



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL.

The official opening of the Ryton Pool Country Park is expected to take place in July of this year. If any resident is interested in opening and closing the Site (including the new toilets) on a daily basis, please contact the Site Ranger, BOB THURSTON - Tel: 01203-305592.

Construction of the new Access Road and Right Hand Turn Lane onto the A.445 is expected to commence on 20th May and be completed by 21st June 1996. Every effort will be made by the Contractors, Woodhead Construction Ltd., to minimise disruption, but any complaints should be directed to the Resident Engineer, NEIL SPENCER, at the Site Office - Tel: 0850 784162.

Peter Bird,
Clerk to the Parish Council.

Coventry 305448.

50+ CLUB.

As Spring lengthens into Summer, we can't help but marvel at the wide variety of blossom and flowers which make the gardens in Bubbenhall so colourful - a refreshing sight after the rigours of Winter, when intense cold and snow prevented our members from attending the usual Wednesday meetings during February. However, a good time was had by all when we were invited to a splendid luncheon so kindly prepared by a respected couple in the village, upon their return from a holiday abroad.

Easter eggs were distributed to the group during Holy Week, but our party was a little belated, being held on the 17th April. Unfortunately, the most senior member of the 50+ could not be present as she was recovering from an eye operation - we wish her well and good sight for many a long day.

Another member, Mrs. Joan Draper, who was also absent, took to the road with two other senior citizens, hiking 100 miles south of Shrewsbury, encompassing part of the Shropshire Way which is usually quite beautiful, but this time was mainly shrouded in mist due to inclement weather.

50+ CLUB (Contd.)

Age Concern keep us regularly posted with news of benefits if needed by senior citizens, and also release quite a number of leaflets for perusal, which makes our affiliation with them all worth while.

Members still meet regularly on a fortnightly basis, and we hope to have some good dates during the Summer season.

Kath McBroome,
Secretary.

Coventry 306915.

BUBBENHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

Although only one crime, that of storebreaking, has been reported since the last issue of our Neighbourhood Watch circular, residents are asked to remain vigilant at all times and report any suspicious incident to the Police at once using the "999" system, or by dialling 01926-451111 direct.

As the holiday season approaches residents are asked to co-operate with their neighbours and keep a friendly eye on their properties whilst they are away.

R.B.Gardner,
Chairman of Co-ordinators.

Coventry 303546.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

Date to remember: Saturday September 14th is Flower Show and Car Boot Sale day.

The entry forms will be available later in the year at the Post Office and in the Malt Shovel. There will be the usual auction of all flower show produce in the Malt Shovel garden in the evening starting at 7.30 p.m.

The Bowling Green is now ready to use - anyone can join us for a game - see David at the Pub. A charge of £1.00 per player helps to pay for the upkeep of the Green.

Quiz Night is held once a month. Details are available at the Malt Shovel.

Mary Long

Coventry 302840.

RAINBOWS.

Rainbows have again had a busy and exciting term. We were invited by the Brownies to a party to celebrate Thinking Day. Everyone enjoyed the evening especially playing games. We also made Thinking Day cards and sent them to a Rainbow unit in Shropshire.

Our Disco at the beginning of March was well attended and the girls made cakes which we sold on the night.

We celebrated Chinese New Year by making Chinese gift bags, and we made Daffodil Badges to commemorate St. David's Day.

The Rainbows treated their Mums to a delicious basket of home-made sweets for Mother's Day. Thankyou to Helen Schofield, from Brownies, for coming and helping the girls make the sweets.

MOTHERS & TODDLERS.

Our weekly meetings continue on Thursday mornings (during term times) from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

On 12th June 1996, 26 people have booked to see Playdays Live on stage at Warwick Arts Centre.

The end of term event this year is on Thursday 4th July 1996 at the soft play area of the Midland Sports Centre for the Disabled. Further details of this event will be given directly to members.

We are constantly looking to replace old/worn toys and equipment. If you have anything suitable which you no longer want but it is still in a reasonable condition, please contact Karen or Jan.

Karen Tuckey
Jan Stobart

Coventry 301799.
Coventry 303093.

DOCTOR FREEMAN.

It is understood that Doctor Freeman is retiring in September.

A door-to-door collection in August is being arranged by Mrs. Joan Brandrick in order that a small commemorative gift can be presented to the Doctor.

NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Due for circulation in early September 1996. Items for publication, in writing please, to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, CV8 3JE.
'Phone - Coventry 301727.

THANKS: as always to those who have taken the time to write up and provide interesting and informative reports for inclusion in the Newsletter.

STOP PRESS:

BUBBENHALL ENTERTAINMENTS GROUP (BEG)

This group has recently been formed to bring some entertainment to the village and if at the same time we can raise some funds, these will be donated to local causes. Following the success of our first venture, the 'Curry N'Karaoke' night in March, we bring you:-

BAVARIAN NIGHT - Saturday 15th June, 1996, 8.00 p.m. to Midnight, Bubbenhall Village Hall.

By popular demand - another evening of music, entertainment and frivolity with the BAVARIAN SHUNKLERS. Tickets to include traditional German supper - Price £9.00. These will be available from Helen Johnson, Judith Chettle, Christine Tait, Elena Johnson, Heather Holmes and Margaret Robinson, from 10th May.

Come along and enjoy the fun, but don't forget to bring your own booze and glasses.

Look out for our next evening of entertainment in November.

Sue Wareham

Coventry 306894.

COVENTRY AIRPORT REPORT (Contd.)

Our M.P. Sir Dudley Smith, and the two other local M.P.'s have and are trying to obtain some relief for local residents in villages close to the airport, but so far have not had any satisfactory response from the Authorities. They, together with our local pressure group (C.W.A.G.) continue to fight our cause.

A.R.Gibson, Councillor
Airport Consultative Committee.

Coventry 307933.

BUBBENHALL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL.

As everyone will know this is the last term for our school, under the above name. From September onwards, we will be known as Provost Williams C.E. Primary School.

This term we are looking at the village through the ages. The main schoolroom has been made to resemble a Victorian classroom, very few colourful pictures, the tables in rows, and a small part of each day is spent in a very formal way. The children are enjoying this very much. Parents are helping, in making pinafores for the girls and sailor collars for the boys. The week beginning May 13th we all dressed up and tried to recreate the school as it was 100 years ago. We are also visiting Ironbridge Museum.

We have many more plans for this term, and for events to mark Bubbenhall C.E. First School.

Staff, Governors, parents and children - we hope to see many of you on July 19th at the end of term party at school. We felt this was one way of thanking you all for your support, especially in the last years of reorganization.

Wendy Thomas, Headteacher.

Coventry 303200.

KEEP FIT.

The class at Lillington continues on Monday evenings until 15th July, 1996, at which time I shall, with regret, give up teaching. Hopefully, a replacement teacher will be found to take over (any volunteers?!), but meantime, special thanks to all from Bubbenhall who supported and encouraged me when I took over the class some seven years back. Long may you KEEP FIT!

Rene Beale

Coventry 301727.

AMERICAN COUNTRY LINE DANCE.

Come Country Line Dancing on Friday evenings in the Village Hall.

7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. £2.50.

Regret no other details available. Just turn up!

RAINBOWS (Contd.)

At Easter the girls decorated a chocolate egg to look like a frog, and they made ponds and lily pads for them to sit on.

We have a busy summer term planned with visits to Kenilworth Fire Station, and a family day to Wicksteed Park, as well as our creative craft sessions. With the warmer weather we hope to spend most of our meetings out of doors.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. For more information please contact:-

Margaret Robinson
Dawn Hands

Coventry 305931.
Coventry 306073.

BROWNIES.

Yet another busy term. The whole pack passed the Road Safety Badge, and several Brownies have taken individual Interest Badges. Two of the Easter meetings were taken up with the making - and decorating - of real chocolate eggs. Great fun - with lots of tasting - and not too much mess!

This term will be taken up with planning for Pack Holiday in June. It may be only for a weekend - but it involves an awful lot of planning!

Two Brownies have gone onto Guides, and we welcomed three Rainbows into the pack.

We have a very enthusiastic pack at present, with girls from different schools and villages, all enjoying their time together as Brownies.

The pack is full, and we still have a waiting list. For information contact either of us.

Jackie Lloyd,
Coventry 302836.

Jackie Hennah
Coventry 301978.

GUIDE COMPANY.

This is an exciting time for the Guide Company with almost every Guide having the opportunity to camp with her own patrol. This because four of our older Guides, Catherine, Claire, Nikki and Vicki, are working towards gaining their 'Patrol Camp Permit'. They have been busy preparing this term and helping the younger members of the unit to improve their camping skills. All this will be put to the test during May, when the 'Permit Camps' will take place.

On Tuesday June 25th, 7.00 p.m. onwards, we are holding our Garden Fete at 'Top House', Bubbenhall, by kind permission of Miss Grimes. Please come and support us - we are hoping to raise funds towards purchasing extra camping equipment including some light-weight tents, so that we can extend our range of camping experience, particularly for the older girls. Small prizes for games, raffle, etc., will be gratefully received.

Guides for girls aged 10-14 years meets at Ryton Church Youth Centre on a Tuesday evening. We welcome new members in this age range - come along and find out about us. We have a good group of 13+ girls and a very lively and active programme. For further information contact:-

Lesley Goodhead
Coventry 306964.

Sandra Barnsley
Coventry 303876.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL PTA SUPPORT GROUP.

During the Winter term we held our Annual Beetle Drive. This was, as usual a very noisy and successful evening, enjoyed by all who attended.

On May 11th we had our May Fair.

Forthcoming Events:-

End of School BBQ Saturday 29th June. This is being organised by the School but the PTA are running the BBQ, helpers on the day will, therefore, be required.

School Disco Friday 19th July. This is open to all villagers and their children. There will be a stall selling hot potatoes with various fillings. Soft drinks and crisps will also be sold - adults to bring their own drinks and glasses.

Further details will be announced nearer the date.

Jeanette Tipper,
Secretary.

Coventry 306153.

BUBBENHALL 100 CLUB.

Recent winners:-

January to March 1996.

<u>First</u>		<u>Second</u>	
115	G.Glover	100	Miss J. Barnacle
111	Michael Wadland	31	P. Sheen
43	Prof. Noszlopy	88	L.Batchelor.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP.

Wednesday 12th June - Annual Treasure Hunt followed by supper at the Malt Shovel. Do come and join us. Further details to be published later.

Saturday, 6th July - Date of this year's Charity B.B.Q. to be held at the Village Hall. Tickets will be available shortly - do make up a party and join in the fun.

Contact any Committee member for more information, or telephone 306894 or 306855.

ST. GILES CHURCH.

We are pleased to say that the Rev. Sykes is making good progress following his motor accident in April. The Churchwardens are doing their best to ensure that weekly Services continue as usual.

May Fayre. - to be held at the Malt Shovel. The Church hopes to have its usual produce stall.

ST. GILES CHURCH (Contd.)

The Church Clock.

St. Giles P.C.C. has been trying to improve the timekeeping of the Church clock for some years, and various proposals have been made, all fairly costly, for some form of restoration.

The mechanism is 18th Century and currently weights in the tower have to be raised every five days in order to rewind it. Although it is possible for the clock to strike this mechanism is broken.

A decision has been made to overhaul the existing mechanism and add an electric rewinding motor, covering both the time and striking operations, at a cost of over £4,000. The late Parish Council Chairman, Charles Haynes, left a bequest in his Will for the clock's restoration, and together with generous donations from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, the P.C.C. have undertaken to find the balance of the cost. The P.C.C. are waiting for the necessary faculty from the diocese to be granted for the work to commence.

Although most people have the impression that the Church of England is a very wealthy establishment - and while it is true that large budgets are involved in running the nation's church, it is equally true that individual parishes have a more difficult financial task nowadays than when congregations were larger. In turn, this means that fewer parishioners are directly contributing to the running costs of the church - and in Bubbenhall's case, ours is a medieval building which demands more operating and maintenance expenditure than a modern one. The contributions to the Clock Fund from both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee are, therefore, particularly appreciated in these difficult times.

Harvest Supper

Make a date in your diary for September 28th. We enjoy a simple supper followed by country dancing. The more the merrier, so try and keep the date free.

For further news and information, and details of Services, please see the current Church Newsletter.

COVENTRY AIRPORT REPORT.

The joint venture between A.M.&I. and the Coventry City Council has not yet been signed - this is liable to happen in the very near future.

The trouble with the Parcel Force lorries coming through our village is often caused by the fact that they do not have access to their Depot at the Airport via Siskin Drive; however, if their application for new premises on the south side of the Airport is granted, then in 18 months time they will have the required access.

There were 339 complaints to the Airport between February 1995 and March 1996 (6 from Bubbenhall), mostly on low flying aircraft, fumes and engine revving on the apron.

Although there will obviously be more aircraft movements to make the airport profitable, however A.M.&I. have stated that no larger aircraft will be used than at present.