabling system.

- Mr Nigel Pritchard has resigned as Chair and Councillor of the Parish Council and Cllr Joanne Shattock, who was Vice-Chair has taken over as Chair until the elections in May. Mrs Win Nwachkwu, of Pagets Lane, has been co-opted as a Councillor.

- The Chair of Warwick District Council, Cllr Bill Evans, attended the meeting of the Parish Council in October and congratulated the Councillors on the work being carried out by the Council and the Village Hall committee and the other committees.

Next Parish Meeting

The Parish Council meets eight times a year. The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You would be most welcome to come along and learn a little more about the workings of the Parish Council.

Further information on any of these items can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Dawn Eady

Bubbenhall Rambling Association

BRA rambles on the fourth Tuesday and the second Saturday of every month. Since the last newsletter, we have had some really good walks, ranging from Edge Hill, lunching at Ratley to one right on our doorstep, Stretton, Ryton and Bubbenhall lunching at the Malt Shovel.



Most of our walks are between four and five miles long, always starting from a pub car park and ending back there for lunchtime drinks and a meal if required. They are all within about a fifteen mile radius of the village, although we may get more adventurous and there is even talk of a Hadrian's Wall ramble next year!

We are a very friendly group of all ages and would welcome anyone who wished to join us.

exceptionally lucky with the weather and have not had to cancel any walks because of rain, although as we head into the winter that could change!

So, if anyone would like to join in, either regularly or on a one off basis, please get in touch preferably by email. I will then add you to my distribution list and send you details of planned walks.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sue Wareham
E-mail: sue.wareham@virgin.net
or phone 024 7630 6894

Malt Shovel Social Club

Boxing Day Walk

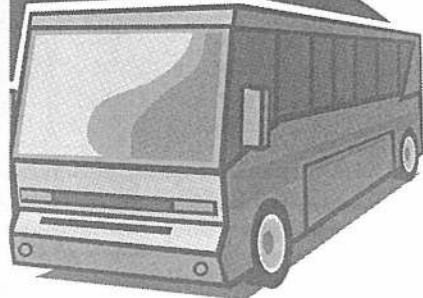
We shall be having the Boxing Day walk this year as usual leaving the Malt Shovel pub at 10.00 am and returning at about 12.00 noon for our usual bowl of soup courtesy of our new hosts Chris and Jackie (free for all the walkers).

The auction for Myton Hospice will be held in the pub during the lunchtime and items to be auctioned will be very welcome.

Please come along and join us

Community Transport Scheme

The Community Transport Scheme, for those people in the village who find it difficult to get to a hospital or doctors appointment, has now been set up and has been proving quite useful to a number of residents in the village.



However, although we have a group of volunteer drivers in our 'pool', we would welcome a few more volunteers. If you feel that you could volunteer your services to help with the scheme, even if only on a very occasional basis, please contact Margaret Robinson on **024 76305931**. You will receive a mileage allowance.

Anyone wishing to benefit from the use of the scheme, please telephone Margaret Robinson on the above number before 6.00 pm giving at least 24 hours notice.

For further details please contact Margaret Robinson.

Post Office

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Micki and Gill
Ryton-on-Dunsmore Post Office,
2, Bagshaw Close, Ryton-on-Dunsmore
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Bubbenhall Spring (Spout) and Village Green Restoration Project

It is now some time since we reported on the work that has been going on, in the background, by the Committee set up to examine ways of restoring our famous Bubbenhall Spout and improving the surrounding area. I would like therefore to try bringing everyone up to date.

The current committee, under the Chairmanship of Brian Morgan, is Vicky Fletcher, Bob Cragg, John Green and me, Tony Sproul. The Parish Council is represented by Gill Green and our Technical Advisor is Peter Sheen.

As you will probably know the overall Project has been divided into three individually identifiable phases to enable progress to be made on each

phase as funding becomes available. Via the good offices and funding of Smith's Concrete, through John Green, we have already had detailed plans and surveys carried out to enable a schedule of works to be identified.

We are just about ready to begin the first phase, which will be funded by Smith's Concrete. This will involve the building of a new bus shelter, on the site of the original but designed in sympathy with the

area – in fact it will be in oak and restored brick and be similar to a structure in Leek Wooton.

▼ Long time villagers, Dorothy Elliott and Geoff Glover at the planting, supported by Parish Council members and a small group of well-wishers. The picture depicts the new and the old – the original oak tree in the background and the new one in the foreground.



Dandy

Saturday 23rd September saw the return of 'Dandy' the popular Black Country husband and wife entertainers who had us rolling with laughter at their mixture of observational humour and music.



Their act was as fresh as ever with lots of new material in the set, which we had not seen on their previous visit. In the interval a fish and chip supper was served which again went down well.



By popular request we shall look to invite Alan and Glynis (Dandy) back for another evening in the spring of 2008. The evening raised over £470 for the veranda fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Christmas Carols

Once again the Cubbington Silver Band will be leading the carols for the now traditionally Bubbenhall Christmas Carol concert. This year the event will be held in the Malt Shovel Garden under the 'Smiths' marquee starting at 7.00 p.m on Wednesday 20 December. This event is free of charge to attend and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the festive season. Don't forget to put the date in your diary now.

Fun Day & Flower Show Committee

Old Leamingtonians Rugby Football Club

Under 17's - Colts

We are currently looking for players to come and join our squad. If you are interested in joining a successful league team in a successful friendly club we would be pleased to hear from you. We train every Wednesday evening from 7.00 pm until 8.00 pm and play our matches on a Sunday morning. For further details contact:

Jack Orton 0781 487 9902 (Head coach)
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Fun Day & Flower Show Committee Report

Fruit Flow and Vegetable Show

As flower show fever swept the village, boastful comments about the length of runner beans and weight of pumpkins could be heard. Once again, an excellent turnout of entries was received for the show.

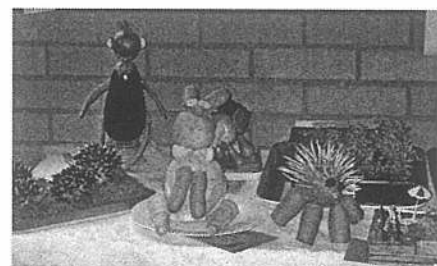


Competitors delivered their entries in anything from a Range Rover to a wheelbarrow.

The committee introduced a new photography class this year, this attracted many entries and from

these exhibits a Bubbenhall Calendar will be produced that will be on sale at the Christmas Fair. Profits from sales will be donated to the Village Hall Improvements / Veranda Fund.

Ralph Elliott once again kindly offered his services



as auctioneer and worked hard to sell all the produce, the proceeds of which will be used towards village projects and support.

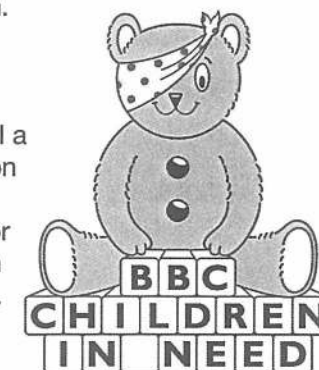
The evening auction was very well attended in the marquee erected in the garden of the Malt Shovel. A big thank you to John Green and Smiths Concrete for providing the illuminations for the marquee and to Chris and Jackie at "The Malt" for their valued support.



Results		
Trophy	Winner	Class
MSSSC Rose Bowl	Beryl Lock	Most points in the domestic section
Candlestick	Lorna Harrison	Best exhibit in the domestic section
Christine May Naylor	Lorna Harrison	Best Flower Arrangement
Ethel Hancock Trophy	Alan Swinscoe	Heaviest Onion
EGH Trophy	Alec Smith	Trophy for best exhibit in show
Cardellino Shield	Anna Simpkins	Best Junior Exhibit
Ryton Post Office Trophy	Anna Simpkins	Trophy for best garden on a tray
MSSSC Shield	Ralph Elliott	Most points in fruit, vegetable & flower Section
Long Trophy	Don Thomas	Longest runner bean
Malt Shovel Trophy	Fred Sharp Mike Wareham	Heaviest potato Heaviest pumpkin
Top Tray	Ralph Elliott	Collection of vegetables
Top Vase	Lorna Harrison	Collection of flowers

Christmas Fair

This year the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd December. It will follow the traditional format with Father Christmas leaving the Three Horseshoes Pub at 1.45 pm and he will travel through the village arriving at the village hall at 2.00 pm.



As usual a collection will be made for Children in Need.

To book a stall please contact either Lesley Goodhead: 024 76306964 or Margaret Robinson: 024 76305931

The roof of the shelter will conceal solar panels, which will be used to drive the pump, which will lift the water from a new bore-hole behind the shelter. This fresh water will then be piped to the existing spout. To kick off the whole project, a replacement for the current ageing oak tree has already been planted, as close as possible to the original, in a ceremony on the 21st October. It was donated by Peter Smith of Smith's Nurseries and the protective surround was fabricated in Smith's Concrete workshop. Dorothy Elliott and Geoff Glover performed the planting, watched by a small group of well-wishers.

I am afraid that phases 2 and 3 will depend on new funding, which we are currently pursuing with the help of Warwick County Council through the Warwickshire Environmental Trust, who are giving guidance on who to approach and what approach to take. We have already begun the application process but there will be a delay, following the completion of phase 1. Dependent upon final costs for phase

1, we may be able to bring parts of phase 2 forward.

The other two phases will involve new walling and a new spout outlet and trough area, with the walling continuing around the Village Oak. Additionally, hedge laying, tree husbandry, planting and the creation of a centre point for the Village Green are included in the plan. Seating, a new matching Village Notice Board – in oak to match the bus shelter structure – and the re-creation of the Village "Pit" or pond will conclude the works.

Ongoing maintenance and the possible need for electric power in addition to the solar panels will mean some funding being required over time.

So, this is where we are, which is now looking closer than at any time over the passed two years. I will report progress on the fund raising, as we achieve success.

Tony Sproul

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Christmas Lights Turn On and Torch Light Procession

Please turn on your outdoor Christmas lights at 5.00 pm on Sunday 10th December and then come along and join us at the village hall at 5.30 pm to go on a torch light procession around the village to look at all the lovely lights. We will then return to the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

Everyone welcome – please come along and join us the more the merrier.

Thank You

Joan Brandrick would like to thank all her neighbours and friends for all the cards, flowers and good wishes sent to her during her recent illness.

Unfortunately since Joan requested this item to be put in the newsletter she passed away at Myton Hospice in the early hours of Wednesday 25th October.

Our condolences go to her family at this time.

Bubbenhall Friendly Club

We had a most enjoyable strawberry tea at Bubbenhall House towards the end of our summer programme. The weather stayed fine for us and we were able to have our tea in the lovely gardens of this beautiful house.

Our thanks go to Velma and Wendy for extending their superb hospitality.

We played a few games of Who Wants to be a Millionaire. It is just as well that we were not playing the real game. One or two of the members have won a lot of money!

Our final event for the summer was a BBQ held at the village hall. As this event took place near 4th July, we all dressed in red, white and blue, with the occasional cowboy (or cowgirl) hat.

Our autumn programme started with a social in the village hall and we were pleased to welcome some new members. Our first outing of the season was a coach trip to Oxford and we will be visiting Blooms Nursery and having a Christmas shopping outing later in the autumn.



At the beginning of October we had a craft afternoon making pomanders.

We all arrived clutching an orange and went home with said orange studded with cloves and tied with ribbon after instructions from Beryl.

After it was covered in a mixture of spices, it was wrapped in tissue paper and put in a paper bag, ready to make our airing cupboards smell festive!

Future events include a talk on OHMS and a trip to Blooms Nursery later in October, the Christmas

shopping trip and mince pies and sherry afternoon in November and the autumn programme ends with our Christmas lunch, which will be held at The Queens Head at Bretford.

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

Chris Dunn.....024 76302481
Beryl Lock.....024 76306246
Chris Morgan.....024 76306131
Dawn Eady024 76303957

Neighbourhood Watch

We are still a very low crime free village. With only one incident to report of a child's motorcycle being stolen from the rear of a property in Avon Terrace.

However, it has recently been brought to the attention of the police and the Neighbourhood Watch that incidents of suspicious activity may be occurring in the village.

A resident in Coopers Walk has expressed concern about the amount of "strange vehicles" in the village that they believe are "eyeing up houses". Any resident on seeing or hearing anything suspicious please report it to police AT THE TIME on **01926 451111** or, if there is an ongoing crime on **999**. Please be sure, if possible, to take note of

any descriptions or registration numbers. A community that flourishes is one that cares.

Christmas is approaching fast and we will all be out and about spending money and buying presents. With this in mind please be particularly vigilant as there is a large amount of fake Scottish £20.00 circulating at the moment.

Also when buying goods of value make sure they are well hidden and not left on show in your motor vehicle or at home. Do not put temptation in the thieves' way.

Due to Rugby Borough Council's decision to make improvements at the travellers' site at Ryton-on-Dunsmore, there are a large number

of itinerant travellers moving back into this area. They will be knocking doors and want to do everything from a new roof to cutting your grass.

Remember, if you employ these people what starts off as a small job will end up costing you dearly. If you watch Rogue Traders 99 times out of a 100 they are not qualified people!

Whilst working on your property they will be noting you and your neighbours' movements. You have been warned – be aware.

Remember, if you hear or see anything suspicious, get registration numbers and descriptions if possible and phone Kenilworth police on **01926 415000** or **999**.

Keep Safe.

Gill Green – Co-ordinator
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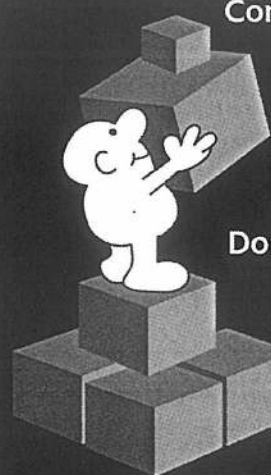
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£50 to be won in December and £25 in January.



▲ The picture above is where your money goes

This year's winners so far

January	1 st Jackie Lloyd (63) 2 nd Anne McCutcheon (175) 3 rd Dick Smith (72) 4 th Catherine Pattinson (62)
February	1 st Andrew Long (197) 2 nd Hugh Lemon (48) 3 rd Fiona Pattinson (136) 4 th Craig Eady (165)
March	1 st Lorna Harrison (1410) 2 nd Lesley Goodhead (16) 3 rd Mike Wareham (23) 4 th Ashley Simpson (89)
April	1 st Margaret Bird (125) 2 nd Elenor Johnson (94) 3 rd Peter Thompson (186) 4 th Graham Johnson (149)
May	1 st Brian Homes (24) 2 nd Barry Sant (196) 3 rd Lori Slark (152) 4 th Steve Green (192)
June	1 st Stan Roslin (168) 2 nd Eileen Braidwood (108) 3 rd Hilary Grundy (77) 4 th Anne Hendry (80)
July	1 st Des Slater (131) 2 nd Helen Johnson (139) 3 rd Gail Haynes (55) 4 th Heather Bailey (83)
August	1 st Rachel Patstone (195) 2 nd Tony Caldwell (99) 3 rd Dennis Cooper (10) 4 th Jackie Lloyd (63)
September	1 st Normal Busby (93) 2 nd Alec Smith (76) 3 rd Lori Slark (152) 4 th Duane Wagstaff (169)

Win a £50 December Bonus by joining before the end of December or a £25 January Bonus by joining during January 2007.

We will be doing two special draws. For members who rejoin in December the first paid number drawn will win £50 and for members who rejoin during January 2007 the first paid number drawn will win £25. Join now to be included in the special prize draws.

All you need to do is drop your membership fee off at one of our Agents:

Mary Long at 1 Avon Terrace – Lower End, Margaret Talbot at 10 Avon Terrace – Lower End, Dot Sibley at 16 Moat Close, Mike Wareham at 23 Coopers Walk, Bob Cragg at 4 Darfield Court.

Alternatively you can rejoin at this year's Christmas Fair on 2nd December in the village hall.

Prizes

Don't forget there are four cash prizes every month. Well worth winning:

- January & December £60, £40, £30 & £20
- February to November £30, £20, £15 & £10

Someone is going to win £110.00 this December – it could be you. You could win even if you are not a member

Every year members don't renew so get your name on our reserve list if we can allocate you a number before the drop dead dates you will be included in the special draws. First come first served! Contact Mike Wareham on **024 7630 6894**.

Bubbenhall Brownies

During September and October Bubbenhall Brownies have been busy completing an Environmental Challenge which involved designing and making a display for Rugby Library. Our Brownie pack decided to do a display using autumn colours. They did various bark and leaf rubbings and then glued them together to make a tree.

Halloween was fun at Brownies because we had various games and also had a chance to make witches outfits for both Brownies and the Leaders. This term we have decided to do our craft badge. This so far, has involved making lots of sweets and also Christmas tree decorations.

We meet on a Tuesday evening at 5.30 pm at Bubbenhall Village Hall for girls between the ages of 7 and 10.

Local Farm Fresh Christmas Poultry

To make your Christmas dinner one to remember and for guaranteed satisfaction choose a local producer who cares about your day as much as you!

With importance being placed on the source of our food today please feel free to view your free range KellyBronze bird or goose as you drive past the farm on the A4189 between Warwick and Henley in Arden.

Olle Gronning, owner of Heart of England Farms, Claverdon, Warwickshire has been rearing Christmas poultry for 18 years. Beginning in mid summer dedicated staff carefully rear the birds on a specially prepared GM and drug free diet. From an early age the birds are allowed free range in the woods and fields by day and to roost safely in straw yards by night. Providing the birds with this relaxed, natural life ensures a succulent flavour at maturity unlike many others, which may be massed-produced.

As the festive season approaches the birds are gathered from their fields to be traditionally hand plucked and hung in a maturation chamber, an essential part of the process which guarantees that each bird is tender and full of flavour. Year after year, on Christmas Eve, we welcome back many Warwickshire families who return for the melt in the mouth taste of the traditional free range KellyBronze turkey, barn reared, white turkey, our succulent geese or the time honoured cockerel or duck. All birds are supplied oven ready in a



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DANCING CLASSES

Monday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

4.15 pm - Grade 2 Ballet

5.00pm - Disco Class

5.45pm - Grade 3 Ballet

6.45pm - Tap Class

7.15pm - Grade 5 Ballet

7.45pm - Pointe Work Class

8.30pm - Adult Disco

Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

2.00pm - Pre-school Ballet/Movement Class

3.45pm - Primary Ballet

4.30pm - Grade 1 Ballet

5.15pm - Tap Class

6.00pm - Senior Disco Class

6.45pm - Inter Ballet

7.30pm - Senior Tap Class

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Ongoing Activities

Activity levels in the hall have continued to be high and have proceeded with few significant problems. The wide variety of groups catering for many interests and all age groups have continued to operate from the hall (Guides and Brownies, the Toddlers, the Football Clubs, the Rainbows, the Friendly Club and Sarah Cookes' Dance School). The twice-weekly surgeries provided in the hall by the Clarendon Medical Practice continued through the year but will unfortunately be reduced to one per week from August.

The one-day a week Post Office serviced managed by Gill Green also continues.

The Summer Fete held in June 2006 was one of the best ever with a very large attendance and superb weather. The Entertainment Group has also continued to organise a variety of social events to combine fund raising with a good night out.

Capital Projects

On capital projects we can report a significant break through this year. The Management Committee has applied successfully for grant funding

from Awards for All who have granted us £5,000 and the WREN organisation who have granted us £6,500. These monies together with the in-Village fund raising led by Margaret Robinson and the efforts of the "100 Club" led by Mike Wareham provides us with a capital fund of around £18,000 with which to embark on some long promised – but also long delayed – improvements to the fabric of the hall.

The Awards for All money has been committed to build the first phase of the verandah outside the main entrance including a proper invalid ramp and railing. You will have seen the first manifestations of this work during the past 4 – 6 weeks and it is expected to be completed before the onset of any really wintry weather. We extend our sincere thanks to our architect Peter Sheen for his pro bono design and planning work for this project and to Graham Johnson for his pro bono technical guidance. Planning permission has been obtained and the project was put out to competitive tender in June. Three bids were invited and two were received. The Committee accepted the lowest bid.

The WREN money will be used mainly for internal upgrades to the hall (a new lighting and dimmer system, a new suspended ceiling and new curtains). We have also added in some of our own resources to begin the replacement of external doors and windows including improved glazing and security. This work is expected to take place during the October half term (week beginning October 23rd) in order to minimise disruptions to user groups. The further work on the new lighting systems and the new

Bubbenhall Computer Classes

Computer classes commence on Monday 6th November at 11.00 am to 12.00 noon. These classes are held in the village hall and are free to Bubbenhall residents except for paying a share of the cost of the hire of the hall (not more than £1.00).



Complete beginners are welcome, but those needing to develop and improve existing skills can also attend. Individual help will be given in areas needed at the request of the participants.

Dates are as follows:

- 6th November.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 20th November.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 4th December.....2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- 18th December.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 15th January.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 29th January.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 26th February.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon
- 12th March.....11.00 am – 12.00 noon

If you require any further information please ring Ruth Green on **024 7630 6366**

internal ceiling for the main hall will follow shortly thereafter. Users are asked to be patient if there are any short-term disruptions to the use of the hall.

An Invitation

At our last AGM held in June, a number of the longer serving members of the Management Committee including two of the main officers indicated that they may not be available to the Committee beyond the next year. But this means that we must locate some new potential members and officers to serve the village hall in the years ahead and to inject some new ideas and energy to the project. The duties are not onerous and they can also be extremely satisfying. So please let me know (informally in the first instance) if you would have some interest in taking on a role in managing this important village facility. I can assure you that any offers will be gratefully received.

Thanks

I repeat this year as in previous years that the work of the village hall relies almost entirely on voluntary support – we employ only a part-time caretaker/cleaner. I again want to thank Beverly Goddard for her work; and also Joan Brandrick who until her very recent illness has taken full charge of the bookings for the hall.

My own personal thanks are also due to Vicky Fletcher our able Secretary; to Bob Cragg our tireless Treasurer and to all the other members of the Management Committee and the various sub-committees for their commitment and support. We would not have such a thriving village community without the generous and entirely voluntary efforts of these and various other supporters of particular projects and initiatives.

Alan Roe

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