

Bubbenhall Newsletter



March 2019

Bubbenhall Village Events



The annual Christmas Carol Event was held on the 20th December in the Village Hall and, as usual, was free to all villagers. This event is meant as a thank you from the Bubbenhall Village Events team to all villagers for their support in the other events which we hold, namely the Fete and the Fruit and Vegetable show. As last year, it was well attended by more than 100 villagers and the music was provided, once again, by the excellent Bilton Silver Band. The participation was very good with

some great singing from everyone attending, helped along by the free glass of mulled wine and frequent visits to the bar. The mince pies also went down very well.

We were honoured to have three singers who led the audience in a rendition of "We Three Kings", namely



Bob Powell, Mark Holt and Mark McElhatton; thank you gentlemen.

To the delight of the children, Santa put in an appearance with a gift for each child. We are very lucky that Santa takes time out every year from his busy schedule to visit our event.

The Bilton Silver Band enjoy a coming to our village because of the great atmosphere at this fun event and have expressed a wish to come back next year; the booking has already been made.

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Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the March issue in the 32nd year of the Bubbenhall Newsletter. Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles, and to Bob Cragg and his team for distributing the newsletters.

The raffle tickets for the cockerel kindly donated by the Heart of England Farms were sold door to door along side the Bubbenhall calendars. The draw took place at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 1st December and the lucky winner

was John Thorpe of Coopers Walk.

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

During the evening the Bubbenhall 100 Club held a draw for all those participants who had not won a prize previously, and a number of lucky winners were presented with bottles of Champagne. Many thanks to Bob Cragg and Alan Roe for organising this.

Bubbenhall Village Events Committee would like to thank all those who attended for their support, and to those who were unable to attend, make sure you come next time, you really will enjoy it. Thanks must also go to the helpers who turned up to dress the Hall and to help with tidying at the end of the evening; to those who helped on the bar and those distributing song sheets etc. Without this support events would be impossible to organise.

Once again thanks to all of you. Don't forget our other events this year. The Annual Summer Fun Day is on June 8th. To make this event happen we are reliant on the goodwill of our village. If enough people can commit in advance to helping for a short time on the day, we can arrange more fun! Can you spare us a little time on the 8th? If so, please contact Aidan O'Hare on aidan@floatingcrowbar.org. The Fruit, Flower and Produce Show will be on the 7th September.

Don Thomas

For Bubbenhall Village Events

Parish Council Update



Welcome to Councillor Wintle!

We welcome Oliver Wintle to the Parish Council as our new councillor. Oliver grew up in the area and recently lived in Ryton-on-Dunsmore. Many of you will know him as his father is our local Vicar, David Wintle. As his first role in the Parish Council Cllr Wintle has offered to manage the link between the village and our local PCSO and Warwickshire Police, and in future newsletters he will provide up-to-date information for residents. In recent years, with the advent of the internet and social media, the traditional Neighbourhood Watch scheme has come to an end and Cllr Wintle will share information with the village through the Bubbenhall.info website, the newsletter and the village email. Our thanks go to Jeff Veasey who coordinated the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for many years. Cllr Wintle fills a vacancy left by Cllr Corrine Pilgrim who stood down after two years due to other commitments. We thank Cllr Pilgrim for her service to the village.

Woodland Trust – helping us plant for the future...

In a joint application with Bubbenhall Rainbows, the Parish Council has secured 30 saplings to plant from the Woodland Trust. It has been agreed that the Rainbows and any other children who would like to join in will plant these to fill gaps in the hedge/trees at the back of the recreation ground, to keep it smart and giving us shelter for many years to come. If you or your child can offer to help the Rainbows in their planting endeavors, please contact Rainbows leader Margaret Robinson at therobinsons72@btinternet.com

Litter Pick 2019

In keeping with the theme of keeping our village green and healthy for the future, Chair Cllr Lucas has organised another village litter pick on Saturday 6th April 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please come and support the Village Breakfast to give you extra litter picking energy before we start – all funds from the breakfast go to support the fabric of St Giles' Church. Last year's event was very successful and a large number of bags of litter were removed from the village.

Anyone for tennis?

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new tennis net in time for the Summer season, and have commissioned a box to be made to store it in. We hope villagers enjoy their efforts to replicate Wimbledon and help keep the net in good order by storing it away in the box if it is not being used.

Fence along path between Coopers Walk and Moat Close

The Parish Council are delighted to report that we approved our contractors Heritage & Sons to clear the footpath verge and install a new fence. This was completed in January and now ensures villagers are safe from the ditch between the verge and the farmers field, and the area looks smart and tidy once more. If you notice damage to any Parish Council land, please inform the Clerk as soon as possible.

Village Green & Pond

Village residents Tony Sproul and Cyril Hancock (currently out of action but hopefully fully fit soon) along with gardener/handyman Alan Merrick, regularly maintain the village green area. Their latest efforts should ensure that the pond is free from algae going for-

HGVs

There appears to be an increase in the number of HGVs using village roads and lanes again, and so we are re-instating the HGV survey. We are asking all residents to report any sightings of HGVs using village roads or lanes to admin@bubbenhall.info and please supply the following information: Time and date; name of road seen on; direction of travel; Company name and registration if at all possible

ward. Having spent lots of time and a variety of "solutions" for clearing algae over the years, victory is hopefully in sight! They have laid an underground piped feed of spring water from a source further up Pit Hill directly into the pond, with an exit pipe into a nearby drain. This will give a controlled level of water in the pond and additionally water movement to prevent the build-up of algae.



The village green area is one of the first impressions visitors get of Bubbenhall, and we are grateful to Tony, Alan and Cyril for keeping it looking so welcoming and tidy.

'We're watching you'... campaign to reduce dog fouling

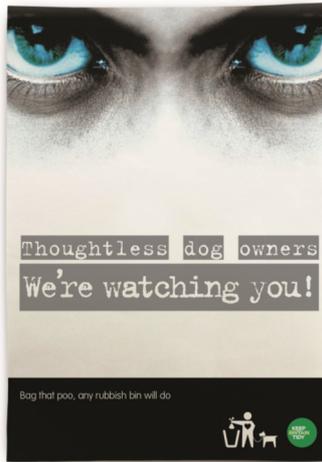
An innovative national campaign to reduce dog fouling is coming to Bubbenhall, aimed at those few dog walkers who don't scoop the poop. The Parish Council have joined forces with the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. It is based on the idea that owners will not leave dog faeces if they think they are being watched and uses signs, that are visible after dark as well as during the day, to suggest 'we're watching you'. The campaign pilot led to a 46% reduction in dog fouling in problem areas with up to a 90% reduction in some areas since. We hope that we will see the same results in Bubbenhall.

Recreation Ground

RoSPA Report

The report from RoSPA was received in December 2018 and once again concluded that the playground was in safe working order. Some areas do require attention, including:

Multiplay unit – the roof needs



sanding back and painting. The Parish Council are in the process of getting quotes to repaint the whole unit to keep it looking smart.

Toddler swing – the chains need replacing in the future and as the seat is also looking tired, the Parish Council are getting quotes to replace both items.

Trim trail – some logs are showing signs of decay. The Parish Council will work with contractors to make repairs where necessary.

Moles

Mole activity had been identified near the skate ramp and the seating unit at the back of the hard courts. This has been addressed by our contractor. If you spot mole activity please report it to Cllr Baker at samanthabaker4@yahoo.co.uk – mole hills can cause the ground to become very uneven.

Gateway South Planning Application

Despite a substantial number of objections from Bubbenhall and Baginton residents, at a meeting on 12 December Warwick District Planning Committee voted to approve application W/18/0522 for the development of land south of Coventry Airport. The Parish Council was pleased to see so many letters of objection from villagers and thanks those residents who turned out to support the councillors who spoke at the planning committee meeting. The application was referred

to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, but in a letter of 9th January the SOS declined to call in the application. Several of the many conditions attached to the application have been subject to revision. The Parish Council is going to raise the issue of Erosion of Conditions in a couple of upcoming meetings with the WDC planning department.

Grit Bins

These have all been filled in case the 'Beast from the East' returns to Bubbenhall this year. Please let the Clerk know if any bin is empty as we will organise for it to be re-filled.

Could you be our next Councillor?

Through these articles we hope you'll know that when people in Bubbenhall need support and guidance, it is often the parish council that is turned to. By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support and a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

There are likely to be vacancies on the Parish Council by the AGM in May, so we do need some villagers to think about coming on board. If you are interested in becoming a councillor and making a difference in Bubbenhall, then please have a chat with any of the current councillors. Our contact details are on the website.

Please come to our meetings!

The next meeting of the Bubbenhall Parish Council is on Tuesday 9th April. Please do come and let us know about your ideas and any issues you may have. Meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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DANCING CLASSES

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Monday

4.15pm – Infant Disco
5pm – Junior Disco
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7.30pm – Grade 5 & Classical Award Ballet
8.30pm – Grade 5 and intermediate Tap

Wednesday

2.15pm – Pre-school Ballet
3.45pm – Primary Ballet
4.30pm – Grade 1 Ballet
5.15pm – Junior Tap
6pm – Senior Disco
6.45pm – Intermediate Ballet
7.45pm – Pre Associate 1
8.30pm – Adult Tap

Classes are also held in Dunchurch,
Wellesbourne and Long Buckby.

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Mrs Sarah Cooke, MIDTA & RAD Teaching Dip.

Provost Williams Primary School



There's lots to report from the past few months at Provost Williams. Perhaps the most important news to share is the results of our recent Ofsted inspection. The school has been awarded 'Good' by Ofsted, which is a fantastic outcome. Here are some of the findings of the inspection:

Teachers are clear about the progress that pupils must make

The quality of teacher assessment has improved

Governors are well informed and have a very clear overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the school

Pupils are polite and well behaved. They focus well in lessons and join in with enthusiasm

There are strong relationships between pupils and staff

The school supports a healthy lifestyle

We are very proud of this result for the school and will continue to do all that we can to provide a good standard of education and care for our children so that they enjoy their time at Provost Williams.

Another highlight since our last update in the Bubbenhall Newsletter was the Year 6 residential trip to Culmington Manor in Shropshire, where the children pushed themselves to achieve their very best in a wide range of outdoor activities, including high ropes, caving, archery, zip wire and abseiling.

In November we celebrated Stupendous Science Day. The children had a fantastic day making slime, investigating the effect of carbon dioxide on raisins in water, finding out how a lava lamp works, watching how ink reacts on blotting paper and creating mini explosions.

We celebrated Christmas with a whole host of fun events and then in January Year 1 and 2 stepped back in time to learn about life as a Victorian as part of their topic for the term. They discovered the strict Victorian classroom with its back-straightener, the back-breaking Victorian laundry where they tried using the mangle and grating soap and learned about the differences above and below stairs. This fantastic trip brought the topic to life for the children and helped to inspire their classroom learning.

At Provost Williams we do lots of different things to encourage healthy lifestyles. All our pupils from Reception upwards take part in the Daily Mile where they walk or run a mile around our all-weather track each day along with their teachers. In January we invited "Change Makers" in to the school to teach the children about the importance of healthy eating and getting active.

In February we took part in Safer Internet Day, a nationwide initiative, and held a whole school assembly to talk to the children about staying safe on-line. Internet Safety is a subject we take very seriously at school and our staff reinforce this at every opportunity. We hope you enjoyed reading about some of the highlights of the past few months.



Having a book clear out?

Finally, we would be really grateful for any donations of children's books you no longer need for our school library. You can simply drop off any unwanted children's books with Catherine Scotcher at 11 Orchard Way who will deliver them to the school.

Invitation to join our Stay and Play sessions

Remember if you have a pre-school aged child then you would be most welcome to come and join our Stay and Play session on a Monday morning from 9 - 11am in the Ark. We welcome children from birth onwards as long as they bring a grown up along too! Karen Tombs, our Playworker, would love to see you! A small charge of £1 per family per week is requested to cover the cost of equipment, toys and refreshments. Parents have said what a difference it made when the time came to move up to our Nursery Class. Please feel free to contact the school on 02476 302166 for more information.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Thank you to everyone who kindly supplied milk bottle tops - they came in from far and wide. We managed to complete the milk bottle top garland all the way down the front and side of the village hall verandah. We hope that you managed to see it over the festive period. We do not now require any more milk bottle tops but if you would still like to recycle them Lush the cosmetic retailer will take them for reuse for packaging. Thank you to everyone that helped.

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Bubbenhall First Responders

January saw Bubbenhall First Responders holding a further successful Basic Life Support Workshop for anyone who was interested in learning how to perform CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). Some of the delegates had previously attended and took the opportunity to refresh their skills and others were completely new. Learning CPR can help save a life.

Statistics show that there are over 30,000 cardiac arrests in England a year outside of the hospital approximately 80% of the cardiac arrests take place at home and

every minute that goes by where a patient of a sudden cardiac arrest does not receive treatment, it is thought that their chance of survival decreases by 10%.



20% occur in public places. The overall survival rate in the UK is 1 in 11. (Source BHF 2018).

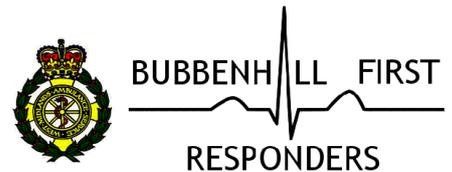
If a defibrillator is used and effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is performed within 3 – 5 minutes of the cardiac arrest, the survival chances can increase from 6% to 75%. For

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held 7 April, 2019 at 18:00 at the Malt Shovel. All residents are welcome to attend.

Quiz night

Don't forget to make a note on your calendar for our Quiz night, this will follow the AGM on 7 April 19:00 for 19:30. Reserve your team's table, with either Rose 07850 626279 or the Malt Shovel 76 301141



Lemon Drizzle Simnel Slices

Cook Time: 40 mins Cuts into 16 slices

Ingredients

250g Softened butter 250g Golden caster sugar, plus 50g for topping 2 large lemons, zested and juiced
 3 large eggs 200g plain flour 100g ground almonds 2.5 tsp baking powder 50ml milk
 100g mixed dried fruit 300g marzipan, chilled 50g icing sugar 11 Chocolate mini eggs as an alternative

Method

1. Heat oven to 180/160C fan/gas 4. Oil & line a 20cm x 30cm baking tin with baking parchment
2. Beat the butter & sugar with most of the lemon zest until pale & fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing constantly, then add flour, almonds & baking powder. Keep mixing until you have a smooth batter then stir in milk & dried fruit.
3. Put half of the mixture into the tin & level. Coarsely grate half the marzipan onto the mixture to create an even layer then cover with the remaining mixture. Level the top and bake for 35-40 mins. Test with a skewer after this time, if wet mixture clings to skewer bake for a further 5 mins.
4. Mix the remaining caster sugar with a quarter of the lemon juice and drizzle over the warm cake. Leave the cake to cool in the tin.
5. Mix icing sugar with enough lemon juice to make a drizzly icing @ 2-3 tsp should be enough. Divide the rest of the marzipan into 11 even lumps and roll into balls. Drizzle the icing over the cake, top with the marzipan balls and sprinkle with the remaining lemon zest. (You can replace the marzipan balls for chocolate mini eggs.

Rainbows

We have been having fun at Rainbows this term making marshmallow snowmen and having dressing up snowman races. We have also been looking after the wild birds by making fat ball feeders. We took part in the Rugby Division cookery competition by icing biscuits, each girl creating her own design and of course eating them after the photographs had been taken.

During March we are working towards our first Skill builder's badge - Skills for my future. There are lots to keep us busy as we are hoping to complete the badge by Easter along with Mother's Day gifts and Easter crafts. They are also doing their 'book lover's' badge starting off with World book day which is celebrated in most schools at this time of year.

We have been very fortunate to be joined by Ciara this term; she is currently studying at Princethorpe college and is planning a career in education. What better way is there to experience working with children. We're hoping she doesn't go off to University too soon. She is under the careful guidance of our wonderful young leader Anna.

Rainbow's is a pre-Brownie group for girls ages 5 -7 years if you would like to add you daughters name to our waiting list please go to Girlguiding.org and click on join us

For more information please contact Margaret Robinson on 02476305931

Guides

Bubbenhall guides re-opened in September and we now have 10 very enthusiastic girls.

We started on the new programme and have completed skills builder badges in the theme of Know Myself. This included designing bags unique to each girl – they now use them to bring their books to guides. In our December workshop girls had a go at drilling in wood and at using pyrography to burn a design on a woggle to use with their new neckers. We also tried geocaching but have yet to look for the ones in Bubbenhall.

This term we are working on Skills

for My Future. One of the challenges was to plan an event so we ran a Macmillan coffee evening with the Brownies and raised £120 for Macmillan. We are also working on badge developed in partnership with Amey on engineering.

Looking towards summer we will be going camping and enjoying a lot more outdoor activities.

More girls, and adults, are always welcome. Contact Stephanie Mason on bubbenhall-guides@gmail.com.



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Christmas Eve Crib Service It was lovely to welcome so many children and their families to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generous contributions to the collection, as a result of which the Children's Society will benefit from a donation of £103.75 once all the tax has been refunded by the Gift-Aid scheme.

Christmas Flowers Many thanks to all those who gave their time to arrange flowers, for donations and flowers given for Christmas. The Church looked lovely.

Churchyard Maintenance Congratulations and thank you to all the people who have worked so hard and so loyally all year to keep our churchyard a place to be proud of; heartfelt thanks. If any other residents could spare an hour or so once or twice a month to help in the team, please contact Jackie Lloyd for details of dates and times in 2019.

Children at St Leonard's Church We love having children in our church, and there is always provision for them at our 9.30am services. Bubbenhall families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us.

2nd Sunday in every month: Village Worship. The most informal of all our services. We start in the Church Centre (warm and welcoming) with workshop activities for children, and coffee,

puzzles and chat for grown-ups to get to know one another. At about 10.00 we move into church for a short and child-centred service. There is no need to be there on the dot of 9.30- people drift in as soon as they can make it.

4th Sunday in every month: Family Service. An all-age service of readings, songs and activities with everybody, young and old, in church together. Children always participate in the readings/ drama sketches etc. and several people bring instruments to accompany the songs.

Rosemary King

Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2nd Monday, when we enjoy a pleasant afternoon. We would welcome new members, so please come along and join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

Contact details:

Margaret Colbert 01788 878961
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Ryton Pools Country Park

Easter Comes Early!

Generally speaking it is the Easter holidays that demarks the transition from the practical work of winter, into the more visitor-focussed summer season. This year however, the remarkable early spring weather brought this forward into the February half term. Both the park and our events were busier than we have ever known it so early in the year, and it was a joy to see.



Dunsmore Living Landscape Project

We are delighted with the new bushcraft shelter that has been installed in Children's Wood. It has already seen plenty of action over the holidays with several campfire and dens events taking place. It was enthusiastically received by the children, and adds an exciting focal point for the events. An unexpected boon for us rangers is the great acoustic qualities of the shelter that give a bit of added resonance to our voices! To finish it off we will be adding some screening to the sides and a stone fire pit.

Wildlife is also a key component of the Dunsmore Project and this spring we have 6000 trees to plant in the park to create one mile of new and enhanced hedgerows in the park. These hedgerows will consist of an impressive thirteen different species (carefully selected by Ranger Ben C) to maximise their ecological benefit.

Education Program Refresh

Education ranger Jenny has been working hard with our design colleagues in Warwick to spruce up our online Education Program brochure. It has been re-branded to give a more exciting and

professional look that will really appeal to primary schools looking for an exciting trip out.

Improved Parking

In advance of the summer season we are having a tarmac surface laid on the hard standing areas beside the drive. This will provide more ordered parking and help to alleviate the congestion at the busiest times.

Craig Earl
Senior Countryside Ranger
Ryton Pools Country Park

Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal, a big thank you from Mary Long to everyone who donated dog food and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley. It was all delivered the week before Christmas and as normal they were extremely thankful and pleased to see us.

As always thank you for all your continued support. *Mary Long*



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The special draw that we promised in our previous Newsletter entry duly took place on the evening of the Christmas Carol Service in the Village Hall: a draw just for those members who had had no win in the past three years. The winners of the six bottles of champagne were :

Rose Cragg
Pete Wilkins
Norman Busby
John Sanders
Pat Hancox
Gill Prudhoe

Well done to them – a reward for their patience over previous years

For all of our supporters we can remind you that there are four prizes every month and so there is a total of 48 prizes during the course of the year. Try getting odds like that on the National Lottery !!!

We now have some 8 or 9 free numbers available – so please contact Bob or myself if you would like to be included in the draws or would like an additional number: a good buy at just £12 for the year (12 monthly draws). We plan to collect the subs for 2019 starting in April.

Thanks for your support. Just a reminder that monthly draws are normally held on the first Friday of each month in The Malt Shovel – so please come along at around 9.30 pm if you want to watch any of the draws in person. Results are published regularly in the Bubbenhall Newsletter. Please email Alan Roe at alan.roe14@gmail.com or Bob Cragg at bobcragg41@gmail.com to reserve numbers for future draws and to raise any questions about the system.

Alan Roe

For the 100 Club committee

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- 2nd Ian Stobart
- 3rd Bob Powell
- 4th Chris McCabe

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- 1st Sandra Hoffman
- 2nd Sarah Perry
- 3rd Jo Upton
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Bubbenhall Breeze Belles



The first half of our winter programme has gone well; we had a great Christmas get together/ Quiz and mini Prize Giving at the Malt Shovel on 10 December. Prizes had been kindly donated by John Atkins Cycles, Leamington Spa www.johnatkinscycles.co.uk and were awarded to:

Best turnout on Monday evenings: Luciole Brosse
Best turnout on Sunday morning: Vicky Fletcher
Best overall turnout: San Johal
Most improved rider: Vino Clarke

The weather has not been kind to us since the New Year; several rides have had to be postponed due to high winds or ice. Hopefully as you read this article, Spring will just be around the corner and we can start looking forward to some improvement in the weather.

Our summer programme will start with our first Monday ride on 1 April. Rides will then be planned for alternate Mondays and the Summer Sunday rides will commence 7 April every alternative Sunday – depending



leaders availability. The rides will vary in length to give everyone the opportunity to join us. Extra rides may be arranged depending on demand, and will be posted on the Bubbenhall Belles FB page.

on We have an excellent opportunity to participate in some British Cycling coaching. This will be for ladies of all cycling ability and will take place at Keller Limited, Oxford Road, Ryton on Dunsmore, 10:00 – 12:00 I am just finalising the date, but places will be limited so booking essential. I will post details on our FB page.

All ladies of any cycling ability over the age of 18 are welcome to come and join us on our rides, we are a friendly group. Do not be put off if you think you will be too slow, we never leave anyone behind. We cycle along relatively quiet roads although it is inevitable that we have to use some busier roads for short durations. The accent is on riding for pleasure together with a bit of social fun and is suitable for riders of all abilities. So go on, dig your bike out of the shed or garage, dust it off and come and join us.

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and spare some time to help to shape our children into the adults they will become!
Please call the school or see Miss Hall for more information and thank you!



Grow Your Own

Well, what will the growing conditions be this year? So far we have avoided snow and the temperatures in February were balmy (but not good for garlic, which likes a cold snap). Now is the time though for sowing brassicas and leeks, preferably with some protection such as a cold frame or greenhouse. Easter is late this year but is a useful marker of when to start off sweetcorn, French beans and courgettes, again best under cover or for the latter in a propagator. Hopefully we won't have to do so much watering this year.

Although not really suitable for showing at the Fruit, Flower and Produce show in September there are cut and come again plants that are very good for eating and can look quite decorative in a flower bed. Lettuce such as Red Salad Bowl is a common one, but others to try are **Rainbow Chard**, with its multicoloured stems, and Borecole Cavolo Nero, which has become quite fashionable in cooking.



Baginton Mill Allotment, Mill Hill, Baginton has plots available, and enquiries can be made at the "hut" Saturday and Sunday between 10.00 and 11.30 am. Wolston and Brandon Allotments and Garden Association, Stretton Road, Wolston also has plots (contact Ray French, 02476 544753).

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Brownies

Our Christmas Fun Day at Offchurch Village Hall was a great success. We spent the day making Christmas crafts and doing some cooking. After an early Christmas dinner we played games in the park outside the hall.

We finished the term by presenting the girls with their first Skills Builder Badge for 1st Aid and then rounded it off with a Christmas Party and a visit from Father Christmas. Two of the Brownies have also completed the Baking badge from the new Programme. Interest badges are to be done at home which is a change to how we used to do them.

This term we have started working on a project from Amey Engineering whose aim is to get more girls into engineering and science. We have looked at structures, deciding which shapes

give us the greatest strength and then building them out of cocktail sticks and sweets. We have also looked at the layers in a road and copied this with Oreos, chocolate crispies and chocolate buttons with marshmallows making the road markings on top. We look forward to carrying out other challenges during the rest of this term.

The County Cookery Competition has taken up some of our meetings. The Brownies must design and make a salad. We have had a practise which went fairly well. I am not sure about melted chocolate on lettuce, but they assured me that it tastes delicious. We are hosting the District final in May when Marton and Wolston Brownies join us for the evening. Whilst doing this they had a taste test of different chocolate and voted Aldi cheapest

as their favourite. The County Finals will be held in June.

We are looking forward to our Brownie Holiday based on the Greatest Showman. Some of the girls will come for the Saturday whilst the older ones will stay for the weekend.

Now that our numbers have increased again, we really need a Unit Helper who could commit to being at Brownies on a regular basis. Please ask around and see if there is anyone who could help. We also need someone to help with Gift Aid, a job that has been neglected for the last few years.

Beverley Suffell

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Bubbenhall Litter Pick

Volunteers required

Saturday 6th April 2019 10:30 – 12:30

Meet at the village hall at 10:30am



Continuing on the success of previous years, we are holding another litter pick this year. Volunteers required please - we will provide litter pick sticks and rubbish bags, all we need is pickers to comb the streets and pick up litter!

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Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

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Our next event is on Saturday 6th April, 7.30 for 8 pm start, when we welcome Kel Elliot and her three man orchestra for her latest show The Listening Project. Kel is a talented singer and songwriter who also plays double bass and with her 3 man orchestra and a total of twenty instruments will make a sound that is richly bluesy cafe-jazz to lift our spirits. Kel has entertained us in the Village Hall before and was well received. We hope that many of you can join us again for this evening of music and song. Light refreshments and a raffle will be available and the Village Hall committee will provide a bar. Tickets are available from Margaret 02476 305931 or on the door if you can risk us selling out beforehand.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the family matinee before Christmas. The 3 Little Piglets entertained us well and there was a lot of laughter and audience participation, a lovely pre-Christmas treat. These shows feature professional artists and are provided by the Live and Local organisation subsidised by our local council, Lottery and the Arts Council. This is our opportunity to enjoy an evening of great entertainment in our own village hall at £10 per adult, £8 for under 18s.

Please come and join us for a good evening ,

Judith and Margaret

We are having another busy term getting ready for our March dance exams.

This school year certainly seems to be flying by, with four of our older pupils getting ready for their next ballet teaching exams in June. Well done to Jess who got a Distinction for her ballet teaching exam in December and Danielle who also gained a distinction for her tap teaching exam.

I am very pleased with all our pupils who took exams in November / December; the grades were really good due to their hard work. Particular mention goes to Charlotte, Maddy, Danielle and Gabby who are all busy auditioning to do dance / musical theatre diplomas / degrees in September with places already being offered.

Beware

Warwickshire Trading Standards has received reports that fraudsters are making unexpected (cold) phone calls to Warwickshire residents, claiming that they are calling from the resident's local district or borough council offices and stating that the

resident is owed a refund on their council tax. The fraudster then asks for the resident's debit or credit card details, so that the 'refund' can be paid on to the card or into their account.

Trading Standards Officers suspect that these bogus phone calls are being made now as new council tax bills for 2019/20 will shortly be sent to residents. **NEVER** provide your bank or debit/credit card details to any cold callers, no matter who they claim to be. **You could have money stolen from your bank account.** If you think a call is genuine, phone the organisation back using a publicly advertised telephone number. Use a different phone or wait a few minutes to ensure the previous caller has hung up.

Also be aware of a 'security company scam' operating in this area where a telephone call is received by householders. The caller purports to be from a Security Company and may state that they are endorsed by Warwickshire Police and/or West Midlands Police. The caller then seeks to make an appointment with the householder to review security at the householder's property.

Householders are advised that Warwickshire Police, in common with all other police forces, **DO NOT** endorse any companies, including so-called security companies.

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Christmas on The Green - Bubbenhall 2018 9th December

What a wonderful crowd we had at last years' Father Christmas arrival party. It was easily our best turnout so far. For your diaries this years' party will be on Sunday the 8th of December - weather permitting!

We have now established the party as setting the expectation and atmosphere for the arrival of Father Christmas and the beginning of the Christmas festivities in our village!

The participation of such large numbers of villagers- and visitors - showed how much everyone enjoys the mince pies, the hot food, the mulled wine, the music, the singing and welcoming Santa's arrival.

As usual we were indebted to the selfless help and commitment of our support crew.

Thanks go to Iain Randall and to helpers Steve and Gail Haynes, to Helen, and to Sulak, Linda, Jay and Sam for the delights of hot samosas and spring rolls. Thanks also to all of our villagers who cooked and provided mince pies! Special mention to Gayle and her friends for decorating the two growing Christmas trees.

And finally to you for being there!

Santa's reindeer proved to be so busy this year that we were unable to borrow him. However as a reference to the nativity, Gill Green was able to bring along two miniature donkeys to compliment the scene and to meet particularly the children!

Special mentions must be made of the Parish Council and their support for the Village Green lights, Tom Stobbart for providing the power to drive Santa's sleigh, Peter Sheen for producing the carol sheets for the parade through the village, The Malt Shovel and everyone who contributed into our collection bucket - and of course not forgetting Father Christmas.

There was also a surprise "invasion" of mobile stalls selling light sticks and general fun stuff. We are not quite sure where they came from or how they knew of our party but by and large they added some colour!

See everybody this coming Christmas!



Malt Shovel Social Club

Boxing Day Walk

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the walk and the auction.

Overall we raised £1100

A big thank you from Myton Hospice.

Penguin Post

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our service of delivering your Christmas cards locally around the village. We were certainly kept busy and we raised £102.60 for the Village Hall.

Thank you for your support.

Margaret and Gill

Village Hall News

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It's lovely to start this year's newsletter with a series of HUGE Thank Yous.

The first goes to Mark Waldren and Michelle Clark for their help, patience and commitment over the years in producing the Bubbenhall Calendar and to Gill Prudoe and Margaret Robinson for braving the rain, cold and sometimes even snow, to knock on local doors to sell them to our friends and neighbours. Since the first calendar was produced they have raised thousands of pounds for the Village Hall and with the 2019 calendar being the last we felt it necessary to highlight how grateful we are, so THANK YOU again.

I think everyone will agree how nice the foyer area looks, so a special Thank You to Chris Goddard for taking the time to redecorate and freshen up the entrance to the hall.

We are delighted that Genesis Wealth Creation are for the third year running supporting our community social events, so once

again, Thank You for your support.

We had a very successful 2018 with bookings from the regular groups along with parties, events and business meetings. Thank you to everyone who has supported the events and or booked the hall for private functions.

As in previous years our film nights and the monthly breakfasts continue to be well supported.

We have a lovely range of events scheduled and are excited to see lots of new faces coming along this year.

Coming Village Hall events – see also Dates for your Diary:

Friday 5th July - Wine Tasting (ticketed event)

Sunday 21st July Afternoon Tea and Fizz (ticketed event)

Sunday 22nd September – Picnic in the park and Games, open to everyone of all ages

Don't forget Breakfast in the Village Hall organised by and in aid of St Giles Church, Bubbenhall held on the first Saturday of every month. Any help greatly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for supporting our hall, the committee will be excited to see you all over the course of 2019.

For information on Social events email bubbenhallsocialevents@gmail.com

Cate Poolton for the Village Hall committee

Dates for your diary

- March**
28.....Film Night "The Queen"
Village Hall 7.00 for 7.45pm
- April**
6.....Litter Pick 10.30-12.30
Kel Elliott and her 3 Man
Orchestra, Village Hall. 7.00
- 7.....First Responders AGM
6.00pm Malt Shovel followed
by Quiz Night, 7.00pm
- 9.....Parish Council, Village Hall,
7.30pm
- May**
14.....Parish Council including AGM
- 21.....Annual Parish Meeting
- June**
8.....Annual Fun Day
- 18.....Parish Council

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month	Village Hall	see page 8
Rainbows	Thu 5.30-6.30pm	Village Hall	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies	Tue, 5.30-6.45pm	Village Hall	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides	Tue 6.45-8.15pm	Village Hall	see page 13
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 9.40-10.00am	Ellesmere, Stoneleigh Road	Mobile Enquiry Line 10.30-11.00am.....Lower End.....01926 851031...
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387

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