



BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL.

Patrick Aylward resigned from the Parish Council at the end of last year for personal reasons, and Tony Marson of Riverside, Stoneleigh Road, Bubbenhall, has been appointed to take his place. Tony is particularly interested in environmental issues, and has already made an impact with regard to the proposed expansion of Parcelforce at Coventry Airport. He is also the Parish Council's representative on the Airport Consultative Committee.

The following dates have now been agreed for Parish Council meetings during the current financial year, all of which will take place in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

<u>1997</u>	3rd June (AGM)	<u>1998</u>	27th January
	1st July		24th February
	26th August		24th March (P.Assy.)
	23rd September		21st April
	21st October		2nd June (AGM)
	2nd December		

The official noticeboard for all Parish business is in the Village Hall Car Park.

As this is the last Newsletter, it is fitting that we pay a well-deserved tribute to those responsible for its compilation, printing and distribution. Ever since its first appearance in February 1987, it has been produced on a regular basis and ranks as one of the best in the County. During the whole of that time it has been printed free of charge by Clive Trentham, to whom we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude. Although started by Caroline Grey, it has been compiled and distributed by Rene and Bob Beale for the last nine years, whose efforts can only be applauded. A village newsletter is a tremendous asset to any village, but sadly, as in so many cases, it is often only appreciated after it ceases to exist. Ours will certainly be missed, so any aspiring journalists/printers will be welcomed with open arms. Thank you, Clive, Rene and Bob.

Peter Bird,
Clerk to the Parish Council.

Coventry 305448.

BUBBENHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

As this is the final issue of the Bubbenhall Newsletter, I would like, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch, to thank Rene and Bob Beale for their tireless efforts in compiling and distributing the Newsletter, and also to Mr. Trentham, who so kindly has produced and paid for the same over many past years.

With regard to the crime situation in Bubbenhall, we have had a relatively quiet period, but just prior to the preparation of this report, information was received of an attempted burglary in the parish, which fortunately, was thwarted by the occupants. A well-known burglar, who has been entertained by Her Majesty, is due for release and by the time this report is circulated, he will be free. He has previously broken into many houses in our area, and will do doubt do so again. We therefore ask all residents to be particularly vigilant and report all suspicious incidents to the Police direct, and not to local co-ordinators, which only causes further delay.

Elderly people are also being targeted by heartless thieves who con their way into their homes and steal money etc. The advice to all is "do not admit any person to your home until you have satisfactorily identified them".

During holidays and other away periods, try and arrange for a neighbour to keep an eye on your property.

R.B.Gardner,
Chairman, Neighbourhood Watch.

Coventry 303546.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.

First of all may I say how sorry we are to hear that this is the last edition of the Village Newsletter as we know it. It has been very helpful in letting people know what is happening and planning for future events. Thank you to everyone concerned with the publishing side of it.

Our next event is our Funday on Sunday June 22nd, to be held in the Malt Shovel Garden, starting at 2 p.m. There will be the usual stalls and sideshows, and the Band will be playing during the afternoon. Teas and ice-cream will be on sale. Please join us if you can.

On Saturday, September 6th, we are having our Flower Show and Car Boot Sale in the Village Hall and Playing Field. The usual auction of all the produce will be held in the evening at the Malt Shovel. More details will be sent out later.

Mary Long.

Coventry 302840.

RAINBOWS.

Since the last Newsletter, Rainbows have again had a busy and rewarding time. For Mother's Day, the girls made fridge magnets from modelling clay in the shape of a rainbow. Also in March, we held a disco for Red Nose Day and donated £25.00 to the Comic Relief Appeal. We have made Easter nests which all the girls enjoyed doing as it involved chocolate.

We joined in the District Fun Day at Coton Camp site. Although the weather was a little chilly, the girls had an enjoyable day, making pasta necklaces, and painting stones, amongst other things.

THE AIRFIELD AND PARCELFORCE DEVELOPMENTS.

The planning department within Warwick District Council continue to resist the request for an Environmental Assessment, but have agreed to a further meeting at which the reasons for requiring such will be discussed. Based on advice from an Environmental Lawyer who has had some success in these matters they will either be persuaded to agree or we will have to consider taking the matter forward for Judicial Review.

In addition, the Department of Transport, has been asked to take control of and rule on the matter of night flying. Baginton is one of the few airports in the country where night flying takes place. If they decline we are advised that we might reasonably take the matter to the European Commission for Human Rights.

Control of any development and the effect it has on our environment and the quality of life we all enjoy is very important. Bubbenhall Parish Council along with the support of other Parishes within the area who are equally concerned about uncontrolled development, will continue to fight on behalf of all residents.

Tony Marson, Councillor.

Coventry 511415.

FINAL COMMENTS

In concluding this last edition, I must convey my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed news items and reports over the ten years that the Newsletter has been in existence. Without your valued contributions we could not have produced the quarterly issues.

Thanks also to Clive for his quality printing and unfailing support and to Sue and Mike Wareham and latterly, the Parish Council for providing typing equipment.

Last, but not least, thanks to my 'other half' for help in chasing up copy and assistance with Newsletter delivery - this has entailed some minor skirmishes with stubborn and obstreperous letter-boxes, confrontations with hostile dogs, but, best of all, many chats and conversations with residents whilst on our rounds.

Hopefully, another form of newsletter will be organised at some future date. Volunteers needed!

Thanks again to everyone and warmest wishes to you all.

Rene Beale

Coventry 301727.

BUBBENHALL FOOTBALL CLUB (CONTD.)

of the issue, and the tolerance shown to late copy (Guilty, Mi'Lord). I think you will be missed.

Have a splendid Summer 1997. Perhaps I will see you on the touchline next season.

Peter Sheen,
Club Secretary, BVFC.

Coventry 306339.

ST. GILES CHURCH.

Easter Services were well attended and as always, the Church looked beautiful. Thanks to all who helped with the flowers and who donated altar lilies.

There have been several baptisms recently and the new Family Service - without Communion - seems to be enjoyed by the younger members of the congregation.

We were sorry to say good-bye recently to two regular members of the congregation - David and Sandra Oldfield had continued to come to St.Giles even though they moved from Bubbenhall to Hill Wootton years ago. David has been a Churchwarden for many years, and both he and Sandra devoted many hours to the work of the Church. We wish them well on their retirement and in their new home. We will miss them very much and can only say a big "Thank You".

The Clock. Work on the clock is still in hand. The working parts of the clock are very old and must be carefully restored, and it is proving to be a much more difficult job than anticipated.

Flower Festival. The tenth Flower Festival is planned for September this year. It will be combined with the Harvest Festival, and will take place on September 12th, 13th and 14th. Anyone who would like to help in any way - be it with flower arranging, on stalls etc., is very welcome, and should get in touch with anyone at Church.

Everyone in the Parish is delighted to see the Vicar has made such an excellent recovery from his recent surgery.(Yes, it is him - despite the new hair cut!).

For times of Services, and other Church news, please see current Church Newsletter.

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE AIRPORT ACTION GROUP (C.W.A.G.)

This group, which was formed quite some time ago, with representatives of the various villages affected by noise, traffic and night flying from the Airport, started the opposition to Coventry Airport developments, and indeed continue to do so. However, in recent months, the Parish Councils of these villages have stepped into the fray, thus giving much more weight to our arguments, and also with Bubbenhall Parish Council and Sir Dudley Smith leading the attack on the District Council who control the possible granting of full planning permission for the development by Parcellforce of the Airfield, with the resulting increase of road traffic and air traffic in our area.

This rejection of the possible future activities at the Airfield is an ongoing happening, and Councillor Tony Marson for Bubbenhall and members of C.W.A.G. are putting together a plan of objection to the District Council.

A.R.Gibson, Councillor.
C.W.A.G. member.

Coventry 307933.

RAINBOWS (Contd.)

Due to the Village Hall being used as a Polling Station on May 1st, we held our meeting at Ryton Pool, where we had a pleasurable walk round the park, with time to spare for playing on the Adventure playground. By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Rainbow division of Guiding will have celebrated its tenth birthday. We shall be holding a party on 10th May for all Rainbow units within our area. Hopefully the girls will have an exciting afternoon.

Finally we would like to say a big Thankyou to Rene and Bob Beale for all their hard work in producing and distributing the Newsletter over the years. It will be sadly missed.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5-7 years. For more information or to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, please contact:-

Margaret Robinson
Dawn Hands

Coventry 305931.
Coventry 306073.

BROWNIES.

Spring term is the one in which the Guiding Movement celebrates Thinking Day - February 22nd - the birthdays of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell - our founders. Once again we joined up with the rest of the Division to attend the Thinking Day Service held in Rugby.

During the half-term week we had our own celebration in the form of a trip to London with the Guides and Rainbows. We visited Buckingham Palace to watch the Changing of the Guard, and had a ring-side seat. Special permission was given to us to drive into the forecourt - through the gate - and to watch from inside the railings. In fact, we were very nearly part of the parade - some of the soldiers marched up so close to us that the girls had to do a rapid reverse shuffle! We then went on to visit the Guide Heritage Centre - lots to do and see and take part in.

A recent day out with the rest of the District to Coton Scout Camp site to have "fun with the Flintstones" was enjoyed by all. We made stone pets, fossils and even dinosaurs, and finished with a much appreciated camp fire.

Back on home ground we have been working on journey challenges and individual interest badges. We said Goodbye to Amy, who has gone on to Guides, and welcomed two new girls to Brownies.

So - a busy term.

BUT - we need more help DESPERATELY. Brown Owl is now a Granny Owl - and as such has new responsibilities which take her away from time to time. We urgently need some one who would be able to come regularly to meetings to help. No experience necessary, and no training needed. So please - if you can help - get in touch.

The Pack meets on Tuesday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Jackie Lloyd,
Coventry 302836.

Jackie Hennah,
Coventry 301978.

GUIDE COMPANY.

We have welcomed several new Guides to the Company including Amy Howes from Bubbenhall. This term we are busy planning our outdoor activities including

GUIDE COMPANY (Contd.)

Half-Term Camp at Shipston-on-Stour and Summer Camp at Cowley, near Cheltenham - this is a lovely Guide outdoor activity centre where we are able to take part in canoeing, archery, grass sledging etc. Should be great fun - for those who like that sort of thing!

Tuesday June 24th we are holding our annual fund-raising event at "Top House", Bubbenhall, by kind invitation of Miss Grimes. We are planning a Garden Party with refreshments, bowling and other 'garden games' - toy stall, cake stall and bric-a-brac stall. Weather permitting, this should be a great night - come and join us from 7 p.m. - tickets will be available soon.

Guides for girls aged 10-14 years, meets on a Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Ryton Church Youth Centre.

Lesley Goodhead,
Coventry 306964.

Sandra Barnsley.
Coventry 303876.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT.

This being the final issue of the Newsletter, it is appropriate that a very large thankyou should be recorded to Clive Trentham and Rene Beale for all their kind and generous help given in producing the Village Newsletter; their efforts will be sadly missed.

It is proposed to have an A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th July in the Village Hall. and all those representing village groups who use the Hall are invited. In addition, anyone who is willing to help in running the Hall will be most welcome.

See the report from Sue Wareham on forthcoming social activities.

Finally, damage continues to take place and recently the Village Hall sign was torn down from the wall. The Committee would be pleased to know who is doing this damage.

A.R.Gibson,
Village Hall.

Coventry 307933.

BUBBENHALL 100 CLUB.

Recent winners:-

February 1997.	£25.00	J.Stobart (53)
	£12.50	M.O'Neill (18)
March, 1997.	£25.00	S.Wareham (19)
	£12.50	J.Bennett (79)
April, 1997.	£25.00	L.Gardmer (6)
	£12.50	P.Walker (44)

Mike Leach.

Coventry 306855.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP.

The following events have been planned:-

Thursday 12th June	Annual Treasure Hunt. Starting and finishing point The Three Horseshoes, with supper afterwards.
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BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP (Contd.)

Future events (Contd.):-

Saturday 12th July Barbecue, Village Hall, Dancing to 'Changes' Disco.

Your contacts will be in touch shortly with further details - visitors and new members always welcome.

Thursday 11th September - A.G.M. All of the present Committee will be retiring on this date.

Should any members be interested in joining the Committee, please let your contact know as soon as possible. No Committee - no Garter Group. It would be very sad to see the group disbanded after fifteen years, so please may we have some volunteers.

Sue Wareham

Coventry 306894.

BUBBENHALL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP.

Saturday, 7th June, Village Hall. Midsummer Dance to the 'Likely Lads'. Tickets available from Committee members, priced £12.50 each to include a cold buffet supper. Should be an excellent evening.

Saturday, 15th November, Village Hall. 'Casino Evening'. More details of this event will be advertised in September.

Sue Wareham

Coventry 306894.

BUBBENHALL FOOTBALL CLUB.

The season proved to be one of both achievement and disappointment. As the season drew to a close we were left watching other Clubs playing 'games in hand' and eating away at our positional advantage in the League. One or two unexpected results in our matches became reflected in our fall from the top of the Division to fifth or sixth by the close.

Curiously, we did not help our case by playing our scheduled games on time because this left us with weeks off, whilst the other teams caught up with their fixtures. Having such a good playing field, tolerant to even extreme conditions, can be a disadvantage when it comes to the end of the season. We were scheduled to play mid-week fixtures after work, and with little recent match practice (I regret that this is the best excuse I can think of, having been the Goalkeeper in the last game of the season, which turned out to be a 7-1 thrashing at the hands of a resourceful Warwick side!).

Seriously though, overall it has been a satisfying season with moments of leading the Division, in comparison to last year when relegation was a very real possibility.

Undaunted, we are looking forward to next season and have already reserved our place in the League. New faces have joined us, and the potential is there for the team to continue its challenge for Divisional honours. You have to dream, don't you?

To the many people who helped us through this season, we owe a warm thankyou. Organisation and planning have maintained the team for some six or seven years now, and even the smallest gesture of help is worth its weight in gold. Thanks also to our publishers (and editors) of this excellent newspaper, for both the quality