

# Bubbenhall Newsletter

**November 2025**

## Parish Council Update



### Litter Pick Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October (see p2)

Many thanks to Cllr Haynes for organising a very successful litter pick last month. Multiple bags of rubbish were collected by a legion of volunteers, ensuring our village remains clean and tidy. Many thanks to all those who attended.

### Recreation Area

Moles are currently active around the playground and this will be remedied by our contractor to help

ensure the area is safe for all to use.

Some of the picnic tables and benches are now wobbly, and the Parish Council (PC) will ensure that these are all checked and any parts tightened so that they are ready for anyone to use.

The PC are considering investing in the RoSPA SaferPlay app to help with monitoring of safety of the play equipment. We

are committed to ensuring this wonderful village facility is at its very best for all users.

Most dog owners are very responsible, but we ask that in the playground area all dogs are kept on a lead.

If you notice anything broken or any potential risk in the playground for users, please report immediately to [clerk@bubbenhallparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bubbenhallparish.gov.uk)

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for up to date information about what is happening in the village and

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Would you like to join the Newsletter team and be involved in producing the three issues per year that every Village household receives. You can have your say about the content, write or get others to write articles, provide photos of events or for the cover. If you are interested contact [bubbenhallnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bubbenhallnewsletter@gmail.com) or speak to any of the committee.

**Thanks again to all the volunteers from the village who help deliver newsletters, to Rose Cragg for organising the distribution and to all who contribute articles.**

### Newsletter

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**Next issue out March 2026**

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

## Catchment Area for Secondary Schools

Getting young people from Bubbenhall into their most local school, North Leamington School, has been an ongoing issue for years as entry to the school is based on distance whilst any other factors such as sibling or education and healthcare plans are not part of the equation. County Cllr Edwards has taken up this cause as he recognises this presents a significant challenge to rural communities and their young people. Please let the Parish Council know if you have any views.

## Gateway South Country Park

The new Country Park created around the Gateway South logistics development is due to open at Christmas 2025 and will offer 8km of walking. Pedestrian access from the village will currently be by Bubbenhall Bridge.

Discussions continue concerning the feasibility of building a bridge to connect Bubbenhall to the new Country Park, over the River Avon. BPC have acknowledged there are benefits for our village with this scheme but have also raised concerns about potential traffic to gain access to this through the village. Discussions

continue so please let councillors know if you have any views.

## Emergency Plan

Cllr Haynes reported that the Brethren have donated a pump for use in flooding situations and the village Emergency Plan has been updated to reflect that. The Parish Council thanks the Brethren community for this donation.

## Cosy Café (p14)

Cllr Haynes confirmed that the Cosy Café has reopened from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 through to April 2026 following the huge success in its first year. A local (Genesis Wealth Creation) sponsorship of £200 has been given to pay the Village Hall rental which is hugely appreciated. The Clerk has submitted an application for funding to WDC. The Parish Council records its thanks to Cllr Haynes and the other volunteers for making this wonderful community project available. Anyone is welcome to attend, and the Cosy Café is open every Thursday from 10am to 12noon.

## Spring Hill Road Issues

The leak was finally confirmed as a broken Severn Trent pipe and this has now been fixed. Both Chair Cllr Roberts and our County Cllr Edwards are writing

to Severn Trent Water to highlight the very slow response to this issue, and the resulting state of the road.

## Defibrillators

Cllr Haynes reported that these are fully serviced and ready for use in an emergency medical situation. Villagers are reminded that you do not need special training to use these, the machines have both written and verbal instructions should you ever be called to use one. They are also extremely safe, and cannot shock someone who doesn't need it, so please never hesitate to use one.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, and all villagers are welcome to attend to see the work of your Parish Council, and to give any views. Please note there are always refreshments at the December meeting!**



## Bubbenhall Litter Pick – A Great Village Effort!

On Saturday 25th October, volunteers from across Bubbenhall came together for our community litter pick - a fantastic example of teamwork and village spirit in action.

Armed with litter pickers, high-vis jackets, and plenty of enthusiasm, residents of all ages helped clear the verges, footpaths, and playing fields around the village. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we collected around 15 to 20 bags of litter, helping to make our village cleaner, safer, and more welcoming for everyone.

It was great to see people from every part of the community joining forces, neighbours chatting as they worked, families lending a hand, and new faces getting involved for the first time.



## Bubbenhall Survivors

Anyone looking closely at the poppies under the oak tree (see below) will see a name on each one. These are the names of those recorded on the memorial in St Giles Church who died in World War I and II, along with one death from the Boer War on a separate



plaque.

At the time of World War I Bubbenhall was a small, predominantly agricultural, village. We know about who didn't return but how many born and raised in Bubbenhall did military service and

returned.

The baptismal records for St Giles are available on the South Warwickshire Family History website. Using various Family History websites birth and death dates, census data and Military records were checked. Unfortunately, many Military records were damaged by bombing in World War II so not finding one does not mean that a person did not have one.

A small number of men were found who had been baptised at St Giles and lived locally, had undertaken military service and returned. There were three who were related to three of those that died: Joseph Henry Mills, Alfred John Mills and William Elliott.

George and Mary Ann Mills had six sons. The two eldest did not

serve, the middle two Joseph and Alfred returned but the two youngest Walter Robert and Arthur James were killed. Alfred died in 1971.

William Elliott was wounded in 1915. He had been working as a market gardener in Bubbenhall with Eric Mercer, from Coventry, and both had enlisted. William was given exemption from further service to run the market garden. Eric returned alive. William's two brothers Henry John and Percy George died in 1917 and 1918.

The allotment area on the Village Green is maintained by Angela Elliott, William's granddaughter, continuing the market garden influence.





## Bubbenhall Wakes

The Wakes used to be held on the first Sunday after St. Giles' Day, 12th September. These ceased during the First World War. They took place on the Green and on Pit Hill and down the main street. There were swingboats on the triangular patch of green which used to exist outside the Manor House in the middle of the village, and roundabouts at the bottom of Pit Hill. An old sword was used by someone who was blindfolded in order to cut at a side of meat. The women used to chase a greased piglet and the one who caught it won it. Local newspapers from the 1860s onwards give a more fulsome account: In 1866, for instance, the Bubbenhall Lodge of the Odd Fellows met at 11.30 am, and, headed by the band of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Warwickshire Militia, marched down to the parish church, where a sermon was preached by a visiting clergyman. That year the new east window of the church had just been installed, and was much admired. After the church service and headed by the band and the banner of the Lodge, the members marched to the Three Horse Shoes, where the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Satchwell, were ready and waiting with a sumptuous dinner. This was accompanied by various loyal toasts. In 1889 the Odd Fellows in Bubbenhall celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which suggests that their particular lodge was founded in 1865.

An announcement in the *Midland Daily Telegraph* on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1912, inserted by William Vincent, the then licensee of The Three Horse Shoes, gives an impression of the numbers of visitors expected in the village during the week, and indeed the place would be crowded with people, from Coventry especially. At the Three Horse Shoes teas and lunches were available, there was a Club Room accommodating 200 people, small and large parties were catered for, and wines, spirits and cigars were on sale, with 'everything of the best supplied'.

In 1936 there was a splendid interview with William Humphries, then 84 years old. He explained that the long since defunct Bubbenhall Wakes had lasted for a whole week and confirmed that they always began on the first Sunday after 12<sup>th</sup> September. For most of the week the village streets would be filled with swings, coconut shies, stalls, and all sorts of amusements. On Wake Monday the Odd Fellows would have their parade and dinner, usually at the Three Horse Shoes but on occasions at the Malt Shovel. On the Tuesday and Wednesday the holiday would continue, and would include bowling for ladies, the prizes being pieces of dress material. There was dancing, which continued until the early hours, and that in those days the pubs remained open until midnight. Mr. Humphries was living with his widowed daughter, Mrs. Lovell, at Gravel Villa (now Hill Cottage) on the Stoneleigh Road. He died in 1939 at the age of eighty-seven.

Vicky Airey

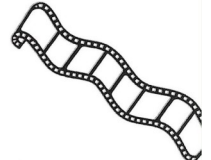
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Autumn  
2025**







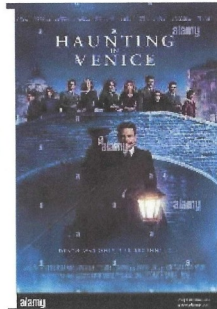
## Village Hall Film Nights



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025**

### The Haunting in Venice

Drama  
Cert PG13



*The Haunting in Venice* is set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve. Hercule Poirot is now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city. But when Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo, one of the guests is murdered, thrusting the detective into a sinister world of shadows and secrets.

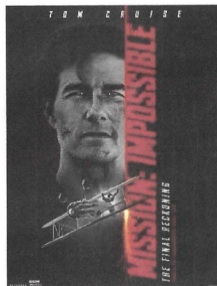
Director: Kenneth Branagh

Cast: Kenneth Branagh, Dylan Corbett-Bader, Amir El-Masry

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November 2025**

### Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning

Action  
cert PG-13



Ethan Hunt and the IMF team continue their search for the terrifying AI known as the Entity - which has infiltrated intelligence networks all over the globe - with the world's governments and a mysterious ghost from Ethan's past on their trail. Joined by new allies and armed with the means to shut the Entity down for good, Hunt is in a race against time to prevent the world as we know it from changing forever.

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

Cast: Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell, Ving Rhames

#### Entry £5

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## Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL  
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We're delighted to share the latest news from Bubbenhall Village Hall, the heart of our Bubbenhall community.

### Community Spirit in Action

This month the Village Hall has been bustling with activity. Lots of parties, events and the use by our regular groups has been wonderful to see. We also welcomed the local Poppy making team who used the space to get ready for the amazing remembrance exhibition at the church (p20). Well done to all involved, it looks fantastic!

Local volunteers recently came together for a litter pick (p2) to help keep our village tidy and along with the usual volunteers who help with maintenance of our hall they have been preparing the hall for upcoming winter gatherings. Their hard work ensures our hall remains a welcoming space for everyone.

### A Big Thank You

The Village Hall has been lucky enough to receive two donations recently from sadly departed villagers. The generous donation from the family of Roger Hampson will be used for this year's pensioners Christmas lunch in his memory. We are also looking forward to the unveiling of a quite spectacular painting to commemorate Christine Walkley at the Village Hall with afternoon tea on Sunday 30th November.

### Film Nights

The film nights are back! Thank you to those who came along to the October film we had a very good attendance and are excited for our next films.

With darker nights, it's a great time to enjoy a cozy evening with friends and a film. More film nights

are planned. Keep an eye on emails and the flyers for updates.

Entry £5 Contactless or cash accepted

Doors open at 7pm

Film starts at 7:45

Bar open from 7pm till late

The following dates are confirmed: 27th November, 29th January, 26th February, 26th March.

### Looking Ahead

Plans are underway for festive celebrations. Here are some important dates for the diary:

**Official Christmas Light Switch On Sunday 7th December – 4.30pm, Village Green**

Come along to see the festive light switch on at the Village green and then walk the village to see the amazing house displays while enjoying festive carols with your neighbours and friends.

**Bubbenhall Breakfast Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 9:00am – 11:00am**

The Bubbenhall Breakfasts are back. The next breakfast is scheduled for Saturday 13th December where a certain festive figure may make an appearance, so bring the kids down for a Christmas treat while you enjoy a full English. All profit will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall so please come along and support.

**Christmas Carols at the Hall Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 6:30 for 7pm**

We are delighted that we will again be welcoming the Bilton Silver Band along to our Christmas carol evening, this is a great way to start the festive season with your fellow villagers.

### Bubbenhall Calendar

We are very happy to announce that the Bubbenhall Calendar is back for another year. Some of

your fellow neighbours will be selling the calendars around the village and they will be available at Christmas events, priced £5 and will once again support our Village Hall. If you would like to purchase a calendar please contact Gail Haynes 07976 222658 and she will ensure you receive a copy.

### Bubbenhall Events

The Village Hall events committee are very excited to be able to bring you a variety of fun filled events for 2026. These will be held throughout the year to bring the community together and raise funds for the Village Hall. Please keep checking your email and Facebook, along with posters around the village to promote the first 2026 event.

If you'd like to get involved or have ideas for future events, please contact the Village Hall committee. Your input helps us keep the hall vibrant and responsive to the needs of all residents.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and energy. Whether you help manage the hall, cook for events, or simply attend and support, you make a real difference.

Let's continue to make our Village Hall a place where friendships flourish and memories are made and we look forward to seeing you there over the festive season.

### Are you new to the village?

We would like to welcome you all, we hope you are enjoying village life. If you would like to be kept abreast of all things village related e.g. village events, parish notices, community police alerts, lost & found and much more then please email [admin@bubbenhall.info](mailto:admin@bubbenhall.info) and you will be added to the distribution list.



## Julie's Christmas Recipe

### SAUSAGE ROLL WREATH WITH MULLED WINE CRANBERRY RELISH



Serves 12

Prep time: 25 mins

#### Ingredients:

1 x 500g block puff pastry	1 x 500g pork sausage meat (or use sausages skinned)
2tbsp finely chopped sage	Plain flour for dusting
	1 large beaten egg

#### For the Relish

1x 250ml jar cranberry sauce	Zest of 1 orange	3 tbsp red wine (or port)
1 cinnamon stick	1 star anise	

#### Note:

You can make the relish up to 3 days ahead and keep in the fridge. Prepare the wreath up to the end of step 6 a few hours ahead, cover and chill, or freeze for up to 1 month. Bake from frozen, for 55 minutes.

#### Method:

1. Reserve 4 tablespoons of cranberry sauce for later, then put the rest into a small pan with the remaining relish ingredients. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2-3 minutes, leave to cool. Remove the pastry from the fridge about 10 minutes before you need to roll it.
2. Mix the sausage meat well with the sage, add some salt & pepper. Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas 6
3. On a floured surface, roll the pastry to a long rectangle, about 30cm x 45 cm. Spread the reserved cranberry sauce lengthways down the middle of the pastry, in a line about 5cm wide. Mould the sausage meat into a long log and lay it on top of the cranberry sauce.
4. Use the beaten egg to brush down one side of the pastry. Fold the other side over the meat then the egg washed over this to seal. Turn over so that the seal is at the bottom to look like a giant sausage roll. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with baking paper.
5. Cut two-thirds of the way through the sausage roll every 3.4-4cm, to make 10-12 sections, then join the two ends (uncut side in the middle) together with a little more egg wash, to form a wreath.
6. Gently twist each piece of sausage roll over, without tearing it from the main body, so it is filling side up. Brush any exposed pastry with the remaining egg wash.
7. Bake for 40-50 minutes until the pastry is golden and puffed, and the sausage meat is cooked through.
8. Serve with the relish in a small bowl in the centre for dipping. Decorate with herbs for presentation if using.

## A New History of St Giles Church

Book 3 in the series: Windows on Bubbenhall

### A History of St. Giles' Church Bubbenhall

by Victoria Airey

This exciting new release is about to launch, showcasing a lifetime of research and discovery by historian Victoria Airey, who grew up next to the church from 1945 to 1958. Vicky has enlarged her earlier church history, which is now richly illustrated. It also reveals much about the village itself and the people of the past.



A special service in the Church of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October saw the launch of a new *History of St Giles' Church Bubbenhall* authored by Vicky Airey. That event included an introductory talk by Vicky herself and a second by Professor Fraser Watts: a keen student of British churches.

Vicky spent many of her early years living in Church Road Bubbenhall. As an enthusiastic archivist she has devoted many years to research the origins and later history of our 900 year old Church just a few yards from where she once lived. This has included work in the archives of both Lichfield and Worcester Cathedrals that formerly held responsibility for the church in Bubbenhall. She published a book on the same topic in 1979: her new book published this October is a full rewrite and update.

All residents of the village are encouraged to purchase a copy, even if they are not Church goers. All proceeds will go to the Church. To request a copy please contact [alan.roe14@gmail.com](mailto:alan.roe14@gmail.com)

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We are having our dance exams at the end of November. Well done to our pupils who are taking an exam, you've all worked so hard.

We have places on Mondays and Wednesdays for all age groups so please let me know if you are interested.

## Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

## The 100 Club

The Club would like to say a massive thank you to all the members who have renewed their numbers again this year. We would also like to welcome our new members to the 100 Club. This year we have had a bumper membership, with over 15 new members, bringing the current membership to 227.

I can confirm that the monthly prizes will remain the same this year: 1<sup>st</sup> prize £45, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £25 and 4<sup>th</sup> prize £20 and the draws will continue to take place around the beginning of the month. This will be at the Malt Shovel, the Cosy Café, or at a Village breakfast or event.

Due to the increase in membership, there will not only be the Christmas Champagne draw ☐ be held at the Carol evening in the Village Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, but there will also be an additional Christmas draw in December with prizes of £100, £50, £25 and £20.

This year also saw our chairman, Alan Roe, step down after 8 years, and the whole committee would like to thank him for his time at the helm. Jon Woodforth was unanimously voted in as our new chairman.

Numbers are still available if you wish to contact me, I can arrange these for you.

Finally, congratulations to the recent winners of the draws:

September:

1<sup>st</sup> Chris Wilkins

2<sup>nd</sup> Lynne Goddard

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Simpson

4<sup>th</sup> Don Thomas

October

1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Chettel

2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Powell

3<sup>rd</sup> Gavin Slark

4th Kerrie Quirk

November

1st Pat Hancox

2nd Aidan O'Hare

3rd Alan Prudhoe

4th Geoff Redfern and Jackie Lndsay

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## St Giles' Church

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Vicar of Dibley episode and extremely well attended, with a big variety of pets in St Giles including dogs, guinea pigs, a goat and even an African Bull frog, plus a few husbands. Petrica made this event so special and memorable,



St Giles has enjoyed hugely successful coffee mornings held every Friday morning over the warmer months, with a good many village residents attending. Our huge and grateful thanks to all those who have been involved with these, with particular mentions to Gail and Steve, Pat and Heather.

In the late summer sunshine our 'Buggenhall' hotel build was a major success. We had a great many children from the village attend and they created a magnificent home to encourage our local small wildlife. Then after all this hard work we settled down in the churchyard to enjoy copious slices of freshly delivered pizza.



were consumed alongside drinks as visitors dropped in over the whole weekend.



Alongside the food donations left in St Giles and the collection boxes at Craig's house we collected a staggering (107kg) amount of food and toiletry donations, which were given to the local Trussell Trust. This kindness really does help those souls in need, and their reach is



and afterwards we all enjoyed cream cakes and refreshments in the churchyard.

What's not to love!

Our pet service was truly incredible, certainly worthy of a

Our Harvest festival and flower show was a magical weekend at St Giles, with the church richly and lovingly decorated with plentiful flower displays and produce and Harvest bread. Numerous scones and cakes



not only for those who may be on the streets, but from all walks of life who simply need help and support by having food to live off and to survive.

October was our St Giles History month with the launch of a new book about the history of St Giles by our own Vicky Airey. The historical stories we heard in the services were fascinating and it is truly remarkable the impact that our own small village church has had upon the whole country.

Massive heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the girls who have worked so hard for the impressive wall of poppies (see p1 and p20). This huge village community spirit of coming together has been overwhelming and very uplifting, and the moving display at St Giles is a credit to you all. The poppy wall and soldiers were in place from the 1<sup>st</sup> November until the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, and brought a fitting tribute in this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the end of

World War two in Europe, and a wonderful memory for the 13 people from our village who have lost their lives in various wars.

For the first time at St Giles, we are holding a moving Tree of Light service on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm. This is a special service thinking about those loved ones we have lost, with the service being both in St Giles where we will light candles in their memory, and then outside during the service where we will have lights shining and staying on for the whole Advent season which is starting the following day. If you would like to make a donation for this service, or have a name read out please either contact Craig or add your loved one's name to the sheets either in St Giles or on the churchyard noticeboard.

Our minister Petrica is ensuring his huge presence is felt within our village. He is a wonderful orator and a brings hope, joy and

comfort to many. He also has an unlimited repertoire of bad, corny, yet still funny jokes, which he tends to include within his reflections. If you haven't been to St Giles yet, please do come to invigorate yourself, everyone is very welcome, and we always enjoy chatting with drinks and cakes after our services.

If everything goes to plan, our wide variety of St Giles Christmas services should be included separately within this newsletter. Please note that all our Autumn and Winter evening services will now be starting at 4.00pm, including the crib service.

**If anyone would like to receive our weekly newsletter advising all events and services across the four churches within our benefice, please email Jackie at [stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:stoneleighchurch@hotmail.com)**

*Craig Greenway*

## The Three Horseshoes

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**Lunch menu**

**Smaller plates menu**

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**Nov 29<sup>th</sup> mowtown tribute  
act 9.00pm start**

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pop in for details**

### **Check out what's on**

**Sunday lunch  
12 midday to  
6.00pm**

**Monday curry  
day**

**12 midday to  
8.45pm**

**Tuesday pie day  
12 midday to  
8.45pm**

**Wednesday grill  
day £25% of  
selected meals  
12 midday to  
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**Thursday Quiz  
night 8pm start**



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## Friends of the Village Green

### Autumn 2025

The Village Green news was dominated in summer by **water!** We went from too much of it cascading uncontrollably down Pit Hill and Spring Hill, to the **Pond** level dropping dangerously low for the newly introduced **fish**....

No sooner had we solved the water flow problem down Pit Hill (through the tireless efforts of PC Chair Cllr. Jim Roberts and Warwick DC Highways team), from the errant spring being diverted into the pond then the spring itself dried up and the pond shrank.

#### A fishy tale!

Cllr. Alastair Rourke having taken custodianship of the pond and following water quality tests, recently introduced a group of **fishes** into the pond to give life to this living feature. So the danger signs of a dropping water level, were evident.

Several top-up ideas were exhausted before Gill Green came up with the solution. Illustrating what can be achieved by enterprise, local support, will, effort and local energy Gill approached our brilliant neighbours, the family run **Lakeside GM company**, Grounds Maintenance and Winter Gritting specialists. They operate from the corner of Stoneleigh Road and Baginton Road in the Village.

When Gill approached them for help, they immediately offered their considerable resources and like the arrival of the cavalry **Ben**, from **Lakeside** along with his tractor and water bowser, started the process of filling the Pond.



"Thanks so much guys".

Cllr Alistair Rourke

## Air Ambulance Autumn Produce Sale

It was a bright and very windy day for the annual Autumn Produce Sale held in memory of Dorothy Elliott outside Spring Cottage, and with all proceeds going to Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Very many thanks to all who supported this and provided produce. **£911** was raised to go to this deserving cause.

*Barbara Barnacle (Air Ambulance), Pat and Dot.*





## Bubbenhall Cosy Café Reopens!

We're delighted to share that the Bubbenhall Cosy Café reopened on 23rd October, welcoming everyone back with smiles, chatter, and plenty of delicious cake! The café offers free hot drinks and cake in a warm, friendly atmosphere — the perfect place to meet up with old friends

relax, and enjoy a friendly cuppa in good company.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers, whose time and effort make the café possible, and to the Parish Council and Genesis Wealth Creation for their valued support.



and make new ones.

The Cosy Café will now be open every Thursday, 10am to 12pm (except over Christmas and New Year) until the end of April 2026. Everyone is welcome to drop in,



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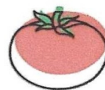
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2. Sign up for free

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## Rainbows

What a wonderful and adventure-filled term it's been so far! Our Rainbows have been busy exploring, creating, and learning together as we work towards our **Have Adventures** badge. Here's a look back at some of the exciting things we've been up to — and a peek at what's still to come!



We started the term with an action-packed day at **Hardiman's Field** with The Rainbows enjoyed the outdoor challenges which included crafting, caving, Bhangra dancing, circus skills and animal handling — all while showing brilliant teamwork and friendship. It was lovely to see everyone having so much fun in the fresh air and embracing the spirit of adventure.

Next, we supported a very special cause by taking part in the **Macmillan Coffee Evening**. The Rainbows helped bake, decorate, and serve treats, while families and friends came together to raise a total of **£378.98** for Macmillan Cancer Support. A huge thank you to everyone who joined in or donated — our Rainbows showed that kindness and community spirit can make a big difference.



Our Rainbows then took part in an exciting **Teddy Hospital** session, led by a lovely group of medical students from the **University of Warwick**. Everyone brought their favourite teddy along for a check-up and learned how doctors and nurses care for people when they're unwell. From bandaging paws to listening to teddy's heartbeat and learning about the importance of exercise and healthy eating. The session helped make hospitals a little less scary and a lot more fun!

One of the Rainbow mums kindly led a fantastic **Diwali** activity session, where the girls learned about the Festival of Lights. The Rainbows created rangoli patterns, dressed in beautiful saris, sampled some traditional Indian food and sweets and enjoyed hearing stories about how Diwali celebrates light, love, and new beginnings. It was a wonderful way to learn about different cultures and traditions together.

Rainbows proudly joined the village Remembrance Parade honouring those who have served whilst appreciating the amazing poppy display created by our villagers that the Rainbows also contributed to.

We've still got plenty of excitement ahead as the year

continues!

**Christmas Craft Activity Day:** We'll be getting creative with festive crafts and decorations — perfect for spreading Christmas cheer!

And... we may even find time for a **Christmas celebration with the Brownies** before the year is out!

A huge thank you to all our parents, helpers, and special guests for your time, support, and enthusiasm. The Rainbows have truly embraced every adventure this term, and we couldn't do it without you.

We're so proud of everything our Rainbows have achieved and can't wait for more fun, friendship, and adventures ahead!

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 4 – 7 years

For more information please contact Michelle Scott on 07890535745

Or to register go to [www.girlguiding.org](http://www.girlguiding.org)

## Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal we are continuing the tradition established by Mary Long of collecting dog food and blankets to be taken to the Dog Rescue at Honiley. If you have any dry or tinned food or any blankets to spare please leave them at **27 Coopers Walk by 14th December**.

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## Pensioners (70+) Christmas Dinner

It's that magical time of year again – and we'd love to celebrate with you!

All Bubbenhall residents aged 70 and over are warmly invited to join us for a festive Christmas Dinner at the Village Hall.

 When: Monday 8th December 2025

 Time: Doors open at 12pm for a welcome drink

 Where: Bubbenhall Village Hall

Come along for a delicious traditional Christmas meal, good company, plenty of laughs, and maybe even a mince pie (or two!). It's the perfect chance to relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy some seasonal cheer.

The guests will be invited to sit down at 12:30pm and will start with leek and potato soup with a bread roll/butter or Farmhouse Pate and toast. This will be followed by turkey or beef with all the trimmings ending with Christmas pudding or cheese cake. A vegetarian and vegan option will be available. Other dietary needs can be catered for.

A glass of red or white wine will be served with the meal.

Want to come along? Just let us know by 29th November 2025 so we can save you a seat at the table. Please email Gail Haynes at [bubbenhallpensionerslunch@gmail.com](mailto:bubbenhallpensionerslunch@gmail.com) to book your place.

Will you kindly indicate your menu choice e.g. beef/turkey/vegetarian etc and drink choice eg Red/White in the email to the above address. If you are replying on behalf of more than person please ensure you include the menu choices for each person.

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you – it won't be the same without you!

## Stoneleigh Ladies Choir

The hall may not yet be 'decked with boughs of holly' but on Thursday afternoons it resounds with Christmas music in preparation for our **Charity Concert on Thursday 11 December** starting at 1.30pm. This year we are supporting two local charities for the visually impaired, Warwickshire Vision and The Vision Hub.

As well as the concert, the choir is doing something completely new. We are joining with the Stoneleigh Male Voice Choir to sing **Carols in the Community** to which you are all invited. Together we propose to sing well known carols outside the club in Stoneleigh village for about half an hour from 7pm on the evening of **Wednesday 17 December** and we hope that residents of Stoneleigh and surrounding areas will come and join us. Afterwards we are invited into the club for refreshments. Please come and help make this a success which could become an annual event.

In addition to the above, the choir will be making its annual visit to Waverley Day Care Centre on **Thursday 4 December**. Always a fun afternoon. They will also be singing at Stoneleigh village church on **Sunday 21 December** as part of the Carols in Church service.

The ladies of the choir made many delicious cakes for a recent afternoon tea and raised a pleasing £205 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Information and contact details may be found on our website [www.stoneleIGHLadieschoir.org](http://www.stoneleIGHLadieschoir.org).

## Christmas on the Village Green Sunday 7th December



Yes, we will continue the now traditional celebration and welcome for the arrival of Father Christmas with our Party on the Green this year.

The team will all be on hand to make the occasion a festive celebration.

We try to innovate every year and as well as the old favourites of minced pies, mulled wine and samosas, we plan to have a special light show arrival. This will be made possible by Santa's helpers, being our neighbours from the **Lakeside GM** company.

So come early and soak up and enjoy the music and the moment - around 4.15/4.30 - and bring your friends because everyone is welcome.

After Father Christmas's arrival and once he has enjoyed his mince pies and meeting everyone he will be off, heading for the Malt Shovel, to meet more of our Village revellers.

As in past years, our lights on the Green will be switched on to celebrate Diwali from 18th October through to 23rd October. Then off until the Party on the 7th of December.

## Penguin Post

Will you be receiving a Christmas card with the special Bubbenhall Penguin Post mark?

Well, would you believe that this service has been in existence since 2002! Doubtless there will be many villagers that are not aware about this service so here is a brief review:

*Penguin Post was set up by Margaret Robinson and Gill Prudhoe back in 2002 to raise money towards the Verandah Fund which was being built on the Village Hall.*

*The idea was for any villager who wanted to take advantage of this scheme:*

1. *to write their village (only) Christmas cards and address the envelope clearly to the village person with their name and address.*
2. *pass the Christmas cards on to either Margaret or Gill together with a donation.*
3. *in return the village Christmas cards would be delivered before Christmas.*



So, if you would like to take advantage of this service and take the pressure off yourself this Christmas, just deliver your Christmas cards along with a donation to Margaret at 21, Moat Close or Gill at 3, Orchard Way before Friday 12th December. All Christmas cards with the special Penguin post mark will be delivered before 17th December. *Margaret and Gill*



## St Giles Church Poppy Display

This, and the front page photo, is just a snapshot of the amazing display created by the dedicated poppy makers of Bubbenhall. Grateful thanks to them, all who helped in assembling the display and to all who contributed to the purchase of the soldier silhouettes.



### Dates for your Diary

#### November

27th.....Film Night, Village Hall  
7.00 for 7.45

#### December

7th.....Christmas Light switch on,  
4.30 Village Green

9th.....Parish Council meeting,  
7.30pm Village Hall

13th.....Bubbenhall Breakfast,  
9.00 to 11.00 Village Hall

18th.....Christmas Carols, 6.30 for  
7.00 Village Hall

#### January

29th.....,Film Night

## Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Contact
Friendly Club .....	2nd Mon of the month.....	see page 9
Rainbows .....	Tue 5.00-6.00pm.....	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies.....	Tue, 6.00-7.15pm.....	Morgan Wilkinson 07522 997436
Guides.....	Tue 7.15pm.....	bubbenhallguides@gmail.com
Sarah Cooke Dance School.....	contact Sarah .....	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library.....	Every 4 weeks, 9.40-9.55am .....	Riverside, Stoneleigh Road .....Mobile Enquiry Line
	from 3rd April 10.10-10.30am.....	Lower End.....01926 851031...

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