



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

Sand and Gravel Extraction

The Parish Council has submitted a long, seven-page, closely-typed, detailed formal objection to Warwickshire County Council, comprising 40 paragraphs under the following headings:-

History from 1949 to present date.

Proximity to Bubbenhall School, including reference to a previous planning application by Blue Circle Cement with regard to the area around the School, dismissed on appeal in 1972.

Proximity to Village and Conservation area.

Threat to water tables, 'The Spout' and other water springs.

Heavy vehicle traffic along A445 and Weston Lane in particular.

Threat to the two public rights of way W150 and W151 crossing the 'Glebe Farm' site.

Noise and dust from site.

Public accessibility - the proposed closure of the Ryton Landfill site in 1993 and the prospect of the public accessibility for disposal of waste and refuse being transferred to the Weston Lane site, with consequent intrusion into the local amenities, especially at weekends.

The landfill material to be used - the planning application states "inert waste" - and the very real fear that, at some time in the future, this could be changed to "domestic refuse", as at the present Waverley Wood Farm site.

Conclusion - having suffered mineral extraction and landfill operations for 40 years from 1949 to 1989 along the 1½ miles of the A445 from Bubbenhall to Ryton-on-Dunsmore, with the consequent land devastation, traffic problems, noise, dust, smells, litter and other associated problems, the Parish Council regards these new proposals, adding another estimated 25 years to the total length of the sand and gravel operation - a total time space of 65 years - as completely unacceptable on humanitarian, environmental, ecological, planning and other grounds, for what is now a pleasant, thriving village community. Enough is, in this context, certainly enough and to spare.

Warwick District Council's Plans Sub-Committee have considered this planning application, and is recommending the Warwickshire County Council's Planning Committee to reject it "on humanitarian grounds, being totally destructive of the amenities of every resident of Bubbenhall for a further generation, having a destructive impact on property values throughout the locality and would put too great a burden on one section of the community".

PARISH COUNCIL (Contd.)

Sand and Gravel Extraction

It is understood that the meeting at which this planning application will be considered will take place at the Shire Hall, Warwick, on 14th December next.

The Parish Council has again asked the County Council that an "environmental assessment" should be carried out on the "Glebe Farm" site.

Recreation Ground The Parish Council has approved the use of the Recreation Ground by Bubbenhall Village F.C., for the 1989/90 football season.

Highways Matters

Weston Lane It is hoped that additional road signs will be erected shortly drawing attention to narrowness and etc.

Stoneleigh Road A new village name sign is to be provided and resited in Stoneleigh Road. The sign will also include the words "Please drive carefully".

Next Meetings - Bubbenhall Village Hall - 7.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 28th November.
Tuesday, 16th January, 1990.
Tuesday, 20th February, 1990.

B.R.A.G.

The Warwick District Council Plans Sub-Committee are to recommend rejection of the Smiths Concrete Limited plans for Glebe Farm.

The District Council can only recommend to the County, who are the planning authority for the determination of this matter, and it is likely that their need for sand and gravel (and perhaps waste disposal sites) will weigh heavily on their decision. We intend to keep up the pressure and shall be despatching our members letters to the County very soon.

For further information contact: Maggi Ward Lynn Brown
Coventry 306006 Coventry 307515

50+ CLUB

Christmas will soon be here, together with all its festive activities, but our members can look back over the last few months and recall happy memories of various interesting and cultural events.

One of the highlights was our visit to Weston-super-Mare on 26th July, and a further coach trip around the beautiful Cotswold countryside during the Autumn Fall was much appreciated by the Club. We have had some very interesting speakers, one of whom was Mrs. Prue Poretta, telling us about her glamorous role as a former Lady Godiva, and also Mrs. Leigh-Kelly, who demonstrated the art of doll-making. A Christmas shopping trip to Redditch has been arranged, and we anticipate an excursion to a matinee performance of Aladdin at the Belgrade during January.

Refreshments were provided by the 50+ Club on Bonfire Night - our proceeds being donated to Myton Hospice, and we will be responsible for manning a bottle stall at the Christmas Fayre on December 2nd.

The group continues to support various local charities by monetary gifts and with blankets crocheted by Mrs. Freeman.

We hope to enjoy future Wednesday meetings in the same convivial way as over the past 2½ years, and by inaugurating Keep Fit, Yoga and Bingo to our itinerary, we feel we have furthered the enterprising spirit which is the 50+ Club.

Mrs. Kath McBroome, Secretary.

Coventry 306915.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL (An additional item)

In connection with the 125th Anniversary celebrations this year, it is understood that arrangements have been made for an oak tree to be planted in the grass verge outside the School, between the service road and the A.445. This tree will be donated by Mr. Peter R. Thompson, the local landscape contractor.

BICYCLE LIGHTS

I have been asked to include the following in this current issue of the Newsletter:-

The Roads at Night - A Special Warning.

There are lots of bicycles in Bubbenhall, and too many of them, it seems, do not have lights.

Not only is this dangerous for pedestrians and car-drivers, as well as the cyclists themselves, but it is also an offence under the law to ride a bicycle without lights.

So, cyclists, to lessen the risk of accidents and to avoid prosecution; PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BICYCLE IS FITTED WITH FRONT AND REAR LIGHTS.

BUBBENHALL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Parties for all ages of children will be held on Friday, 22nd December, at the Village Hall. All village children are welcome - a charge of £1.00 per child is made to help towards costs. Friends from outside the village may be brought for an extra 50p.

The parties will be arranged as follows:-

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	Under 5 years.
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.	5 - 11 years
7.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	12 years and over.

Entertainment and food will be provided at all the parties.

Please complete the slip at the foot of the page, and return it, as soon as possible, with your money to either Margaret Robinson, 21, Moat Close, or Lesley Goodhead, 33 Home Close.

THANKS to all who contributed news for this issue. Copy in writing for the next issue (due out early March 1990) to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall, Coventry. (Coventry 301727).

FINALLY Early Christmas greetings to all our readers, with best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Successful 1990.

BUBBENHALL ART GROUP (Contd.)

We will be making Christmas Cards and decorations during the next few weeks, as well as painting and drawing.

For any other information please 'phone:

Sanna Alexander Coventry 302103.

VILLAGE HALL

1989 New Year's Eve Bow Ball.

Following the great success of the 1988 Masked Ball, we will once again be welcoming in the New Year at the Village Hall.

Last year there were some wonderful masks, and this year, with the theme of "Bows", we hope you will be as imaginative and colourful again.

Numbers are limited, and we must give first priority to members of the village. If there are spare tickets, they will be offered to guests.

Tickets at £8.00 which includes supper, are available from:

Helen Johnson, 19 Home Close. Coventry 306483.

Village Hall Committee.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

The Village Hall is now available for hire on Tuesdays (morning, afternoon or evening). Please contact:

Maggi Ward Coventry 306006.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Recent winners:-

August	£25.00	No.48	C. Caldwell
	£12.50	No.56	M. Ball
September	£25.00	No. 88	C. Haynes
	£12.50	No. 18	F. Lane
October	£25.00	No.100	H. Leman
	£12.50	No. 50	E. Shattock

DANCE CLASSES

Dance classes commenced on Saturday, 28th October, at the Village Hall.

Classes are as follows:-

Nursery Ballet (3-5 years)	9.45 - 10.30 a.m.
Pre-Primary Ballet (6 years & over)	10.30 - 11.15 a.m.
Modern Jazz (6 years & over)	11.15 - 12.00 noon.

For details, please telephone (day/evening):-

Julie Davies Coventry 450601

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

With the advent of Christmas, residents are again advised not to leave their motor vehicles unlocked when left unattended. It is advisable to remove from public view any article of value left in these motor vehicles, as many thefts from this source are still being reported to the Police.

If any resident is away during the Xmas holiday period, it would be a good idea to arrange with your immediate neighbour to keep an eye on your property.

The next meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators will not take place until 1990, sometime in March perhaps, at a date to be arranged later.

R.B.Gardner, Chairman of Co-ordinators Coventry 303546.
Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Watch.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

This has been a good year for the Social Club. The Gala Day and Flower Show were very well supported, and Bonfire Night was enjoyed by a large crowd this year.

We are running our Christmas Draw again and hope to sell tickets around the village - the Draw is taking place on Sunday, December 17th, at the Malt Shovel.

The Boxing Day Walk is on as usual, leaving the Malt Shovel at 9.30 a.m. A raffle will be held when we get back - all money to go to Myton Hospice.

The Club runs various trips throughout the year - details of these are on the notice board in the Malt Shovel. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Mary Long Coventry 302840.

BUBBENHALL MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Anyone wishing to join our friendly group can obtain a registration form from Wendy Howes (Coventry 306639). The fee is £3.00 per family, which entitles the children to the Christmas Party, and any outings we arrange in the future.

Sessions are held on Thursday mornings, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Future Events

Thurs, December 14th. Childrens Christmas Party will be held in the Village Hall - 12 noon prompt to 2.30 p.m. Father Christmas will be visiting.

Thurs. December 21st. Mums Night Out is being held at the De Montfort Hotel, Kenilworth. Anyone interested 'phone Lesley Batchelor, Coventry 305497.

Wendy Howes, Secretary. Coventry 306639.

BAGINTON PLAYGROUP

The Xmas holidays will be from 15th December to 5th January 1990.

Term starts again on Monday, 8th January. We have sessions from 9.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday session is combined with a mother and toddler session, and anybody is welcome to come along then, or to visit one of the other sessions with their child.

We will be having a Family Disco on 15th December at Baginton Village Hall, from 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Tickets will be available from Playgroup and myself.

We have been fortunate in receiving a donation from the B.B.C. Children in Need Appeal to pay half the cost of 'Play Panels' for the group. These can be joined together to make 'wendy house' type layouts, and they have proved very popular with the children. We will be continuing our Fund-raising in the Spring term with a jumble sale and another cartoon show at half-term holiday.

Thank you to all who have supported our Fund-raising events in the last year whilst I have been Treasurer.

Judith Chettle, Treasurer. Coventry 305164.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL

We opened the new school year on September 6th. 12 new children were admitted, making our number 38.

Harvest With our celebration service in Church, we decided to have a small service in school, to which parents were invited.

125 Years On October 6th, we had a service in Church, attended by parents, governors and former staff. Miss Baber and Mrs. Rossborough were present, and Mrs. Woodward, a former head-teacher, and her son, who could well remember the school and house.

After the service we returned to school, where each child was presented with a celebration mug by the Parents Support Group. A mug was also given to Miss Grimes, Mr. Sykes, Mrs. Bostock, Miss Baber and myself. Photographs were taken by the Courier, who sent extra copies of the paper, so if anyone missed that issue, copies are available at school. The children then had a celebration tea, and parents were given a welcome cup of tea.

I would like to thank the Malt Shovel for their contribution to the school's Christmas party.

The Parents Support Group has bought us a photo-copier, for which we are extremely grateful. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this, and I should also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Chimes for their generous help in providing and installing the copier.

School Performance Wednesday & Thursday, 13th and 14th December at 2.15 p.m. Anyone is welcome, but as you know, we are limited for space, so could you please let us know on which day you would like to come.

Wendy Thomas, Headmistress.

Coventry 303200.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL - PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

To mark the 125th Anniversary of the opening of the school, the children attended a thanksgiving service in the church. This was followed by a party for the children back at the school, where they were each presented with a commemorative china mug, provided by the Parent Support Group. There are still some mugs for sale, price £3 each, either from the Post Office, or from Margaret Robinson at 21 Moat Close.

Forthcoming events include a Pottery Party in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on 12th December, where hand-made pottery will be sold. Also for sale will be children's clothes from "Bee's Knees", toys, books and hand-made jewellery. Entrance is free, and there will be hot punch and mince pies for sale. In the New Year we will be having a Beetle Drive on 19th January, and on 9th March we are planning a Family Disco. Finally, we are repeating our popular "Fun Morning" on 12th May. More details of these events will be available later.

Gwyn Smith, Secretary.

Coventry 306671.

BROWNIES

Jumble Sale. The Brownies and Guides together held a Jumble Sale on November 2nd, and raised over £100 towards District funds. Thanks to all who contributed jumble and to those who helped on the night.

The concrete flower tubs outside the Village Hall have survived the long, hot summer and have looked very attractive. They have now been planted with bulbs, so should look bright again in the Spring.

The Brownies joined the congregation of St. Giles for the Harvest Festival and on Remembrance Day.

BROWNIES (Contd.)

This year, as part of our Christmas celebrations, we are holding a "Celebration of Words and Music for Christmas" at St. Giles on Sunday, 10th December at 4.30 p.m. The service will be taken by the Brownies and light refreshments served afterwards. There's plenty of room in Church - so we hope all families and friends will join us.

Brownie meetings are held on Wednesdays, 6.00 - 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, and all girls aged 7-10 are welcome. Next term begins on January 10th.

Contact: Jackie Lloyd
Suzie Bristow

Coventry 302836
Coventry 418425.

GUIDES

Thank you to all those who supported our Car Wash in September - we raised £32 for our funds.

Our sponsored Knit in October was great fun! Many thanks to all those who helped out with knitting pins and gave us wool, and sponsored us. We shall be sending about £180 to the Children's Society - a great effort by everyone concerned.

Thank you also to those who gave us jumble - we raised £140 for the District Christmas Party. The Brownie Party will be held at Marton Village Hall on December 3rd at 3 p.m. There will be a Disco for Guides in the New Year.

Sandra Barnsley, Guider.

Coventry 303876.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP

Our monthly meetings are still well attended by our loyal members. We shall be looking for new committee members as from February. It has, however, been suggested by the present committee that a survey be carried out round the village to find out the general interest that the ladies would prefer from this Group, and hopefully, we may be able to attract some new members.

We have had two charity events recently: the Car Boot Sale in September and also the Charity Dress Hire Fashion Show. Thank you all for your generous support. An amount of £100 was forwarded to Myton Hospice and £55 to Baby Life-line. Both Charities have given their sincere thanks for our help.

Our next meeting will be on 14th December in the Village Hall when all members are invited to come along to our informal Christmas gathering, and get into the Christmas spirit over sherry, wine and mince-pies, and perhaps some good Carol singing.

On 26th January we shall be going with partners for a meal at Bobby Brown's Restaurant in Leamington. Transport will be provided.

We shall have the AGM in February. If you are interested in joining the Committee please put your name forward to an existing Committee member.

Valerie Powell (Publicity)

Coventry 307469.

BUBBENHALL ART GROUP

The Art Group welcomes all new members. We are still having classes on Tuesdays:

4.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 9 - 12 years.

6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. 12 years and over.

but the Friday class has changed to the afternoons.

1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Adults

If you would like to join, please bring an overall or wear old clothes.