

Bubbenhall Newsletter



November 2024



Parish Council Update

Remembrance events 2024

Our thanks go to villagers Gill Green and Margaret Robinson for once again making our village green a fitting memorial to those who fell in conflicts including the Boer War, First World War and Second World War.

As in previous years, the oak was decorated with a growing number of homemade poppies, and other poppies commemorating loved ones were placed at the base of

the tree and hanging in nearby trees. Gill and Margaret had also organised the purchase of a soldier silhouette. The placement of this right at the place where brave villagers set off to defend their country was very poignant.

A number of villagers turned out at 11am on the 11th November to mark the occasion and our thanks also go to Craig Greenway and our new vicar Petrică Bistran who led proceedings.

Diwali lights

The lights on the village green were lit in late October to celebrate the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights. We hope all those who celebrated had a wonderful time. The lights will be on again in December to celebrate Christmas and are a welcome sight as the nights draw in.

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Thanks again to all the volunteers from the village who help deliver newsletters, to Rose Cragg for organising the distribution and to all who contribute articles.

Newsletter

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

Glebe Farm footpath

Rick Chambers from Smith's concrete and Mick George from Mick George Contractors attended the September meeting to give an update on the finishing of the Glebe Farm area. They explained that they were seeking an extension of 2 weeks in order to complete the building- up for the new footpath. Many villagers will have seen that the footpath is now complete, and the topsoil level and seeding will be completed by the end of 2024. It was arranged for some residents to tour the site in October.



Playground

Cllr Baker and the Clerk reported that RoSPA had carried out the annual inspection on 01.10.24. Some maintenance tasks were identified including tightening the fence around the multiplay court and removing moss and weeds from the surface. It was recommended that we move the toddler seat to the position of the junior seat to reduce risk of toddlers walking in front of bigger swings.

Cllr Baker is always alert to mole activity which can make the play area surface unsafe by causing a trip hazard, so if you see any fresh mole hills please let the Parish Council know.

Village Green Update

The Friends of the Village Green continued to try to resolve the issue of duckweed on the pond. A local expert has been advising and sprayed the weeds to help get them under control, and the Friends are looking into introducing some fish and oxygenating plants in the future.

During August WCC Highways came out to discuss the Spring on Pit Hill. Excavations revealed that tree roots and collapsed pipework were preventing excess water draining correctly.

The Friends have been pruning dead and overgrown trees and this work will continue to help keep the whole area tidy.

The Spring pump has not been working correctly so a contractor was appointed to investigate any issues and service the pump. Villagers will be notified once the water is safe to drink as further testing required. Jaguar Land Rover have generously agreed to donate £1000 to pay for a new sterilizer and control for the pump which should ensure we can all enjoy Bubbenhall Spring water for many years to come (see p20)..

Warm Hub funding

Cllr Haynes has led a project to start up a Village warm hub again for this winter to provide a warm, safe and welcoming space where villagers of all ages can meet up with friends both old and new. The Cozy Café opened its doors for the first time on 7th November at the Village Hall (p 11), and you can expect a warm welcome every Thursday from 10am – Midday until the end of March 2025. If you have any question please contact Cllr Haynes cllrhaynes@bubbenhallparish.gov.uk

Crime and crime prevention

Many of you may have been aware of a string of incidents that took place across the village on 3rd October, including attempted car thefts and the damage of gates at the village hall. The perpetrator was arrested and charged with a number of offences and PCSO Ed King will be supporting the investigation and speaking to key witnesses.

Whilst thankfully incidents of this nature are relatively rare in Bubbenhall, if you're concerned about the safety of your property and would like some support, the local Safer Neighbourhood Team can come and visit you to discuss crime prevention. To organise a visit contact Warwick Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01926 684471 or wre.snt@warwickshire.police.uk

Website and councillor email addresses

The Parish Council now has a new website www.bubbenhallparish.gov.uk

It's still a work in progress but the new platform allows for lots of new features including news section as well as all the Parish Council documentation. Councillors also have new council email addresses.

Clerk Tracie Ball – bpc@bubbenhallparish.gov.uk

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Coventry Airport

There has been little news about the proposed “gigafactory” for some time, but it has now been made part of the financially beneficial West Midlands Investment Zone, so this is expected to stimulate some activity on the site before long.

On the initiative of our Warwick District Councillors, a briefing meeting on WMIZ was held by

Remembrance on the Spout Then and Now

– Chris Elliott, the Chief Executive Officer of Warwick District Council, with Parish Councillors from Baginton and Bubbenhall. The intention was to learn more about the Zone and what the airport site being part of it might mean for our two villages, Baginton of course expecting the greater impact.

Mr. Elliott told us that the WMIZ is part of a national government initiative from early 2023 whereby a range of incentives are available to the eight regional Mayoralties to stimulate business investment in specific “cluster” areas. The WMIZ is currently concentrating on two sites in Birmingham and Wolverhampton, together with the Coventry Airport and its adjacent undeveloped Whitley and Segro sites.

The Airport is included, although not formally part of the territory covered by the West Midlands Mayoralty, by a discrete agreement between Warwick District

Council and the Mayoralty because WDC is the Local Planning Authority responsible for it.

The financial benefits for the wider Zone are focused on the creation of modern activities such as advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and the green, creative, and digital industries, but for the moment the Coventry Airport site has a narrower expectation.

The area has now been named as Coventry & Warwick Giga Park. There is still an assumption that a battery factory will be the key occupant, but there is a wider remit for it to include the supporting supply chain. The battery factory is being promoted by Greenpower Park, the joint venture between Coventry Airport Ltd. and Coventry City Council.



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Film Nights

At the Village Hall

January 30th

The Old Oak

A pub landlord in a previously thriving mining community struggles to hold on to his pub. Meanwhile, tensions rise in the town when Syrian refugees are placed in the empty houses in the community.

Directed by Ken Loach.

February 27th

A Haunting in Venice

In post World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a séance. But when one of the guests is murdered it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer.

Directed by Kenneth Branagh.

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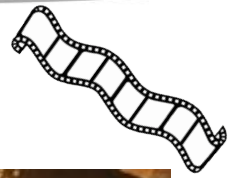
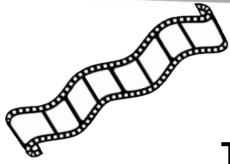
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Village Hall Film Nights

Thursday 28th November 2024

Woman in Gold

Drama – PG-13

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Dame Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, sought to regain family possessions including a world-famous Gustave Klimt painting of her aunt plundered by the Nazis during World War II. Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle with the help of a young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), and several others, but it will not be easy as Austria considers them national treasures. She did so not just to regain what was rightfully hers, but also to obtain some measure of justice for the death, destruction, and massive art theft perpetrated by the Nazis.

Director: Simon Curtis

Cast: Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds, Daniel Bruhl, Katie Holmes



Entry £5

- Contactless or cash accepted
- Doors open at 7pm
- Film starts at 7:45



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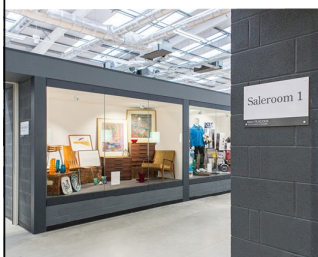
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Village Hall News

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Bubbenhall Bake-Off and Produce Show

Thank you so much for the entries this year, we know how much time and effort goes into making this event a success and it wouldn't be possible without the support of the village and their produce, along with the crafters, painters and bakers. We had lots of items that were auctioned off at the evening event and although the footfall was smaller than usual, we still managed to raise some much-needed funds for the upkeep of our Village Hall.

We thank you for your continued support for this longstanding village event.

Film Nights

The film nights are back! Thank you to those who came along to the October film, we had a very good attendance and are excited for our next films.

With darker nights, it's a great time to enjoy a cozy evening with friends and a film.

More film nights are planned (see p4-5). Keep an eye on emails and the Village Hall Facebook page for updates.

Entry £5 Contactless or cash accepted

Doors open at 7pm

Film starts at 7:45

Bar open from 7pm till late

Bubbenhall Breakfast

The Bubbenhall Breakfasts are back, and we had a great turnout at the October morning. A big thanks to Gail and the team for making these such a success.

The next breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday 14th December** where a certain festive figure may make an appearance, so bring the

kids down for a Christmas treat and while you enjoy a full English. All profit will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall so please come along and support.

Bubbenhall Events

The Village Hall events committee are very excited to be able to bring you a variety of fun filled events for 2025. Events will be held throughout the year to bring the community together and raise funds for the Village Hall. Please keep checking your email and Facebook, along with posters around the village to promote the first 2025 event.

Bubbenhall Calendar



We are happy to announce that the Bubbenhall Calendar is making a comeback. Some of your neighbours will be selling them. They are priced £5 and will again support the Village Hall. If you would like to purchase a calendar please scan the QR code, visit Go Fund Me website (<https://gofund.me/9b2504f3>) for payment or contact Gail Haynes 07976 222658.

Carols at the Hall

We are delighted that we will again be welcoming the Bilton Silver brand along to our Christmas carol evening, this is a great way to start the festive season with your fellow villagers. We would love to be able to offer a nice, sweet treat along with a

glass of mulled wine. Many thanks to those who donated last year. If you would like to pledge a donation of sausage rolls or mince pies for this year's carols, please contact Roy Perry and he will advise on the amount required. rperry630@gmail.com

Important dates for your diary:

Saturday 14th December: Breakfast at the village hall – 9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday 8th December: Light Switch – 5:00pm

Thursday 19th December: Christmas Carols at the Village Hall – 6:30 for 7pm

Once again, we would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the village hall over the festive season.

Are you new to the village?

We would like to welcome you all, we hope you are enjoying village life. If you 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 and you will be added to the distribution list.

Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2nd 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.

Contact details:

Margaret Colbert 01788 878961

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

Julie's Christmas Recipe



GINGERBREAD LOAF CAKE

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Ingredients:

100g butter, plus extra for the tin
100g honey 125g dark brown sugar
4 tbsp milk ½ tsp vanilla extract
200g self-raising flour ¼ tsp baking powder
1 tsp ground ginger 1 tsp ground cinnamon
Large pinch of grated nutmeg, cloves & ground allspice
1 egg, beaten

Method

Step 1

Heat oven to 180C/ 160C fan/gas 4, butter and line a 900g (2lb) loaf tin
Put the honey, butter and sugar in a saucepan and warm over a low heat, stirring occasionally until the butter has melted and sugar has dissolved
Remove from the heat and pour in the milk and vanilla and set aside to cool.

Step 2

Sieve the flour into a bowl with the baking powder, spices and a pinch of salt.
Add the egg, then gently fold in the along with the melted butter mix.
Once combined, tip into the prepared tin, place on a baking tray and bake for 40 mins until springy to the touch and skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.
Leave to cool for 10 mins in the tin, then place on a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.



Macmillan Coffee evening delights.



Guides and Brownies

Guides and Brownies started the autumn term on a high note with a trip to Conkers in the Derbyshire National Forest, as part of a contingent of 200 from Rugby division. The weather was kind to us and we had a great day outdoors. Some enjoyed new experiences such as the barefoot sensory walk and all had fun.

Guides took part in a new activity for Warwickshire county guiding – Covopoly. On another lovely Saturday, we joined 100s from across Warwickshire, using a purpose built app to find and visit locations across Coventry, carrying out challenges at each venue. We learnt some history, hugged some trees, acted and, of course, had some food. Another first for me, let alone the girls.

Brownies are linking up with other units too and have a trip to Think Tank planned for December.

Along with Rainbows, we held a Macmillan coffee evening in October and raised the amazing sum of **£422**.



Thank you to everyone who came to support us and Macmillan.

Brownie numbers have increased with an influx of girls moving up from Rainbows. As a goodbye to Rainbows, we joined up with Bubbenhall and Wolston Rainbows for a Bears Picnic day, with bear themed activities and food.

We are starting to say goodbye to some of our older guides as they achieve their gold award and turn 14. To achieve the gold award, girls need to gain all six theme awards and complete an outdoor challenge. The challenge is individual and something that is a challenge to that guide. On 5 November I was delighted to present three gold awards and one silver. We celebrated with a party and sparklers. Girls are



going on to Rangers in Leamington and/or to give service by helping at Rainbow and Brownie units.

We are looking forward to a busy 2025 with a county camp in May, regional event in July and division day in November just to name a few things that we have planned.

Please get in touch if you or your girls would like to get involved.

Stephanie
(Bubbenhallguides@gmail.com)

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We've had a really good term with some children taking exams on November 17th.

We have places on Wednesdays:

2.15pm Pre School Dance age 2-4
4pm Reception - School year 1 & 2 Ballet class

I am starting a new Disco class Mondays from January 6th 4.15pm Fun Disco Dance class from Reception age upwards.

If you'd like a place please message me to put your child's name down sarah.cooke77@btinter

Picnic in the Park



The much loved Picnic in the Park was held on Sunday 8th September. Despite a cloudy start the weather improved and resulted in a sunny day. Many villagers enjoyed their picnics, and watching the valiant souls who took part in the races. These were of all ages.



The Winning Team

11 4th - 1 Points
 2nd - 2
 3rd - 3
 4th - 4

Picnic in the Park 2024

All participated activities are undertaken at your own risk.
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Have a Great day!

All teams of people

| Team Name | Eggs green | Stops red/yellow | Retry | orange dots | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1) GLADIATORS | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1:57 | 5 18 |
| 2) Famous Four | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5:18 | 2 7 |
| 3) Power Rangers | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4:08 | 4 8 |
| 4) Girls rule | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0:11 | 3 14 |
| 5) Team Jasper | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0:14 | 1 13 |
| 6) | | | | | |
| 7) | | | | | |
| 8) | | | | | |

Thanks to Sarah Perry for the photos.

The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe



A warm welcome greeted the villagers who attended the launch of the Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe at the Village Hall on Thursday 7th November.

Cups of tea were raised and biscuits munched to celebrate the launch and it was a pleasure to welcome our local MP the Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Wright who popped in to meet the villagers present.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and support from Bubbenhall Parish Council, The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe will be running throughout the winter months at the Village Hall every Thursday from 10am to 12pm until the end of March.

All villagers are welcome. So come along to the weekly event and enjoy meeting old friends and make new ones in a warm, friendly and welcoming place.

Free refreshments are provided.

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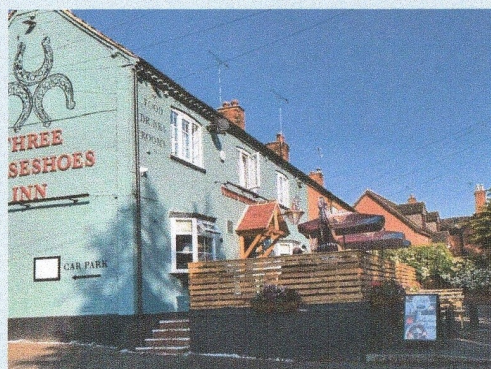
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The 100 Club

The new year for the Club began in September with the annual recruitment period. I am happy to report that we now have 212 numbers in issue, with some 170 separate members. This includes a few new members who have helped to enhance even further the wide representation within the village that the Club achieves. Your support helps make possible the enhancements of the Village Hall fabric which are routinely required. Thanks go once more to our small team of reps. who have collectively achieved this result.

The strong numbers mean that there can once again be an extra Christmas Champagne draw to be held on the evening of the Carol Service in the Village Hall – four prizes of good quality champers!

Congratulations to the prize winners for the last three monthly draws who were as follows:

September

1st Corinne Pilgrim
 2nd Julie//Mark Seabridge
 3rd Ruth Green
 4th David Hollway

October

1st Joan Swinscoe
 2nd Ineke van Doran
 3rd Geoff Redfern
 4th Sarah Perry

November

1st Marilyn Cox
 2nd Jim/Michelle Scott
 3rd Lynne Brown
 4th Bernard McCarthy

The Committee would like to thank all members for your continued support.

Alan Roe

Chair, Bubbenhall 100 Club Committee

Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal we are continuing the tradition established by Mary Long of collecting dog food and blankets to be taken to the Dog Rescue at Honiley. If you have any dry or tinned food or any blankets to spare please leave them at **27 Coopers Walk** by 13th December.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Rose Walker

Penguin Post

We are sure some of you will be very pleased to hear we are still planning to carry out Penguin Post during December. The slight difference will be that all cards must be with us no later than 11^h December for delivery by 15^h. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any after that date.

Please deliver your cards to either Gill Prudhoe, 3 Orchard Way or Margaret Robinson 21 Moat Close

Many thanks

Gill and Margaret



Bubbenhall Autumn Produce Sale

The annual Bubbenhall Autumn Produce Sale was held on 21st October outside Spring Cottage, in memory of Mrs Dorothy Elliott. The sale of cakes, fruit and vegetables, marmalade, Christmas cards, books and much more raised **£518** for Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, for their much needed funds.

Many thanks to all.

Pat Long, Dot and Barbara Barnacle, Air Ambulance Representative



St Giles' Church

Minister in Charge: The Revd
Petrică Bistran
Reader: Rosemary King
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Church Warden: Craig
Greenway 7630 3918
stgilesbubbenhall@gmail.com

Our local church has been very busy recently and will continue to be so in the coming months!

The first major event was the licensing service for our new Minister-in-charge Revd Petrica Bistran which was a magical event attended by around 120 people. It was the first licensing service to be held at St Giles in 70 years. Acting Bishop Ruth led the service and granted Petrica his new position to serve as our minister. The service was followed by copious amounts of sandwiches and cakes and was truly a joyous occasion after our long period of interregnum.

Our thanks to all of Bubbenhall and surrounding villages for your incredibly generous donations of food and cleaning products for our



Craig and our new minister, Petrica, with the donations

local Trussell Trust during our Harvest Festival period. We collected 110Kg or just over 17 stone.

This is one of the highest amounts we have ever collected and everyone at the trust was extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity. These donations are now making a huge impact for those who desperately need help. Our thanks go out to you all.

Sunday 10th November saw Revd Graham Pringle return for a moving Remembrance Day service and he gave a great reminder of what was sacrificed for us to be here today.

Services Update

The first Sunday of every month is a United Benefice service, of which we at St Giles held the first one. This was an exciting and moving moment and allowed people from all four villages (Bubbenhall, Baginton, Ashow and Stoneleigh) to come together, catch up with tea and cakes, and worship. Then we have Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday of each month and a morning service on every 3rd Sunday, both led by Revd Petrica. An evening service is held every 4th Sunday in which Craig Greenway leads an engaging and moving service at 5pm for refreshments and 5.30pm for the service.

With Christmas coming up we have additional services to which all are most welcome to attend. Our Carols by Candlelight with organist service will be held this year on Saturday 7th December at 4.30pm. Our Christingle service will be held on the 15th December at 11.00am, all children and families are most welcome. The annual enjoyable St Giles Crib

service will be held on the 24th December at the earlier time of 4.30pm this year and run again by Jade Greenway. There will be Holy Communion on Christmas Day held by Revd Petrica at 11am.

We look forward to welcoming new and old to St Giles over the coming months.

Craig Greenway

Bubbenhall Remembers



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Rainbows

At the beginning of the term, we said Goodbye to 7 of our older Rainbows who are now well and truly settled into Brownies and are having a great time. We were worried at the time that our numbers would be low and unsustainable but fortunately since then we have had 6 new girls started with 2 more due to start in the spring. It's lovely seeing our numbers steadily rising again.

This is always a very busy term at Rainbows and along with the earning of badges we have included various celebrations too. These all appear to have involved various types of food.

We started off the food activities by decorating cakes for the Macmillan Evening. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us (see p8-9).

The following week we made apple crumbles; it was slightly messy but the girls enjoyed themselves. For Halloween we decorated Oreo spider webs and for Remembrance Day biscuits were decorated with red and black fondant icing to make poppies. For Diwali we were truly spoilt by Zara's mummy who sent samosas and sweet treats for us all to try. Thank you so much Sukhi, they were delicious.

In October several of our Rainbows joined girls from Wolston Rainbows and our younger Brownies for the day at Offchurch Village Hall for an activity day called Bears bedtime. The girls had great fun taking part in lots of crafts and games all with a 'bear' theme.

Our other activities have included making Doves for World Peace

Day and playing with gloop made from Cornflour. They also decorated divas and dressed in Indian saree material as part of our Diwali celebrations. Our newest Rainbows will be making their Rainbow promise in a couple of weeks' time and then our thoughts will be turning to making family Christmas gifts and planning our end of term Christmas party, which this year we plan to hold with Bubbenhall Brownies.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownies group for girls ages 4 – 7 years. If you would like to add your daughter's name to our waiting list, go to www.girlguiding.org and click on join us. Or for more information please contact Margaret Robinson on 07757518861

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Mary Long

More recent villagers may not know of Mary Long MBE, but others will remember her delivering the post and being a stalwart of The Malt Shovel Social Club.

Mary Glover was born in Bubbenhall in 1932. She married John Long in 1955 and continued to live in the village. In 1966 she became the village postlady and remained that until she retired (but at well past 60). Besides that she worked in the kitchens of The Malt Shovel. She and John started the village flower show, which is now the Bake-Off and Produce Show, and the Boxing Day Walk and Auction. Through this Mary was important in raising thousands of pounds for Myton Hospice, Warwick.



In 1998 she was awarded the MBE for delivering the post in Bubbenhall for 32 years and for her charity work. She maintained the latter for many years, and every Christmas she also collected food and blankets for the Dogs Trust at Honiley. The Malt Shovel Social Club has continued to raise money for Myton Hospice and Honiley is also still being supported (see p 13).

Having spent all her life in Bubbenhall and giving a lot to the community Mary has moved to a care home in Yorkshire, near her grandchildren.

Bubbenhall thanks her and wishes her well.

Mary in 1998, aged 66, from the Birmingham Post



Christmas Quiz 2024



01. In Tolkien's novels, what is the name of the area lived in exclusively by Hobbits?
02. What instrument is used for listening to the heart and lungs?
03. In TV entertainment which English county allegedly presents "The only way"?
04. What annual race starts at Putney and finishes at Mortlake?
05. What is the main product from Australia's Barossa Valley?
06. Which type of whale possesses a large 'tusk' from a protruding canine tooth?
07. What "T" is a horse bred for racing?
08. What does the letter "U" stand for in film classification?
09. What infamous activities took place at Bikini Atoll between 1946 and 1958?
10. Los Del Rio spawned a dance craze with what song?
11. In which country is Entebbe?
12. Bronze is an alloy consisting primarily of copper and which other metal?
13. Which ancient earthwork roughly follows the border between England and Wales?
14. What is the common name for the condition dyspepsia?
15. Which animal is the symbol of Italian sports car manufacturer Ferrari?
16. Fray Bentos is a city and port in which country: Uruguay, Argentina or Brazil?
17. Name the missing one of Italy's three active volcanoes? Etna, Stromboli, and
18. How many times has Andy Murray won Wimbledon playing singles?
19. With which sport is Silverstone most associated?
20. What is the collective noun for a group of crows?

Answers will be on Bubbenhall.info two weeks after distribution of the Newsletter



Christmas on the Village Green and Diwali Lights

The date is Sunday the 8th December 2024

The switch on time is 5.00pm

We will already have celebrated the Diwali Festival of Light this year by switching on our Village Green lights from the 31st October through until November 1st. The lights were then switched off until the grand switch on and the exciting arrival of Father Christmas. Be ready for Santa and his helpers in his spectacular sleigh.

So come along, bring your friends and join in the atmosphere. The Christmas Welcome Party itself will begin at around **4.15/4.30**, and while we await Father Christmas, we will be getting into the festive mood with music, traditional mulled wine and soft drinks. Santa's Volunteer helpers will also be on hand to welcome everyone!

There will be festive mince pies, made and provided by village folk, AND those delicious samosas! We expect a large crowd, so come early and soak up the atmosphere!

Our thanks to the Parish Council for providing the funding for the event and to our volunteers, who make the whole thing possible.

For next year we plan to enhance the lights display. Inevitably this will be a one off cost of around £2000, which is not within the PC budget. This will make your bucket donations on the day even more important, so any help you can give will be much appreciated. Or is there a benefactor out there!?

After Father Christmas has performed the grand lights switch-on and joined in the photographs, he will invite us to join in with carols and lights, so bring your torches/mobiles. Invite your family and friends and celebrate together to give our village a wonderful welcome to Christmas!

See you there

Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall For Bubbenhall Residents (Aged 70+)

The Village Hall is again the host venue for Bubbenhall Residents aged 70 and over to enjoy a free festive Christmas Lunch on Monday 9th December 2024.

The event will be an opportunity for eligible residents to enjoy a tasty Christmas meal for free along with the chance to catch up with friends and neighbours both old and new.

It would have been lovely to invite more residents but the organiser (Gail Haynes) is restricted to just 60 people by the facilities available at the Village Hall.

The guests will be invited to sit down at 12:30pm and will start with Tomato and Red Pepper soup followed by turkey or beef with all the trimmings ending with Christmas pudding or cheesecake. Vegetarian, Vegan and other dietary requirements can be catered for if requested.

To book a place please email Gail on bubbenhallpensionerslunch@gmail.com stating the name of the person attending with their menu choices.

If you have any questions please contact Gail Haynes on 07976222658.

Gail Haynes.

Friends of the Village Green

Restoring the Spring Water on the Village Green

It has been some time since the iconic Spring on the Village Green has been able to dispense water. Until we had mains water in 1969 spring water via the original Spout was our only formal source of drinking water. This water became increasingly undrinkable due to source contamination.

When In 2009 work was completed on restoring the Green, part of the project was to create a wellhead and a 50m borehole to enable the pulling and return of fresh, potable spring water to all.

This year we discovered that water was not being extracted and, following investigation by an expert in this field (luckily for us Andy Cassidy is a resident of Bubbenhall) and friend of the Friends of the Village Green group, identified why the pump was not operating correctly. We then had a diagnosis of the problem, and recommendations for resolving it.

We must give thanks to Councillor Alastair Rourke and through him **Jaguar Land Rover**, who very kindly agreed to cover from their Community Fund the cost of this

work, which was completed by specialists BA Hull of Moreton in Marsh on Wednesday 23rd October.

Before the water can be guaranteed drinkable the Parish Council must arrange testing through Warwick DC to ensure that our water is potable. However this has funded a major step forward. We will advise and publicise when we have clearance.

Coincidences -Sir William Lyons, creator of **Jaguar Cars** lived as our neighbour in Wappenbury from 1937 until his death in 1985. He is buried there.



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Natural Spring Water

From the historic source on the Village Green in the County of Warwickshire,

Dates for your Diary

November

28th.....Film night at the Village Hall
7.00 for 7.45pm

December

8th.....Christmas Lights switch on
10th.....Parish Council meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall
14th.....Breakfast in the Village Hall
9.0-11.0am
19th.....Christmas Carols, Village Hall
6.30 for 7.00pm

January

30th.....Film night

February

27th.....Film night

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Regular Groups

| Group | Meets | Contact |
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| Friendly Club | 2nd Mon of the month..... | see page 7 |
| Rainbows | Tue 5.00-6.00pm..... | Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931 |
| Brownies..... | Tue, 6.00-7.15pm..... | Morgan Wilkinson 07522 997436 |
| Guides..... | Tue 7.15pm..... | bubbenhallguides@gmail.com |
| Sarah Cooke Dance School..... | contact Sarah | Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387 |
| WCC Wednesday Mobile Library..... | Every 4 weeks, 9.40-9.55am | Riverside, Stoneleigh RoadMobile Enquiry Line |
| | from 3rd April 10.10-10.30am..... | Lower End.....01926 851031... |

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