

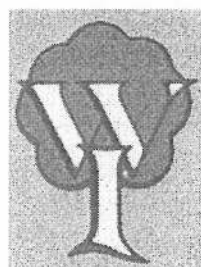
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FAMILY NEW YEAR SHOW - "TRAVELLING BY TUBA"



The next production sponsored by the Weston Village Hall Committee, in partnership with the Warwickshire Live and Local touring theatre organisation, will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 10 January 2004** at 4.00 pm.

"Travelling by Tuba" is a musical show for all the family (from age 5+) presented by one of the UK's busiest and most successful classical duos. The show provides a whistle-stop tour of music from around the world, using all sorts of wonderful instruments from the conch shell, to the Viking Horn, via the medieval Sackbut and the Serpent, to the Sousaphone.

There will also be: a didgeridoo, a can-can dancing tuba player and an explosive ending vaguely related to the 1812 overture! A great fun show for both children and adults, definitely one not to be missed!

Details and bookings : Ray Kirkwood on 01926 632 368.

Live and Local Committee



Bubbenhall Newsletter

November 2003

Parish Council

Parish Councillor

One parish councillor wishes to step down as soon as possible. The vacancy was advertised but no nominations for election were received. We now seek a volunteer who would like to be co-opted to the council. If there is more than one applicant then the existing council will choose who should be co-opted. This is an opportunity for you to contribute to our village. If you are interested please contact Mick Jeffs, our Clerk, on 01926 337195 or email michael.w.jeffs@eggconnect.net

Security

PC Mike Overall has been appointed as Community Beat Officer and has attended council meetings. There have been a few crimes and attempts and the council is looking into the possibility of making escape along footpaths more difficult, moving the public telephone box and closing the entrance to the village hall car park when it is not in use. If you have any ideas for reducing crime please contact a councillor (list on the notice board)

Road Works

The council is pleased at the curbing work which has been carried out in Pit Hill.

The council has chased the county and district councils to get grass mown and hedges cut back during the summer months.

Coventry Airport

A decision is still awaited on the proposals for a new passenger terminal at the airport. A lot of background material is available on the website of Warwick District Council under planning (www.warwickdc.gov.uk).

Stoneleigh Park

A planning brief which envisages great changes to Stoneleigh Park (the site of the Royal Show) is under consideration. It proposes rerouting of roads, building of a significant number of houses, a larger hotel and use of the site for wider rural purposes instead of just agriculture. The council opposed the scale of the proposals as being inappropriate in the Green Belt.

Local Plan

The draft of a new Local Plan for Warwick District is expected to be released for public consultation in the next month or so. This will set planning guidelines for the next five years. The council will look at this in detail when it is published.

Planning Applications

A number of applications for extensions to property have not been opposed by the council. Two proposals have been refused by the council. One is the subject of an appeal and the other applicant has submitted a proposal for a smaller structure which has now been approved.

Finances

The expenditure of the council has been much as expected. It has been necessary to repair a swing in the playground and further advice is being obtained before commissioning other

repairs of play equipment. Insurance has increased significantly to cover the new play equipment obtained in the past year.

The Spout

The long-running issue of the drying up of the spout has taken up considerable time. Meetings have taken place with the county council and Smiths Concrete and an independent hydrologist is to be appointed to give advice on practical options. Hopefully the position will be clearer by the end of November.

Spout Garden

The council is disappointed that progress in improving this area has been slow. A work day is being arranged. If you wish to volunteer to help in any way please contact Councillor Peter Wilkins on 024 7630 5534.

Consultations

The council has commented on many matters including the changes to Tollbar Island and proposals for a Freight Route Map to route lorries away from villages and lanes
Mick Jeffs, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01926 337195

WANTED

Clerk to the Parish Council

Our Clerk has given notice that he wishes to retire at the end of March 2004 at the latest.

The job involves about 21 hours a month and the salary will be in the range £1815.66 to £2162.92 per year.

The main duties are dealing with agendas and minutes for the council meetings which take place about every six weeks, administering the council's money and miscellaneous matters which arise.

It would be great to have someone from the village.

Please contact
Councillor Mrs Jackie Lloyd, Hill Cottage, Stoneleigh Road, Bubbenhall, 024 7630 2836 if you are interested or require further information.

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.

We would also like to thank the Committee of the Bubbenhall Fruit and Vegetable Show for their very kind donation of £100 towards our production cost funds – it is very much appreciated. Also to help boost the funds the committee will be fund raising at the Christmas Fair to be held in the village hall on Saturday 6th December. We will be having a "Secret Santa" where children can do their Christmas present shopping for parents, family or friends. It will be a "Secret Stall" where the children can shop in private for that perfect gift and we will also gift-wrap it for them!

We shall also be running our Turkey Raffle. Once again this prize has kindly been donated by Heart of England Farms and the previous lucky winners have been pleased with their prize.

A member of the committee will also be coming around the village to sell raffle tickets to win a farm fresh free-range traditional turkey to be collected before Christmas.

Village Hall Verandah Fund - Delivery of local village Christmas cards.

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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 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.

First delivery cards to be with either of us by Wednesday 10th December for delivery by Friday 14th December.

Second delivery cards to be with us by Wednesday 17th December for delivery by Friday 19th December. Will you receive a card with the special local postmark? For further details telephone **Margaret Robinson on 024 7630 5931 or Gill Prudhoe on 024 7630 7747**

Christmas Fair

This year the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 6th December. It will follow the traditional format with Father Christmas leaving the Three Horseshoes Pub at 1.45 and will travel through the village, arriving at the Village Hall at 2pm. As usual a collection will be made for **Children in Need.**

To book a stall please contact either.
Lesley Goodhead 024 7630 6964
 or
Margaret Robinson 024 7630 5931

Christmas Lights & Carol Singing

After the success of last years Village Christmas light switch on and Carol Singing we are planning to repeat the event this year.

Please turn on your outdoor Christmas Lights at 5pm on Sunday 7th December, and then why not join us carol singing around the village. As last year we will be collecting for the much needed Verandah for the Village Hall.

Please meet at the Village Hall at 5.30pm where we will split into groups so hopefully we will be able to cover the whole village.

At 7pm we will return to the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies. Please come along and join us the more the merrier.

Luminaries will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December why not buy a few to decorate your garden.



Heart of England Farms

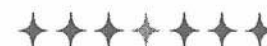
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 6.30pm Grade 2 Tap
 7.00pm Grade 3 Ballet
8.00pm Adult Disco (everybody welcome)
Wednesdays Bubbenhall Village Hall
 2.45pm Baby Ballet/Movement
 3.45pm Grade 1 Ballet
 4.30pm Primary Ballet
 5.15pm Junior Tap Class
 6.00pm Disco Class
 6.45pm Intermediate Ballet Class
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Harvest's over - next stop Christmas!

Well, sometimes it feels like that, but it's not quite true. Thank you to everyone who decorated the church for Harvest and brought gifts of produce. We were able to pass the food on to Norton House, a Day centre for homeless people in Coventry, where it was gratefully received and immediately put to good use.

Special services for the rest of the year:

Wednesday December 24th 4.30pm
Christmas Eve Crib service

Thursday December 25th 8.00am
Christmas Day Holy Communion

Thursday December 25th 11.00am
Christmas Day Family Communion

Friday December 26th 4.30pm
Boxing Day Nine Lessons and Carols

We would be pleased to see you at any (or all) of the above services. It does seem a bit early (it's mid-November) to say Happy Christmas, but, since I've already heard the first carols in the shops, it must be OK, so I'll say it anyway.

D. Wintle

St. Giles Church

Bubbenhall

St Giles Church news of Family Services

Following the re-arrangement of the service schedule in May, Family Service is now on the fourth Sunday of every month at 11.00 am.

In September we celebrated our Harvest Festival, and the Guides had Church parade and entertained us with a short sketch. We also sang all the traditional Harvest hymns. As a result of the special collection held at this service, £125 was sent to the charity WATERAID, to help communities who have no mains water to turn to when their local "spout" is polluted or runs dry. Thank you for your generosity, everybody.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Enid Southam, who has done so much for St Giles during the years she has lived in Bubbenhall. I am especially grateful for all her excellent work with our young musicians in the time that I have been organising the Family

Service. We wish Trevor and Enid a very happy retirement in Scotland: our only complaint is that it's too far away. Family Service now urgently needs someone to take over from Enid in organising the Young People's Orchestra: if you feel this could be for you, please get in touch with me.

Finally, advance notice that the Family Service in December will be on December 14 at 11.00, and will be our annual Christingle Celebration. There will not be a family service on Dec 28, but don't forget the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.30 as usual. May I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year

Mrs. Rosemary King, Lay Reader.
Phone 01788 573067
mobile 07970 061538
email rbking@fish.co.uk

St Giles Bellringers Tower News

Quarter Peals

The ongoing programme of monthly quarter peal attempts continues with four more successful 'firsts'. Congratulations to Sandie Rombach, Margaret Robinson, Peter Sheen and Lesley Goodhead.

Calendars/Tea-Towels

We have a number of 2004 calendars for sale with Bubbenhall appearing as May. This year, instead of photos, the churches are illustrated as paintings by two local artists from Aston Cantlow. They are really very attractive and a bargain at only £4 each.

Also available are tea towels, which depict a map of the Bells within the Coventry Diocese. Again Bubbenhall appears! Costing just £4 these make excellent Christmas presents. If you would like to buy a calendar or a tea towel, please contact Chris Dunn on 024 7630 2481 or Beryl Lock on 024 7630 6246

Poets Corner

We are often asked 'what are you calling/shouting at each other when you are ringing?!' Perhaps the following will help to answer that question:

*When GO is called we don't depart
At STAND it's time to sit
Our HUNT does not involve a fox
By BLOWS no one is hit.*

*ROYAL for us involves no Kings
Though QUEENS may there be found
No one is tempted to revolve
When comes the call GO ROUND*

*When STRIKING we are hard at work
The BALANCE you have to feel
Five COURSES do not make a feast
But just a QUARTER PEAL*

*A SINGLE ringer may be spliced
A SPLICED one still unwed
And when we shout to someone BOB
It may be Jo or Fred*

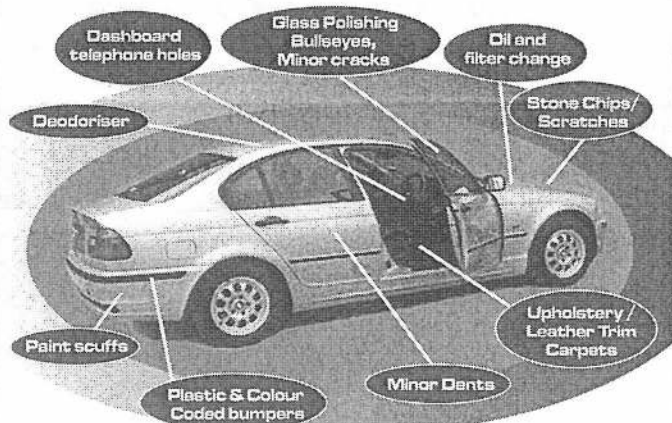
*When LEADING WRONG we may be right.
When IN we're not at HOME
DELIGHT may bring us all to grief
SURPRISE may be well known*

*So if you watch us at our task
And hear the words we call
There's only one you'll know and love
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(Origin unknown)*

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Prizes are as follows:

January

£50, £25 & £12.50

February to November

£25, £12.50 & £10

December

£50, £25 & £12.50

The cost is only £1 a month, which we collect annually in advance. Collections for 2004 will start during December.

We have 157 paid up members.

Numbers 17 & 62 are spare, so if these are your lucky numbers reserve them now for 2004. Numbers 160 to 200 are also available. If we can sell all 200 numbers we can increase the prize money.

If you are not already a paid up member and would like to join the 150 Club please contact one of our Agents:

John Long 024 7630 2840,

Bob Cragg 024 7630 1827 or

Mike Wareham 024 7630 6894.

The Prize Draw takes place at one of the Village Pubs on the last Friday of each month. Planned dates, subject to change are:

November 28th

The Malt Shovel

December 6th

The Village Hall at the Christmas Fayre
The Winning Numbers during 2003 have been:

January 1st

1st Richard Wormell 7

2nd Brian Eady 64

3rd Brenda Salt 123

February 1st

1st Gill Green ' 144

2nd Mick Shaw 4

3rd Dick Smith 72

March 1st

1st Jan Stobart 53

2nd Mark Holt 39

3rd Ted O'Neil 18

April 1st

1st Dick Smith 72

2nd Chris Morgan 14

3rd Eileen Braidwood 108

May 1st

1st Steve Mascari 128

2nd Angus Sibley 126

3rd Ashley Simpson 89

June 1st

1st John Deely 25

2nd Patricia Harkin 117

3rd John Green 113

July 1st

1st Lynne Brown 86

2nd Mary McCarthy 12

3rd Rosemary Cragg 22

August 1st

1st Brenda Salt 123

2nd Pete Hodgson 156

3rd Brian Eady 3

September 1st

1st Patrick Aylward 92

2nd Mary Jones 118

3rd Gill Green 144

Support The Club and your Village Pub come and join us on Draw Night about 9 pm.

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The delightfully attired ladies and guests assembled in the sun dappled rose garden. Gazebos and fine linen hat brims provided the shade from the overhead sun. Cool champagne, kindly donated by the Malt Shovel, was sipped.

The giant screen allowed a wonderful view of the days events, dainty laughter and gentle applause was the order of the day. It was to change! Vertiginous heels together with copious amounts of champagne provided more "fallers" in the Malt Shovel paddock than were

contemplated at Ascot.

The wind rose, dresses fluttered and so did the Gazebos. Hands held hats, Jalal held the Gazebo. (It was nearly the last we saw of Jalal.) By this stage we were far from careworn. Spirits were soaring far higher than the Gazebo!

Our sponsors Cumberland Meat Packers, Ladbrokes Racing, Macham Contractors, The Malt Shovel & Terry's Off-licence should be grandly applauded for providing for such a fantastic day.

Terry Holcroft acted as our professional "Bookie" and Ladbrokes donated a £50 bet for the Gold Cup that won at 2-1 odds, providing £150 for our charity. Roll on next year, a new day, a new charity & a new hat!

Louise Kingham

Footpaths in Bubbenhall

The County is pressing on with improvements to the surface of Nunwood Lane, the bridle path from Paget's Lane through Wappenbury Wood which is often waterlogged in winter. This is part of a popular walk (and ride) to Eathorpe and Wappenbury through ancient woodland linking the Avon and Leam Valleys.

A new metal gate has replaced the old one in Watery Lane near Broomhill Farm, incorporating a large kissing gate. This will improve access for walkers as well as security for stock, and is part of the ongoing work on the Centenary Way, the main through route for walkers in the parish.

The Parish Council decided to rejoin the County Council's Parish Paths Partnership, which means that we can apply for funds for improvements once we have done a survey of the paths in the parish. Fortunately, Bubbenhall's footpaths are generally in good condition, thanks to the excellent work of Geoff Glover and his team. But maybe you know of problems to be tackled or improvements which could be made. If so, contact **Ian Henderson 024 7663 9841, email ianhson@aol.com who will soon be doing the survey.**



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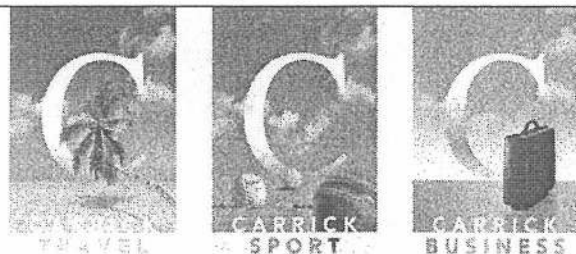
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We appear to be still a "low crime risk area" which is a good thing but we must not become too complacent and if anything suspicious is seen it should be reported to the police at once by dialling 999.

I have to-date only knowledge of one incident. The vandalism of the telephone box on the village hall car park when an attempt was made to steal its contents.

Christmas will soon be here and residents are asked to be especially careful in securing their properties and contents as this is the time all sorts of criminals like to get their presents and fare at your expense.

Sadly this will be the last insertion I shall make to the newsletter as for personal reasons I have resigned from the Neighbourhood Watch.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a crime free New Year.
R. B. Gardner

Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

It is time to get out your 'posh frocks' for our next do on Saturday 6th December. In the village hall we welcome back The Louise Mayer Duo who entertained us so well last November and we hope that lots of you will be in the party mood after the Christmas Fair. Tickets are £15.00 each including a cooked supper etc. Please bring your own glasses and drink. Supper will be relatively early with plenty of dancing afterwards.

On to the New Year when we are trying something new for us. On March 6th we are joining forces with Pat Pritchard to put on our version of a

medieval banquet. Pat has a wonderful pedigree from Coombe Abbey and with help from us it should turn into a highly enjoyable evening.

Thanks to all who joined us at the Highwayman's Supper at Warwick Castle in October. That Highwayman obviously likes cleavages as well as jewels!! I believe we all enjoyed it despite the coach problem - sorry about that.

Tickets for the Christmas dance are available from
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Rose Cragg 024 7630 1827 or
Marilyn Cox 024 7663 9045
See you all there
Judith, Margaret, Heather, Chris, Sue, Rose and Marilyn.

What's on at Provost Williams School?

The event shown below will be held in the school at Ryton-on Dunsmore

Children's Xmas Disco
12 December 2003
6.00 - 7.00pm
(Nursery children to infants aged 7)
7.30 - 9.00pm
(Juniors aged 7 to 11)
For more information please contact
Vicki Ledger PTA Committee member
024 7663 9402

Regular Groups

Group

Friendly Club
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group
Rainbows
Brownies
Guides
Baginton Parent / Toddler
Cubs
Scouts
Bubbenhall Garter Group
Ryton Pools Volunteers
WCC Friday Mobile Library

Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years
Bubbenhall Youth Club
Sarah Cooke Dance School
St. Giles Bellringers Practice

Meets

Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tue 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Periodically
Every Friday 9:00 a.m.
Fortnightly 11:50 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Fortnightly 12:05 p.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Every Saturday, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Friday 7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday (see advert)
Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Venue

Village Hall
Village Hall
Village Hall
Village Hall
Village Hall
Baginton Village Hall
Methodist Church Hall Cubbington
Ryton Church Youth Centre
See notice boards
Visitors Centre
"Ellesmere" Stoneleigh Road
Lower End
Village Playing Fields
Village Hall
Village Hall
St. Giles Church
St. Giles Church

Theatre Trips

Theatre trips this year have included Miss Saigon, CATS and Disney on Ice. Watch this space for next year's trips.

Garter Group

Treasure Hunt

The annual Garter Group Treasure Hunt was held on 12th June. 10 cars took part and the winning team was made up of John and Viv Farrow and Iain and Jan Stobart.

Next year's treasure hunt is to be organised by Norman and Georgie Busby who were the lucky winners (?) of our names out of the hat competition.

A donation of £80 was made to Myton Hospice with the proceeds of the evening.

Thank you to all who took part.

Barry and Jeanette Tipper and Ashley and Jane Simpson

At our last AGM we agreed that money held in the Garter Group Accounts should be used to purchase something that all villagers could benefit from – we decided on benches for the park area. I am pleased to report that Garter Group has now purchased 2 wooden benches which the Parish Council will be arranging to site shortly.

Given that interest in Garter Group has dwindled in recent years we need to agree what is to happen with the remaining funds held in the account. Whilst it is anticipated that the Treasure Hunt will continue as an annual event, there is insufficient interest to keep the Garter Group going as a separate entity – so really we need to wind up the account and spend the balance.

I propose to organise a meal out in the New Year (date and venue to be advised) to which all former members of Garter Group are invited. This will be an opportunity to have a get together and to agree what the remaining funds are used for. If you would like to join us for the meal please confirm to me by 31st December. Otherwise should you wish to put forward a suggestion for how the money is spent please let us know.

Liz Paul 024 7630 2047

Bubbenhall Friendly Club



For our first October meeting we went a little further afield to Stratford where we had an enjoyable lunch and then visited the Butterfly Farm which was very interesting. Our second meeting in October was a pub lunch at the Red Lion at Hunningham, which was enjoyed by all who participated.

Mrs. Pinks will be giving an icing demonstration for our first November meeting, with an opportunity to buy some ready-made cake decorations. A shopping trip to Merry Hill has been arranged for mid-November so hopefully those who join us will be well prepared for Christmas! Velma has kindly invited us to Bubbenhall House for sherry and mince pies at the beginning of December and then we finish with our traditional Christmas lunch in the village hall on December 15th.

The Friendly Club committee and members would like to say a huge thank you to Dot Sibley who recently organised a raffle to raise funds for the club and managed to raise nearly £250.00. Well done and thank you very much to Dot and to everyone who contributed in any way. The winners of the raffle prizes were as follows.

6 x bottles of wine
Geraldine Leman
Basket of fruit
Ward family
Spring-cleaning kit
Liz Paul

Chocolate hamper
Julia and George Upton
Malt Whiskey
Beryl Lock
Leather handbag
B Clarke
Bottle of Wine
Pat Roberts
Margaret Powell
Geoff Glover
M & S Voucher
Chris Dunn

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Duncan Sibley and Mark Holt who organised a golf day and donated the proceeds to the Friendly Club. This amounted to about £350.00. Thank you very much to all the golfers who took part.

We have also been very fortunate to have received a cheque for £100.00 from the proceeds of the Bubbenhall Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show. This was totally unexpected and we would like to thank the committee very much indeed for this donation.

Now our funds are so healthy, it means we can plan trips and events, which otherwise we would not have been able to do. Thank you to all who have helped.

Sadly, in June, Reg Richardson, one of our members, passed away after a long illness. We would like to express our sympathy to his family. He was a very lively member of the Friendly Club and will be sadly missed.

Bubbenhall Village Hall

Annual Chairman's Report for 2002-03

The Village Hall has continued to provide an excellent meeting place for a wide variety of village activities catering to all age groups and interests. The current groups are essentially the same as last year namely the Guides and Brownies, the Toddlers, the Football Club, the Youth Club, the Rainbows, the Friendly Club and Sarah Cookes' Dance School. We continue to benefit from the twice-weekly surgeries provided in the Hall by the Clarendon Medical Practice and by the regular use of the Parish Council. The hall also attracts a wide variety of one-off bookings and has been actively used this year for the large meetings associated with the Bagington and Rugby airport campaigns.

The management committee of the hall has again provided its support to various special events during the year. Following the great success and wide

interest in the Jubilee weekend in 2002, an ambitious set of events has been planned for the Summer Fete to be held on June 28th. This as well as various indoor social events held during the year under the auspices of the Entertainment Group make a valuable contribution to the funding of the hall itself or to activities/developments linked to the hall. The expanding "100" club under the guidance of Mike Wareham is an increasingly important source of funding.

The past year has also seen further progress in upgrading the facilities of the Hall. The balance of the ENTRUST grant that was reported on last year was spent on the provision of a proper tarmac surface for the rear overflow car park together with proper edging and an access ramp to the field for cars for special events. The same funding enabled us to also patch up the tarmac on the main car park and improve the drainage from that part of the site. This is not a complete job and

the committee recognizes that further funding for this purpose will be needed in the next year or so. Additionally, the sub-committee under Jenny Kendray successfully raised more than £35,000 from the WREN charity (also funded from the landfill tax) to provide a major upgrade of the children's play equipment on the playing field. We are also grateful for support funding for this project from the Parish Council and the Rural Initiatives of the WDC. The work was completed more or less on the planned schedule by the late Autumn. We were able to hold the formal opening with Councillor Cliff Cleaver in March 2003. Many thanks to all the parents and children who came along to launch the new gear in fine style. That same event enabled us to officially unveil the memorial plaque to the founding Chairman of the Village Hall namely Alan Gibson. It was a great pleasure to welcome several of Alan's family to that event. We hope that the plaque represents a fitting tribute to Alan's unstinting efforts for the village over many years.

In 2003-4 we will press ahead with the plans for a covered veranda along the front of the hall to protect parents from the elements while awaiting the school bus. We are hopeful of obtaining funding for this from the same sources that have helped us in the past. But fund-raising in the village has already started and will continue with the energetic direction of Margaret Robinson.

The work of the Village Hall relies almost entirely on voluntary support – we employ only a part-time caretaker/cleaner. My thanks are due in this regard especially to Caroline Coles who serves as our able secretary; to Bob Cragg who does a prodigious amount of work keeping increasingly complex finances in impeccable order; and to Graham Johnson who also does a great deal of work beyond that for which he is formally contracted to keep the fabric in good order. The remaining members of the committee offer sterling service to the village through their management of individual societies and special events. We would not have such a thriving village community without their generous and entirely voluntary efforts and they deserve our thanks.

The Committee welcomes new ideas for further extending the scope of the hall's activities especially when these are accompanied by offers of help to get them off the ground. We all look forward to another busy and enjoyable year in 2003-04.

Bubbenhall Village Hall Accounts January-December 2002				Sheet 1/3	
Receipts £s		Payments			
Balance brought forward	14,221.27	Recurrent items			
Fees + other current income		Services	1,058.94		
Clarendon Lodge Medical	480.00	Insurance	438.23		
Parish Council rent	90.00	Cleaning	825.00		
Football Club rent	90.00	Parish Council rent	50.00		
	660.00	Secretarial expenses	30.00		
Fundraising + other receipts		WRCC membership fee	30.00	2,432.17	
Bookings and hire	4,672.00	Cleaning materials	513.84		
Electricity meters	76.00	Maintenance	334.09		
Current account interest	3.54	Fire extinguisher test & renewal	59.93		
Deposit account interest	127.67	Bubbenhall Newsletter donation	50.00		
User group donations	719.55	Improvements	180.00		
	5,598.76	Entrust grant improvements	12,561.73		
Total receipts	6,268.76	Friendly Club donation	18.14		
Total receipts + opening balance	20,480.03	Flowers	25.00		
		Crockery	185.69		
		Other	78.03	14,006.25	
		Total expenditure		16,438.42	
		Add adjusted balance brought forward		4,041.61	
		Cash book total		20,480.03	
Bank Reconciliation at 31.12.2002					
Current account balance statement No 133	2,321.88	2,321.88			
Unpresented cheques	Nil				
Deposits not credited	Nil				
Deposit account balance statement No 15	1,719.73	1,719.73			
Total Adjusted Balance		4,041.61			
Signed					
	A R Roe			R H Cragg	
	Chairman			Treasurer	

Fruit, Vegetable and Produce Show 6th September 2003

As the day approached comments like "what time do I need to book the low loader to deliver my pumpkin down to the village hall" and "I'll have to put my tomatoes under the sunlamp to ensure they are ripe" could be heard around the village as 'show fever' began to build. Cars were left out of garages overnight while the hopeful prize exhibits were stored away from the competitors view.

The committee who had previously organised the Party in the Park had been working hard to plan the show day and ensure its success. The day finally arrived; over 60 exhibitors entered the show with a wide range of exhibits.

The hall was closed at 12.30 p.m. when the judges arrived to begin the unenviable task of judging and awarding certificates. The car booters were also arriving keen to set up and start selling.

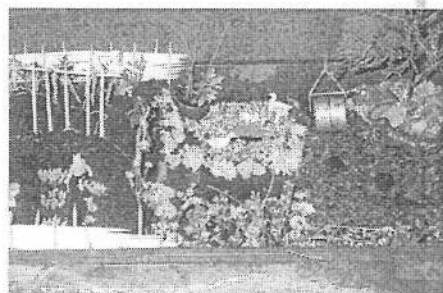
Hot dogs, burgers and cream teas were available and visitors after they had wandered around the car boot sale and bought their bargains could sit in the warm September sun to enjoy a chat and wait for the hall to re-open at 3.30 p.m. when they could see who had won the coveted trophies.

In the evening at the Malt Shovel the presentation of the trophies took place, Mary Long had kindly agreed to present the prizes. This was then followed by the auction and our guest auctioneer Ralph Elliott did an excellent job of encouraging everyone to bid and providing laughs as well.



Results

Trophy
MSSSC Rose Bowl
Winner
Flo Sharp
Class
Most points in domestic section
Classes 1 – 9
Trophy
Candlestick
Winner
Lorna Harrison
Class
Best exhibit in domestic section
Trophy
Christine Mary Naylor
Winner
Lorna Harrison
Class
Best flower arrangement Class 12
Trophy
Ethel Hancock Trophy
Winner
Alan Swinscoe
Class
Heaviest Onion
Trophy
Trophy for best exhibit in show
Winner
Fred Sharp Jnr
Class
EGH trophy
Trophy
Cardellino Shield
Winner
Edward Prudhoe
Class
Best Child's exhibit
Trophy
MSSSC Shield
Winner
Fred Sharp Jnr
Class
Most points in classes 13-50
Winner
Fred Sharp
Class
Jnr Heaviest Pumpkin
Trophy
TOP TRAY
Winner
Fred Sharp Jnr Gold



Bubbenhall Guides

Changes have been afoot in Guides over the summer. In July we said goodbye to Sandra Barnsley who has been with us for 30 years and Georgie Busby who has been in Guiding for about 10 years. We had a farewell evening for them in September with some ex-Guides returning and also ex-Guiders Celia Sykes and Cynthia Davies. There was much reminiscing over old photographs – everyone looked very young!! Sandra always enjoyed candle-lit ceremonies so we made presentations to them by candlelight – see picture. Sandra isn't leaving Guiding completely; she will continue to look after Young Leaders in the District who will become the Guiders of the future.

Guide numbers were very low last year and we had some discussion about whether there were enough to continue. Our numbers have now been swelled by 6 new girls and so we are carrying on with Lesley Goodhead and



Claire Relf as Guiders. Our 6 new Guides will be making their promises before half term.

As well as our weekly meetings we try to do something beyond the Village Hall every term. Therefore, in early October, 8 girls and 4 leaders visited London for the day. At the Guides request we went to see David Blaine (and incidentally saw the Tower of London and Tower Bridge). The afternoon was spent watching street entertainers in Covent Garden. The main purpose of the visit was to attend "The Big Gig" a pop concert at Wembley Arena solely for Guides. The line-up was most impressive – the Guiders even recognised some of the songs and performers! The noise was

also impressive – imagine 10,000 girls screaming!! A memorable, if tiring, day for all.

Guides is for girls aged 10 – 15. We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesdays – 7.15 – 9.00pm. For more details contact
Lesley Goodhead,
33 Home Close – 024 7630 6964.

Bubbenhall Rainbows

We had yet another busy term at Rainbows. Along with the usual activities our Young Leader Rosalynn Holmes organised an enjoyable evening playing games and showing some of her photographs from her recent trip to Australia.

We also joined forces with Toddler Group and raised a staggering £527.42 for children with Leukaemia. Thank you to all of you who supported the children at this event.

At the end of the term we had a great day at Shipston on Stour with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from our area when we took part in a Harry Potter themed activity day.

This half term we have had an autumn theme to our evenings, ending with Diwali. Rainbows is a pre-brownie group for girls aged 5 – 7 years for more information please contact
Margaret Robinson on
024 7630 5931

Bubbenhall Youth Club

Due to the recent loss of several of our older members, the regular attendance numbers have fallen to a level that makes the continuation of the club financially not viable. (Costs include insurance; hall charges, heating and craft table costs etc.)

If the Youth Club is to continue in the New Year it is therefore necessary to:

1. Recruit more youngsters
2. Recruit additional adult help

Youth Club is held during term time at the village hall 7.30 – 9.45 p.m. (existing members note new finish time). Cost £2.00 per night. Any

child over 10 years of age is welcome to attend.

We have pool, snooker, table tennis, darts, table football and air hockey available most weeks along with a craft table and a tuck shop. Activities this term:

November 28th Fingernail art
December 5th Decorated biscuits
December 12th Christmas picture frames
December 19th Christmas party

We are desperate to recruit more helpers either to help on a regular basis or to join a rota to help occasionally. *We would like to stress that if we are unable to recruit more members and helpers the youth club will have to close.*

Anyone interested in becoming a new member or helper please call down on a Friday night or contact either
Pat Long 76304653 or
Anne Kelland 76303470

Malt Shovel Social Club

We shall be having the Boxing Day Walk this year as usual leaving the Malt Shovel pub at 10.00a.m. and returning at about 12.00 noon for our usual bowl of soup (free for all the walkers) courtesy of Alex and Richard. The auction for Myton Hospice will be held in the pub during the lunchtime and items to auction will be very welcome. Please help us beat our last year's record of £1,500.00. Please join us if you can.

I am collecting dog food and blankets to take 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.

We will be holding our tombola stall at the Christmas Fair again come and try your luck – we have lots of prizes.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Bringing Broadband to Bubbenhall

What is Broadband

Broadband is the common term for a high bandwidth Internet connection – one that can send or download information many times faster than with a standard telephone and modem. You can do everything you want online more quickly and more easily with Broadband.

- Your Internet access is always on, like electricity or water.
- You don't have the trouble of dialling up and logging-on.
- You can make and take normal telephone calls while on the Internet.
- Complex downloads are virtually instantaneous.
- Play interactive games at top speed against gamers around the village or the world.

BT has advised that the exchange which serves Bubbenhall (TOLL BAR) has Broadband ADSL but the length of the telephone line from homes/offices in Bubbenhall is too long. The telephone line between homes/offices and the telephone exchange has to be less than 6 km, about 3.5 miles.

As Bubbenhall's exchange (TOLL BAR) is already broadband enabled, registering your interest with BT is of no value.

There is an alternative to BT'S Broadband!

Warwickshire Rural Community Council has recently published details of how Napton has set up a service to provide satellite/wireless Broadband to homes and businesses in villages and rural areas. The service known as Warwickshire Live is installed in about 30 homes and businesses in Napton. Potentially Warwickshire Live could implement a similar facility for Bubbenhall, subject to us agreeing satisfactory arrangements.

An aerial and associated computer equipment is installed at a suitable location in the village, maybe the Village Hall. A small wireless antenna (a box about 10cms square) is connected to each home PC or

business network. A fixed satellite is used which beams signals to the aerial and antenna thus providing access to the Internet.

Although more research is needed, we now need to find out how many homes and businesses are interested. We need at least 25 users to set up a viable system. Estimated costs are: £25 per month per home user plus an initial set up cost of £80. The one off cost of the central satellite and wireless equipment is estimated at £5500. We would hope to defray a large proportion of this, as grants are available for rural community development projects such as broadband access.

The monthly cost for a "business user" is higher than for a "home user", however business grants are available. So, if you run a business in Bubbenhall, no matter how small please let us know so that we can estimate the potential funding.

Other potential benefits to our Village community

- A lower cost "LAN User" version (estimated at £5 per month) enables villagers to communicate via a chat room facility which does not involve connection to the Internet.
- Relatively low cost CCTV camera equipment is available which could be used to significantly improve Bubbenhall's security.
- Wireless connections in the Village Hall and the Village Pubs would enable full use of computers and Internet connection at those locations.

Please tell us urgently if you are interested in Broadband access to the internet, send an email to Mike Wareham at mc.wareham@virgin.net

Please include your name and telephone number. Remember that business grants are available so it is important that you indicate your business name if running a business.

Any queries or if you would like to know more please contact either **Paul Johnson 024 7630 5168** or **Mike Wareham 024 7630 6894**

Rumble in the Jungle



Although the billing may have pointed you toward a fierce contest in deepest Congo, "Tanner's field" proved a more genteel local for this most rewarding of endeavours. Cancer Research will become the beneficiary from the enterprise of Bubbenhall's very own Nature Boy. Fred "Mowgli the Man Cub" Sharp strode purposely into the wilderness early one Friday October morn, only to emerge late Sunday evening to the rapturous applause of the gathered throng.

This most intrepid of adventurers had stood firm against the harshest of elements, proved his detractors wrong and raised a significant amount for an extremely good cause. Well-done Fred.

His brief dictated that to leave the field at any time during his "sentence" would mean that his sponsorship was forfeitable. His limited rations and the sudden Arctic conditions (not forecasted by Michael Fish) conspired to tempt him from his path. To no avail!

There were times throughout this travail that we thought Fred might founder, when loneliness and austerity were taking its toll, a welcoming sight shone brightly on the horizon. The "kissing gate" at the rear of Bubbenhall church squeaked slowly open and the emergence of a rescue St. Bernard together with a rousing tot of Brandy, brought new life to this intrepid explorer. An assorted group of chums then rallied to the cause and provided merriment and sustenance at intervals throughout the ordeal. The campfire provided warmth to heart and soul (and the soles of Fred's boots). For Fred, the whole weekend was a staggering feat of endurance!

Thank you to all of my sponsors.
(Fred Sharp Oct 3rd, 4th & 5th 2003)

Toddlers

In October we once again welcomed photographer Judy Hartland who came along to the village hall to take some fantastic photographs of the children and their families. This wasn't only open to the toddler group members but to anyone who wanted a good, excellent value photograph (*we even had some pets that came along too !!*).

A big thank you to everyone who supported us by either having their photographs taken and to those who gave up their time to organise and run this event. We are hopeful that we will have made some money towards our funds. However, we have not only been thinking about ourselves. At the beginning of this term we joined forces with the Rainbows to raise the magnificent amount of £527.42 for children with leukaemia by having a sponsored activity day. Each child did 26 slides, laps around the tennis court, jumps, skips etc. etc. Great fun for a great cause. Thanks to all those who participated and contributed.

We now find ourselves collecting jam jars to use for our jar tombola stall that we will be running at the village Christmas fair. Talking of Christmas we are also busy organising our end of term Christmas party. We will be having party food, a childrens' entertainer and if we have been especially good and we are very lucky maybe a visit from Father Christmas himself !! Mums will also not be forgotten because we are all going out for a well-deserved childless night out in December!

Now isn't that an excellent reason to come along and join us ?

If you would like any further information please phone **Lori on 024 7630 5355**

Bubbenhall Football Club

We missed promotion by one place last season, just as we did the season before. Forever the Bridesmaid and never the Bride, springs to mind! However, no fear, we live to fight another day and we have got off to a good start. 6 league games to date (4 wins, 1 draw & 1 loss) + 2 cup games (2 wins) Puts us in 2nd place in the Division, quarterfinals of the Divisional Cup and into Round 3 of the Challenge Cup.

We have the majority of last seasons players + a number of new recruits. Thursday evening training is still alive & kicking (good weather has helped) and this seems to be paying dividends with fitness levels come match day.

We have 2 aspirations for this season and that is to attain promotion and win the Divisional Cup. So far so good, but it is early days with a long hard winter ahead.

The committee of the Bubbenhall Fruit, Flower & Produce Show has kindly donated £100 to the Football Club for much needed equipment. Brian Gould, Clive Salt & Darren Tuxford presented us with match balls and our main sponsors The Malt Shovel, has provided additional kit to get us through another hectic year.

The forthcoming Race Night scheduled for late November should put the club in a "sound" financial position. Thank you to all our sponsors and the many spectators that cheer and encourage us on match day.

Brian Wells
Chairman

Dates for 2004

	6 March, 2004 Medieval Banquet	
	19 June, 2004 Mid-summer party	
	11 September, 2004 Fruit, Flower and Produce Show	

All of these functions will be held at the Village Hall and further details will be published in the Village Newsletter and on the notice boards.



Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We are very busy with some of the girls taking professional dancing exams in October with each exam lasting one and a half hours !!

Then we have grade exams in November in ballet, tap and disco.

We have a street dancer coming to take some classes with the older disco class on a Wednesday which should be great fun.

Last but not least two girls are hoping to audition for a London Stage School early next year and so we wish them well with that.