

Bubbenhall Newsletter

November 2012

C&W Gateway Scheme

A controversial development submission for a greenbelt site to the south east of Coventry, West Midlands has today been exposed as a seductive smokescreen to enable local tycoon Sir Peter Rigby to revisit controversial airport expansion plans. The shock news came to local residents after scrutiny of the expansive Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway Development Plans that were submitted to Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council on 12th September 2012.

Previous attempts to gain planning permission to extend the runway and develop the terminal at Coventry airport located at Baginton village, Warwickshire have all failed. It now seems investors there are looking to more subversive methods to garner support for the beleaguered site.

Appendix one of the planning submission - a document entitled C&W LEP Board Meeting 7th September 2011 - minutes that the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway application had not been successful in securing 'Enterprise Zone' status. Instead it outlines a PLAN B to bring forward development and address "potential barriers to growth and other issues outlined in our 5 year strategy" with the ultimate aim of securing airport expansion.

Commenting on the revelation Bubenhall resident and Campaign Director Mark Symes said: "From day one none of the credentials of this scheme have borne close scrutiny. We now believe the C&W Gateway is a Trojan Horse - just one element of Plan B, an alluring bait to allow planners to grant the 'very special circumstances' needed to justify development in the greenbelt."

To this end elaborate promises boast investment figures of £250 million and the creation of 14,000

jobs at a massive logistics and technology park. But a substantial independent report refutes these figures as untenable and condemns the proposal that would engulf the local villages of Baginton and Bubbenhall and obliterate green belt land.

C&W Gateway Development Plans already branded as 'greedy and ludicrous' by a campaign group of local residents now loom with greater menace.

www.bubbenhall.net - Coventry Gateway Objection Campaign

Newsletter Committee

We will be having our 'Secret Santa' stall to help raise funds towards the production costs of the newsletter at the Christmas Fair to be held in the village hall on Saturday 1st December. We would welcome any donations towards this fund raising event so if you have any suitable items such as toiletries, unwanted gifts or sweets or chocolate please contact Gill (3 Orchard Way) – thank you.

We shall also be running our Turkey Raffle and the draw will take place at the Christmas Fair. Once again this prize has kindly been donated by Heart of England Farms. A member of the newsletter committee will be coming round the village to sell raffle tickets to win the farm fresh free-range traditional turkey to be collected before Christmas.

Newsletter Committee

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

Guides

We started back to Guides with a party at the start of the school term. This was held as a 'Thank You' to Lesley Goodhead for all the time she has dedicated to Guides and to give her a small token of our appreciation. Lesley has decided, after nearly 30 years, that she deserves a bit of a rest and Friday nights in (or out).

In the eight weeks back we've managed to complete a cookery badge and had a District Sleepover with a celebrity guest!

The district event was attended by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Young Leaders from the Rugby District and was held at Provost Williams Primary School in Ryton. Most of the Guides braved the cold weather and slept in tents on the playing fields, Brownies in the hall and Rainbows in the Ark.

There were lots of activities to keep the girls busy and the Saturday

afternoon was made extra special by a visit from Pom Bear (with a free sample for each of the girls!)

During the rest of this year we are hoping to complete our Jaguar Challenge Badge and we are also taking part in the Remembrance Parade at Stretton on Dunsmore, a Christmas party and the Christmas Fair at Bubbenhall.

Any girl (between the ages of 10-14) interested in joining Guiding can come along to the village hall on a Friday evening where we meet between 7.15-9pm during term time.

Bev Whiting/Karen Tombs -
7630 2798

Bonfire Night

Captain Salty would like to thank everyone that helped to make the bonfire and fireworks night in the village a great success!

Many thanks



Tenders

Tenders are currently being invited for works to create a new play area for young people aged 12-19.

The planned work will involve upgrading sections of the tennis court fencing and resurfacing the tarmac playing surface to create a 'Multi Use Ball Games Area'. The enhancement of the BMX track will create a mini 'street scene' skate area as well as refurbishing the existing 'pump' track. The project will also install a Youth Shelter on the newly created area.

Further information on the contract specification can be obtained from Cllr Steve Haynes, 5 Home Close, Bubbenhall CV8 3JD; tel: 02476 304176 email: stevercv@aol.com.

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Parish Council



WCC's 5 year plan to resurface. The road will be looked at and re-assessed shortly and then prioritised for work.

Gateway Zone

An Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held in August, which Jeremy Wright MP attended; Alan Roe and Mark Symes gave presentations on their report, which has now been submitted to WDC.

Warwick District Council officers attended an Ordinary meeting in October to listen to the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway planning application. This meeting was set up at the suggestion of Cllr Hammon who felt that Warwick District Councillors and its officers needed to hear the evidence presented to Jeremy Wright MP at the Extraordinary meeting.

Alan Yates from CPRE, also presented at the October meeting, he has been analysing the Savills report commissioned by the developers. Alan drew the conclusion that the methodology used to create the Savills report was flawed; in other words designed to prove only one outcome, that the proposed site was the only suitable location for the Gateway.

The Gateway application will go to WDC Planning Committee on 18th December; Coventry City Council's Planning Committee will meet the week before.

Recreation Ground

A delivery of bark was spread under the play equipment before the start of the summer holidays. Cllr Baker has arranged for the mats under the swings to be cleaned as they are very slippery and the Parish Council is to buy a new seat for the aerial swing as the current one is cracked.

Youth Space Project

Cllr Haynes reported that he has applied for a £10,000 grant from the Rural Capital Improvement Fund which will, if successful, cover the third party money required by WREN. Once the result is known, Cllr Haynes will submit the full application for funding for the Youth Space Project to WREN. The Parish Council has put a further £3,000 towards the project.

Parish Matters

Severn Trent Water: Over the summer a CCTV survey of the drains in the village has been carried out.

Village Green bench: The bench is now fully restored and back in situ.

Highways: WCC have stated that the Stoneleigh Road is not in an ideal condition and is indeed uneven but they do not believe that the STW works are solely responsible for its current profile. Highways have now confirmed that this section of road is already on

Diamond Jubilee: The Jubilee tea party was a great success despite the cancellation of the fete due to bad weather. The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to Cllr Baker and Margaret Robinson for organising the event and also to Bubbenhall Village Events for providing the children's entertainer.

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May, Cllr Joanne Shattock was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Win Nwachkwu re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Parish Council meetings are held 10 times a year; the next Parish Council Meeting will be on 11th December 2012. The dates, agendas and minutes of meetings are published on the village website (www.bubbenhall.info) and also displayed on the Parish Council notice board.

Rose Woodforth - Parish Clerk
bubbenhallpclerk@gmail.com

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Wintle 7630 1283
Reader: Rosemary King
01788 573067
Church Warden: Jackie Lloyd
7630 2836

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to those who helped to make our church look so beautiful at Harvest-time – and to those who baked, planned and arranged for the Harvest Service and tea party in the Village Hall. The Harvest Supper at the Malt Shovel was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Lesley Goodhead for arranging it and to Karen and her team for cooking and serving the delicious meal. Thanks also to the Revd. David Wintle for entertaining us after supper with his melodeon and voice.

Church Porch Doors: Thank you!

Very many thanks to Lesley and Tim Goodhead for very kindly, and most skilfully, stripping, re-finishing and repairing the outside doors to the church porch. The entrance to the church now looks really smart, complementing the meticulously cared-for churchyard.

Christingle Service

Our popular Christingle service will take place at 11am on 9th December. At this service there will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Bubbenhall Christmas Fair

The Church will be holding a stall at the Christmas Fair on 1st December. Your contributions of produce, jams, cakes etc will be warmly received by Sanna Alexander and Jackie Lloyd.

Rosemary King

St Giles' Bellringers

Since the last newsletter we have:

- rung the bells for the start of the Olympics - on 27th July at 8am - along with thousands of other bells (not all church bells!) throughout the country. There is a certificate displayed on the bell ringers notice board in the church tower recording this event, which was received from the Olympic Committee;



- celebrated 3 weddings this year with the bells being rung both before and after the ceremony. (with one being for Marilyn's daughter, one of our ringers – congratulations!);

- had visitors from Kineton on 16th August, who rang a quarter peal;

- and Stoneleigh ringers joined us for practice night on 23rd August as part of their annual 'August' visit. With a mixed group of ringers we were able to ring a variety of methods including bob doubles, grandsire and call changes. The evening was rounded off with the usual jaunt to the pub where much bell banter and hilarity took place.

Looking ahead...This year the Guild carol services will be held on 8th December (Rugby Deanery), venue tbc and 15th December (Coventry

District & Warwick Archdeaconry) at Napton on the Hill.

Since the installation of the church bells in 2000, our practice night has always been held on a Thursday. This has been temporarily changed to Wednesday evening (7.30-9pm) in the hope that this will suit more people, not only our own ringers, but visitors and helpers as well. New ringers/visitors always welcome.

Sunday service ringing takes place on first and third Sundays of the month at 10.30am.

For any information on bellringing, please contact me.

Susan Sheen – 7630 6339

Malt Shovel Social Club

Boxing Day Walk

We shall be having the usual Boxing Day walk leaving the Malt Shovel pub at 10am and returning by about 12noon for our usual bowl of soup courtesy of our hosts Mark and Karen (free for all the walkers). The auction for Myton Hospice will be held in the pub during the lunchtime. Everyone welcome - please come along and join us. Donations of items to be auctioned will be gratefully welcomed by Mary Long and can be delivered to her at any time at 1 Avon Terrace.

Please come along and join us

The Bubbenhall 100 Club - Support your Village Hall

I have 10 numbers available for next year: 76, 99, 104, 114, 127, 129, 170, 171, 182, &185.

Each year almost all numbers are renewed by existing members, so now is the time to grab an available number while you can.

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Bubbenhall 100 Club has provided financial support for the refurbishment work currently being carried out at the Village Hall. This includes renovation and renewal of the Gents toilets and shower facilities. Without your membership these improvements would not be possible. Thank you.

The 100 Club pays out 4 cash prizes every month - £30, £20, £15 and £10. Prize money is doubled in January and December. Usually we do the draw in one of the village pubs on the last Friday of each month.

Here are the lucky winners since June:

June

- 1st no. 62.....Derek & Wendy Howes
- 2nd no. 56Geraldine Lemon
- 3rd no. 68.....Tony Cox
- 4th no. 133Peter Thompson

July

- 1st no.84David Hollway
- 2nd no. 103Ian Thomas
- 3rd no. 113Rod Davis
- 4th no. 28Anita Burrows

August

- 1st no. 10.....Craig Greenway
- 2nd no. 17.....Ian Pattinson
- 3rd no. 87Duncan Sibley
- 4th no. 97Elena Johnson

September

- 1st no. 162...Derek & Wendy Howes
- 2nd no. 193.....Lesley Goodhead
- 3rd no. 151Jackie Farmer
- 4th no. 132Pete Ball

Don't be left out in 2013!

Phone me for one of the last ten numbers available.

Mike Wareham - 7630 6894
mcwareham@gmail.com

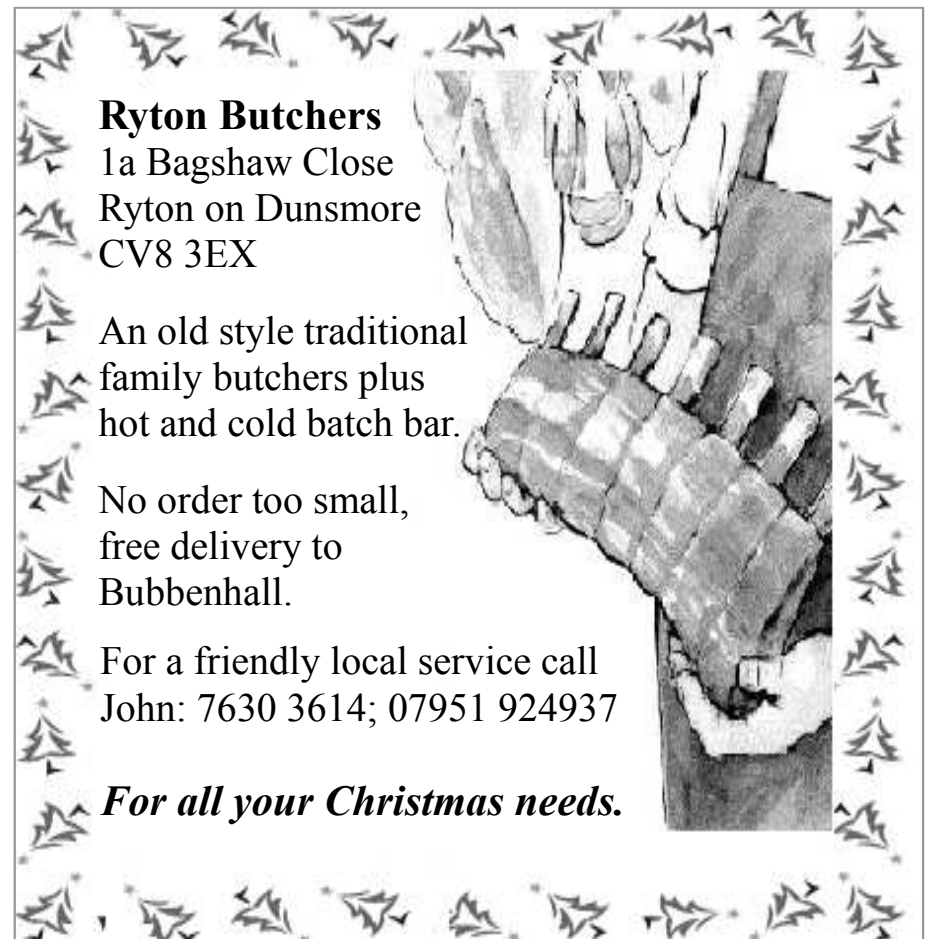
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Sarah Cooke School of Dance



It has been a great start to the new term and lovely to welcome new children into the school. Some children are working very hard towards their exams in November and before you know it we will be having our Christmas parties!

Jacob, Sophia & Lottie are doing dance courses at Stratford college so they will be working very hard and Jenny Rackham has gone to

university in Lancashire to do performing arts.

Panto season is fast approaching I would like to wish the very best of luck to Charlotte Ball who will be performing in the Talisman Theatre panto and also to Gabrielle Bradshaw who will be performing at the Priory Theatre both theatres are in Kenilworth.

I have a few spaces left in the disco class on a Monday at 5pm from (year 3).

Thank you parents for your continued support.

Sarah - 7651 1387
sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Christmas at the Malt Shovel

Santa will once again be visiting the Malt Shovel on Sunday 9th December at 4pm where children young and old can visit him in his Grotto (don't forget your letter to Santa).

Santa will then be switching on the Christmas lights at 5.30pm at the Bubbenhall Spout before leading a procession around the village looking at all the lights.

On return to the Malt Shovel Santa will judge everyone's costumes and make this a festive start to Christmas helped along by seasonal ales, mulled wine, mince pies (contributions welcome) and lots of Christmas spirit!

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Football

On song Bubbenhall FC have been on cloud nine during the early months of the season – enjoying an unprecedented 100 percent record!

Bubbers won every game in August and September and at the time of writing had chalked up wins throughout October – a run of eight wins on the bounce.

The impressive string of results saw Bubbers – under the stewardship of new player-manager Gary Bevan – storm to the top of the Leamington and District League Division Three table, while also making a safe passage through to the quarter-finals of the divisional cup.

A hard-fought 1-0 success at newly-promoted Warwick Saints laid the foundations for the winning sequence. Jimmy Gethins grabbed the only

goal in a game which saw the Bubbers backline and keeper Adam Halford hold out resolutely and Neil Woodfield star in the middle of the park.

The club followed up the victory with a 4-2 success at home to another new side to the division – Stockton.

Simon Thomas contributed heavily to the victory after clashing heads with the visitors' leading marksman – a blow which led to both players experiencing an early morning trip to A&E and a dangerman taken out of the equation (not Thomas!). In the lanky defender's absence the hosts cruised home with goals from Adam Parker, Blake Thomas, Simon Thomas and an own goal (not Nathan Woodfield as reported by other publications).

A long-trip to Ettington followed, and this time Bubbenhall were forced to come from behind for the first time this campaign after Gethins' hopeless back pass left

Bevan stranded. Neil Woodfield provided the equaliser, and Bubbers left it late to pick up another three points when Simon Protheroe picked himself up after being upended in the penalty area to calmly slot home.

A much-changed Bubbers side blitzed visiting Kenilworth Town in late September – a game which saw defender Kevin Dennisur and striker Andy Allsopp make their full debuts. And it was the former who hit a double in his first start – powering home twice from Blake Thomas corners. Thomas also notched, while there were also goals for Gethins, Joe Hewison and debutant Dave Wells in a 6-1 win. Not to be outdone Bevan was also on hand to keep out a late penalty with an impressive stop.

Gethins and Thomas were then on target again as Bubbers enjoyed a 2-0 win at Kenilworth Engine to preserve their lead at the top, before attentions then turned to the cup.



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A home tie with Warwick Saints awaited - opponents who had provided a tough challenge on the opening day. And in a end-to-end game Bubbers took the spoils 4-2 on penalties having ended 1-1 after 120 minutes of football. Simon Protheroe notched the leveller and then netted a penalty, while there were also successful spot-kicks from Dave Protheroe, Gareth Hughes and captain Dave Paget. Stand-in keeper Liam Flowers also palmed away an effort as the winning run continued to gather momentum.

And Bubbers would be forced to come from behind again in each of the following two league games – the side showing great character to record 3-2 wins against both Heathcote Athletic and Bishop’s Tachbrook.



Having trailed 2-0 in the opening minute of the second half at home to Heathcote, Bubbers took the game to the visitors, who caved under pressure as Gethins and Pete Squires both netted to pull the sides level, with skipper Paget hammering home the winner in the dying moments.

And Bubbers produced a comeback win again just seven days later – recovering from an early goal to see off Tachbrook in a bad tempered game. Simon Protheroe scored a fine equaliser, and Nathan Woodfield

got his big forehead on to a looped in cross to turn the game on its head. The hosts forced a scrambled leveller, only for Blake Thomas to grab the winner in the closing stages – making the home goalkeeper look a prize mug at the same time after his hapless air-shot!

So after an unbeaten start to the campaign, and strength in depth all over the park, Bubbenhall FC are well set to enjoy a successful season under the leadership of Gary Bevan. It’s early days though!

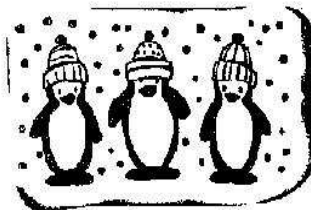
Tying up loose ends from the 2011/12 campaign there were awards for Dave Protheroe (players’ player and manager’s player), and Dave Paget, Stuart Levis and Adam Parker (joint-supporters’ player).

Thanks once again to our on-going sponsors Crescent Garage on Rugby Road in Leamington, the Three Horseshoes pub, and everyone who makes the effort to support the team home and away- it is much appreciated by all associated with the club.

On the August Bank Holiday weekend Bubbenhall hosted Midland Rangers for the right to lift the Richard Elliott Cup. In a well fought out game Bubbenhall came out on top, while Adam Parker became the first winner of the Brian Wells Memorial Man of the Match tankard. Brian was close to the hearts of players and those connected with both clubs, and it is hoped the match will become an annual fixture between the two sides. Fran Wells presented Parker with the award, while Dot presented home captain Dave Paget with the Richard Elliott Cup. A big thank you to everyone who came down to enjoy the match and the occasion.

*Pete Squires
Ian Ward,
Team Manager - 07843 023221*

Delivery of local village Christmas cards



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 from you in return is a donation towards the Village Hall Improvement Fund. Please address your Christmas card envelopes clearly with the name and address and leave them with either Margaret Robinson (21 Moat Close) or Gill Prudhoe (3 Orchard Way).

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Keep a look out!

Margaret - 7630 5931

Gill - 7630 7747

Bubbenhall Friendly Club Carol



Singing

During this year we have had some lovely days including a trip to Moreton-In-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-water; barring a few rain showers it was a great day out and everyone enjoyed the trip. We have also been entertained by the Guide Dogs, and we also had a very interesting and enjoyable visit to their headquarters and had a wonderful time with the puppies.

joining your fellow villagers for some good social meetings then please get in touch with any committee member as we would love to see you. I must stress that without more members the Club may have to close, which will be very sad especially for those members who have such a good time together.

During the year we have seen our numbers fall and as such we only meet once a month instead of every two weeks. This is a great shame as we have such a good time together with Strawberry teas, fantastic cakes, quizzes and a good chat.

Monday 10th December is our Christmas Lunch.

Please make contact:

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Rene Beale</i> | 7630 1727 |
| <i>Beryl Locke</i> | 7630 6246 |
| <i>Margaret Colbert</i> | 01788 787961 |
| <i>Lyn Johnson</i> | 7654 0311 |

The Friendly Club really needs new members, so if you are interested in

Bubbenhall Village Events Committee invite you to join them in an evening of Carol Singing accompanied by the Bilton Silver Band on:

**Thursday 20th December 2012,
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He will then join us for a walk around the village to look at the lights ending up at The Malt Shovel Pub for a warming drink. Donations of mince pies would be very welcome.

Please come along and join in the fun!



two of the tents. There was no way we could have stayed there. We also could not go ahead with our annual walk, cook out and water splash. However we did finish the Jubilee Badge and work on the Olympic Challenge. We finished the term with a party.

This term we have been working on our World Traveller Badge making Passports, tasting food and drinks from other countries and trying on an Indian Sari.

Frankie, one of our Young Leaders, was 18 a few weeks ago. The Brownies enjoyed decorating a cake for her and put on surprise entertainment.

Toddlers

So welcome back to toddlers after the summer holidays. This is a really busy term. As well as having fun playing with all the toys we also have lots of exciting craft work to be getting on with - Autumn leaf pictures, Halloween witches, Bonfire Night fireworks not to mention all the exciting Christmas craft.

We held our annual photograph session with Judy Hartland Photography coming to take our photographs. This is a good fund raising event so thank you to all who supported us.

Our next fundraising event is at the Bubbenhall Christmas Fair. As normal we shall be running our jar tombola. We already have quite a few jars filled as we were not able to run our stall at the annual Bubbenhall Fete and Fun Day as the weather beat us! We may need a few more filled jars just to boost the numbers. I expect Gill Prudhoe will be pleased to empty the wardrobe in her spare room where the jars have been stored!

The highlight of this term is our annual visit from Father Christmas! He will come along to visit the children accompanied by his 'elf

helper' to hear what the children would like him to bring them this year! Make a note of the date - Thursday 13th December. If the children are lucky they will receive a small gift from Father Christmas on that day but only if they have been good. Mum's will enjoy mince pies and coffee - or even mulled wine as it is seasonal!

So if you fancy coming along to join in the fun we meet on a Thursday morning from 9.30-11.30am (term time only). It is not only a morning of entertainment for pre-school children (0-5 years) but also great for mum, dad, nanny, childminders or whoever brings the child to have a coffee and a chat - real good value at just £1.50 per child.

For further information please call me or just come along and see for yourself.

Lori - 7630 5355

Brownies

The end of the summer term was a wash out for the Brownies. At the last minute we had to cancel our first ever camp at Blackwell Court, the mud under the tents was oozing through the flooring and they were pumping the water out from under

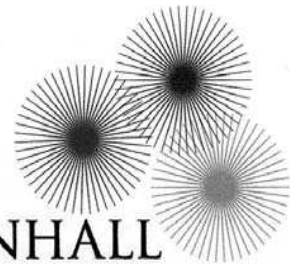
We have joined together with girls from across Knightlow District for a "Bears Bedtime" sleepover in Provost Williams School. We were visited by Pom Bear who gave us all some snacks for the sleepover and has also sponsored a competition. The Brownies have made a short film and are working on some pictures of the sleepover for their competition entry.

Our Young Leader, Frankie, (along with Rachel who helps at Guides) spent 3 weeks in India this summer. They stayed at Sangam, one of our world centres and went out into the community to work. They were in different projects but they both did lots of painting of school rooms and dispensaries and were able to see the contrast between children in India and children in the UK. The girls came back with a very different view of the world; all 5 projects were very challenging.

Sadly, our Unit Helper Sarah is no longer able to help at Brownies due to work commitments. We now have 25 Brownies and need at least 1, preferably 2 regular helpers to keep the Unit going. If you know of anyone who would be able to help then please let me know.

Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674

Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show & Car Boot - A Sell Out!



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

The warm sunny weather saw both seasoned and novice car boot sellers arriving early to set out their pitches on Bubbenhall's recreation fields on 15th September; both buyers and sellers just kept coming and coming. 200 or more car boot enthusiasts turned out to enjoy the event, running alongside the annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show. Sellers and buyers were delighted, praising the event with comments including; "this friendly village atmosphere is delightful", "this event is informal yet really well organised", "please can you run more than one car boot a year", "what a smashing place for a car boot sale".

The sun shone and most of Bubbenhall turned out to enjoy a lovely summer's afternoon packed with attractions. These included: BBQ, Beer/Cider Festival, village stalls, donkey rides, a children's entertainer – 'Daft as a Brush', live music, face painting and a children's fancy dress competition with a Jubilee theme - "60 years of the Queen's Reign".

2012 has been a poor year for gardeners and, as expected, the entries for the Fruit and Vegetable Show were down on the previous year which had broken all records. However, villagers did not disappoint and the domestic section was very popular and you entered a record number of Victoria sponges, sultana cakes, apple pies and preserves and these made excellent items to be auctioned in the evening! We are delighted to report that the Junior section was also well supported.

The ever popular BBQ was a great success with large numbers of hungry visitors and villagers enjoying the burgers, sausages and delicious rib eye steaks which were generously provided by Cumberland Meat Packers and cooked by Mark and Katie Symes and helpers.

Judging of the show was completed by 2pm and entrants returned to the Village Hall to see how their entries had been received by the expert judges. We would like to send our grateful thanks to all the judges who

The winners were:

- Trophy for most points (classes 1-14).....Bryan Phillips
- Trophy for most points (classes 17-52).....Beryl Lock
- Trophy for best exhibit (classes 1-14).....Tracey Cleaver
- Best flower arrangement
.....Jackie Lloyd
- Top VaseRose Cragg
- Top TrayBeryl Lock
- Heaviest Onion.....No entrants
- Longest Runner Bean
.....Karen Allso Thomas
- Heaviest Potato.....Tracy Cleaver
- Heaviest Marrow
.....Ted Hatwood
- Heaviest Pumpkin.....No entrants
- Trophy for any pair of veg not in schedule.....Mike Wareham
- Trophy for best exhibit in Show
.....Mike Wareham
- Junior photography (6-12 years)
.....Jade Greenway
- Junior photography (13-16 years)
.....Elliot Davies
- Trophy for best children's exhibit
.....Jessica Mackie
- Trophy for best garden on a tray
.....Jade Greenway
- Design a poster (under 8's)
.....Chloe Tupman
- Design a poster (9-14's)
.....Hayley Waldron

help us year on year.

All afternoon thirsts were quenched at Bubbenhall's CAMRA LocAle Beer and Cider Festival, arranged by Mark & Karen from the Malt Shovel village pub. Seven great beers and two ciders kept real ale aficionados and others well pleased! Thank you Mark & Karen.

Children were kept busy watching 'Daft as a Brush', a multi-skilled entertainer whose performances included antics on a unicycle, with help to get on the machine offered from adult members of the





trophy winners is included above.

During the day the BVE Refreshments Teams provided, tea, soft drinks and scrumptious homemade cakes. Our thanks to Sue Wareham and her team of ladies who were fully stretched to keep pace with the demand. Sue commented: "Unexpected demand meant we had to take cakes from the exhibition benches to replenish refreshment stocks, but even so we had run out before 4pm".

The evening auction started at 7pm and crowds of villagers came to bid for the produce of the show. Our thanks to auctioneer Duncan Sibley, ably assisted by his "runners" – Angie Greenway and Vicky Fletcher.

The auction was followed by the presentation of raffle prizes and the day concluded with a firework display the like of which has never been seen in Bubbenhall. Organised and set to music by Craig Greenway, it was a magical show and we are so grateful to Craig and also to Wayne Cooke who helped with the careful business of setting off the fireworks. The crowd applauded the pair for their efforts and slowly made their way home after a splendid day of family fun.

As you know this event is organised by the BVE Committee and the committee are delighted this day has been well supported. You will all

Bubbenhall Annual Christmas Carols - 20th December 2012

Brass band music by the Bilton Silver Band combined with YOU singing. All helped along with a complimentary glass of mulled wine & mince pies in the comfort of the BVE heated marquee in the Malt Shovel garden. This event is free of charge as our way of thanking you for your support throughout the year.

remember that we had to cancel our Jubilee Family Fun Day in June due to rain and high winds, so we had been praying that this event would go some way to make up for that bitter disappointment. We never dreamed that it could be so successful and that we would beat last year's numbers, but this has been outstanding with more people than ever having a great time.

The BVE committee have listened to your comments following this year's Annual Fruit, Flower and Vegetable show. You have told us that you enjoyed the fireworks in September, you liked the 'Beer tent' and the donkey rides and much more. Therefore, the committee are working hard at planning for next year. Make a note on next year's calendar the dates for BVE events and watch this space for news on the events.

22nd June 2013 – Annual Fun Day
7th September 2013 – Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show

And last but not least a big thank you to all the villagers, friends and neighbours who so regularly and willingly turn out to help us set up and run the events. We on the committee are very grateful for your support without which it would be impossible to run these large events. It really underlines the community spirit that we enjoy in Bubbenhall.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Carols evening.

Bubbenhall Village Events Committee

audience. He also attempted to catch raw eggs in a colander strapped to his head. Mostly, he missed with the egg breaking on him or close to members of the crowd. A hilarious show for children and adults alike – thanks very much.

Music was provided by Bob Powell on keyboard which added greatly to the general ambience of the day and was enjoyed by all – many thanks Bob.

Trophies were awarded at 4pm by Rose Cragg & Judith Chettle. It is a pleasure to be able to report that several trophies were won and returned to villagers who have been taking part and supporting the show year after year. A full list of all



Bubbenhall Village Hall

Annual Chairman's Report for 2011-2012 (July 2012)

The Anniversary

2011 was an important year - the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Hall in November 1986. We marked this landmark by holding a lunchtime party attended by more than 60 villagers and friends.

In my brief remarks to that event, I noted that the fact that we have a purpose-built Village Hall is little short of a miracle. For many years from the late C19th Bubbenhall, social events had been held in a private house with a sitting tenant – the Reading Room. This house provided a fine basic structure but by 1985 had decayed greatly and had become wholly inappropriate for the needs of an expanding village.

From 1972 when I first moved to Bubbenhall there were many grandiose plans to build a proper VH led by previous chairs of the Reading Room Committee. But nothing at all had come of these plans. Then at the end of a boozy New Years Eve party in 1984, this was all crystallized by (Major) Alan Gibson who sand-bagged a few worse-for-wear party-goers and told them ("ordered" might be a better word) that he wanted them to join a new committee and by the way he said - the core objective was to build a special purpose Village Hall within three years.

There had been enough talking – military style action was now called for! Sure enough it was done and by November 1986 the new Hall was ready to go.

Regular Activities

It is gratifying to me as Chair for the past eleven years since the death of Alan Gibson, that we have again been able to sustain the same high level of regular usage of the Hall

this year and by such a diverse group of Societies: Guides and Brownies, the Toddlers, the Football Club, the Rainbows, the Friendly Club and Sarah Cooke's Dance School. Pilates and Tai Chi have become welcome newer activities and the demise of the Friendly Club that I foresaw (incorrectly) at this time last year has fortunately been avoided.

Clarendon Medical Practice has continued to provide a valuable once-a-week service for those persons who prefer to visit a doctor locally rather than in Leamington Spa. The one-day a week Post Office service has stuttered as the hub-office at Ryton has itself faced problems.

Bubbenhall Village Events (BVE)

Many villagers are somewhat puzzled by the status of BVE in relation to the Village Hall. Let me briefly explain.

The original events organizing committee was formed in 1999 with the sole remit to organise a village event to mark the Millennium. The committee was named 'Bubbenhall Millennium Fund' and ran a successful event in June 2000. In June 2002 a second mid-summer event was organised to mark the

Queen's Golden Jubilee and this again was a great success. This prompted the decision to run a regular annual mid-summer event – the Fete and Fun Day - with the purpose of fostering community spirit as widely as possible in the village. Subsequent to this the committee took on the organization of the annual Flower & Vegetable show when John & Mary Long stood down. Added to that the Christmas Carol evening has now become an established annual event. Other *ad hoc* events are organised from time to time. BVE is now formally constituted as a sub-Committee of the Bubbenhall Village Hall Management Committee.

The June 2011 Fete was a great success – in spite of unpromising weather including torrential rain just before the main parade began. It was well-attended - from early afternoon through to the fireworks display late at night - and proved to be a success also in financial terms. This year we have been far less fortunate. For the first time since the event was staged it had to be cancelled because of the impossible weather conditions on the day before and then the highly adverse weather forecast for the day itself. The BVE Committee made the correct decision to cancel – but nonetheless feel extremely disappointed that this much-enjoyed event had to be scratched from this

Dog Rescue at Honiley



As normal I am collecting dog food and blankets to be taken to the Dog Rescue at Honiley. If you can spare a tin of food or have any blankets to spare please leave them at 1 Avon Terrace by 14th December.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mary Long

Theatre Trips

Lion King is coming to the Birmingham Hippodrome during the summer 2013. A coach load of tickets have been reserved for the afternoon performance on Saturday 13th July. The tickets cost £61 which although expensive they are cheaper and much easier than going to London. If you would like to join us please contact Margaret Robinson (7630 5931) to reserve a place. Tickets have to be paid for in full by 28th January.

year's calendar.

In 2011 too, bad weather forced the annual Christmas Carol event to be moved from the marquee in the Malt Shovel gardens to the Village Hall. Since this move was welcomed by some, we have recently conducted a straw poll to elicit views about the two alternative locations. By a narrow margin the general preference is to revert back to the Malt Shovel site for this year – weather permitting and so this is what we will do.

BVE is currently chaired by Rose Cragg but she is aided routinely by a small army of volunteers. I would like to extend my own thanks to all of them for sustaining the BVE initiative and for putting on some great and complex events on such a regular basis. If you are new to the village or have yet to get involved please offer yourself to join the volunteers or even the organising committee – there is room for more helpers for the future.

Refurbishments

In the past few years I have often felt – and even reported - that we were near the end of the programme of refurbishment and

improvements to the original 1986 through the year. As does Graham Johnson who has once again provided a great deal of very valuable maintenance support in his own unobtrusive but highly effective manner. I await with interest the results of the July 2012 AGM to learn who will have the privilege but also the responsibility of assuming the task of Chairman and Treasure as Bob Cragg and myself both step down after many years – some would say too many - in our respective posts. I have personally enjoyed my eleven years at the helm and would like to thank all members of the Village for their support of our activities during this time. Please continue to use and enjoy the facilities that we seek to offer.

Management

We have been fortunate this year in being able to strengthen the Management Committee of the Village Hall through the recruitment of Sam Baker, Derek Howes, Mark Holt who since last July has been the Deputy Chair, Jeff Vesey and Jon Woodforth. These colleagues also have the great merit of being quite a lot younger than some of the longer serving members of the Committee. But all my fellow Committee members – irrespective of age - are very energetic and active and I extend my sincere thanks to all of them for their support and hard work but especially to Bob Cragg for his unstinting efforts as Treasurer, to Vicky Fletcher for her great efficiency as Secretary and to Mike Wareham for his irreplaceable role as the organiser of the “100 Club”.

Let me again thank Beverley Goddard – our one and only paid but invaluable employee - and her husband Chris for all their hard work during the year. The Bubbenhall Entertainments Group (BEG) have our ongoing gratitude for arranging various entertainment

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Please note the new web address: www.bubbenhall.net.

Alan Roe
10th July 2012

Village Hall Updates:

The following changes to officers sanctioned at the AGM in July:

Alan Roe and Bob Cragg stood down from the offices of Chairman and Treasurer. Officers voted in for the current year are:

Chairman.....Mark Holt
Vice Chairman.....Alan Roe
Treasurer.....Jon Woodforth
Secretary.....Victoria Fletcher

The Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce that the recent refurbishments to the gent's toilets and showers are now complete.

The Committee would like to thank Warwick District Council, WREN and the Parish Council for their contributions toward the funding of this project.

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BEG

On 25th November we are hosting a Sunday matinee performance (3.30pm) of Hansel and Gretel by Fairgame Theatre Company. This has good reviews: "Wonderful, magical.... I came along with my 3 grandchildren and we were all spellbound" says one grandmother.

We are hoping that you will come along with your children and grandchildren to enjoy this event together with cakes, etc, in the interval. This is our first Sunday matinee and it should make a good pre-Christmas treat for all the family.

We will not have another event then till a Saturday evening performance from a group called Albertosaurus at 8pm on 27th April 2013. Live and Local sponsor both these events on behalf of the local Councils, Arts Council, etc, and without this

sponsorship our small community Tickets available from Margaret (21 would not be able to fund these professional performances. Please come along and enjoy yourselves.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall at these events.

Judith (7630 5164), Margaret, Marilyn, Lesley, Jeanette and Heather

Christmas recycling and rubbish collections

There will be **NO** recycling and rubbish collections on **Tuesday 25th December 2012** (Christmas Day).

Your amended collection date for Christmas week will be: **Monday 24th December**. Collections will happen as normal on New Year's Day (1st January 2013).

Please ensure your bins, boxes and bags are presented at the edge of your property by 7am on your amended collection day. In the event of bad weather this winter your recycling and rubbish collections may be interrupted.

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7.30pm - Grade 6 Ballet
8.30pm - Associate Ballet

Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall

2.15pm - Pre-school Ballet
3.45pm - Primary Ballet
4.30pm - Grade 1 Ballet
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Rainbows

All the Rainbows took part in this year's Fruit, Flower and Veg show where Sophie Spencer came 3rd for her gingerbread man and Chloe Tupman won the design a poster competition - well done to both of them.

During September we said goodbye to Jess Stobart and Elle Kendray who both went off to University. We will really miss their help, they both



became invaluable, helping to run meetings and organise craft activities. We are very lucky to have Anna Simpkins helping us at the moment and are always pleased to welcome any help from anyone doing their DofE.

At the beginning of October, 13 of our Rainbows took part in "Bear's Bedtime" with Brownies and Guides from our district held at Provost Williams School. They were all very excited when we had a surprise visit from Pom Bear who provided all the girls with packets of her crisps. 9 of them then took part in a sleepover in the Ark. This proved very exciting for the girls as for some of them it was their first time sleeping away from home.

Before bedtime Lesley Goodhead and I took them out for a walk in the dark with their torches and looked at the stars in the dark. I'm pleased to report they were all fast asleep by 11pm!



During the rest of this term we will be busy making and baking things to celebrate harvest and in preparation for Christmas.

Rainbow's is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. If you would like to add your daughter's name to our waiting list or would like more information please contact.

Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Dawn Hands - 7630 4194

Bubbenhall Youth Space Project

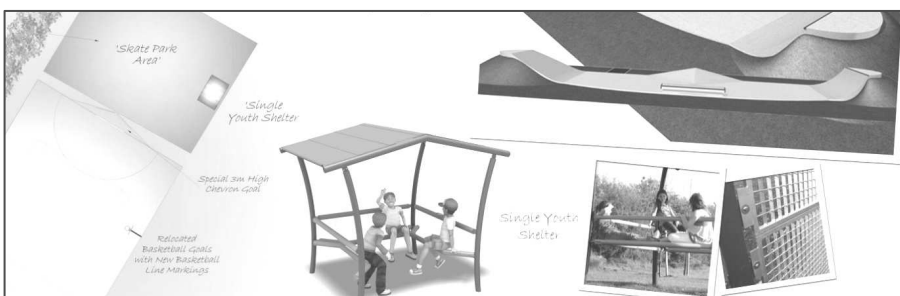
A new play area for young people in the village is being planned by the Parish Council. Suggestions and ideas from young people have been fed into the design of the new area and it is hoped that an attractive, open and safe play area will be created that will become a focal point of the village for young people.

If we are successful in attracting funding then this project will refurbish the existing tennis court and the disused BMX track. The aim is to create a facility for young people aged 12-19 where currently

none exists at present.

The planned work will involve upgrading sections of the tennis court fencing and resurfacing the tarmac playing surface to create a 'Multi Use Ball Games Area'. The enhancement of the BMX track will create a mini 'street scene' skate area as well as refurbishing the existing 'pump' track. The project will also install a Youth Shelter on the newly created area.

Cllr Steve Haynes



Christmas Fair



This year the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 1st December in the Village Hall.

It will follow the traditional format with Father Christmas leaving the Three Horseshoes Inn at 1.45pm and he 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:

Lesley Goodhead - 7630 6964
Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931

 **Children in Need**

Provost Williams Primary School



A fabulous Harvest Assembly was held in October with lots of parents and friends joining us. The harvest table was groaning under all the lovely contributions the children brought into school. Frantic buying took place and the proceeds of over £200 was raised for our charity "Katie's Choice". Thank you everyone!

Years 5 and 6 went to Stoneleigh for the Festival for the Harvest. The children enjoyed learning about bee keeping, making pasta, churning butter, pressing apples and looked at the huge combine harvester.

Year 3 had a trip to the Lunt Fort in Baginton to support their History topic "The Romans". They had to line up like Roman soldiers and practice their "Sin/Dex" (Left/Right) marching!



Year 6 had a wonderful week away at Kingswood, an educational activity centre in Norfolk.

The School Council had an informative and interesting morning when they visited the Lord Mayor of Rugby, Miss Kathryn Lawrence (see photo). The children learned about Local Government in the splendour of the Mayor's Parlour.

The children were also treated to a production of "The Hobbit" funded

by the PTA. It was amazing and enjoyed by the whole school.

Preparations will now start for the nativity production on the 11th and 12th December.

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 7th December, 5.30-8pm. And don't forget the school is closed for INSET day on Friday 30th November!

Dates for your diary - 2012/13

November 2012

- 25.....BEG, Hansel & Gretel, Village Hall - 3.30pm
- 30.....Provost Williams School Closed - INSET Day

December

- 1.....Bubbenhall Christmas Fair, Village Hall - 2pm
- 7..... Provost Williams Christmas Fayre - 5.30-8pm
- 9..... Christingle, St Giles' - 11am

- 9.....Turn on your outdoor Christmas lights at 5pm
Official village lights turn on, Village Green - 5.30pm
- 11..... Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20..... Christmas Carols, Malt Shovel - 7pm
- 26..... Boxing Day Walk, Malt Shovel - leaves at 10am

January 2013

- 15.....Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall - 7.30pm

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	Alternate Mon	Village Hall	Lyn Johnson - 7654 0311
Mother & Toddler Group	Thu, 9.30-11.30am	Village Hall	Lori Slark - 7630 5355
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-7pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides	Fri, 7.15-9pm	Village Hall	Bev Whiting - 7630 2798
Ryton Pools Volunteers	Please contact	Visitors Centre	
WCC Friday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 10.10-10.30am	Ellesmere, Stoneleigh Road	Mobile
	10.35-10.55am	Lower End	Enquiry Line
	11-11.30am	Inside Out Nursery	- 01926 851031
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
St Giles Bellringers Practice	Wed, 7.30-9pm & Sat, 10.30am-12noon		
		St Giles' Church	Susan Sheen - 7630 6339
Young St Giles	First Sun each month, 11am-12noon	St Giles' Church	Rosemary King - 01788 573067