

# Bubbenhall Newsletter

- a cream tea at Ryton Pools Cafe, a plant arrangement donated by Mary Long.
- a meal for 2 plus a night's accommodation at the Three Horseshoes Inn,
- an Indian Head Massage from Tracey Cleaver.
- one month's free membership at the Sports Connexion.
- a gents towelling dressing gown and several bottles of alcohol.

Local Models will be wearing clothes from, well known shops such as Per Una, Monsoon and Wallis.

All the clothes will be available to buy on the night with a saving of up to 50 - 75%.



## Bubbenhall Maps

Copies of the Bubbenhall Map displayed in the village hall are now available from Margaret Robinson priced £12.00 each.

Committee - Margaret Robinson, Wayne Cooke, Judith Chettle, Alan Roe, Craig Greenway and Sam Kalyan.

As you would agree not a bad start!

If you would like to offer either an hour of your time or something suitable to Auction please contact one of our committee members.

If you are unable to come along on the night but you would like to bid on any of the above items please contact one of the committee members and they will take your bid.

Tickets are available from Margaret Robinson, Wayne Cooke, Judith Chettle, Alan Roe, Craig Greenway and Sam Kalyan.

## Fashion Show

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we are holding a Ladies Fashion Show at Bubbenhall Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The cost of the tickets is £3.00 which will include a glass of wine. Tickets will be available from committee members nearer the time.



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Offer Starts Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**FRI 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**  
10.00 pm 'til late  
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Every Saturday from 6.00 pm  
Choose any 2 steaks from our special menu and a  
bottle of house wine for only £20  
Offer Starts Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

**Coming soon .....**  
**NEW MENU**  
Available from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March



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March 2008

## St. Giles Church

**Visit to The National Memorial Arboretum,  
Alrewas - 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Open to all in our three parishes.

The coach will leave at about 9.30 a.m., picking up in all 3 villages. (precise details nearer the time)  
Cost - £10.00 per person.

Planned arrival time 10.45 a.m, in time for the Two Minutes' Silence and a service in the Chapel. We shall return in the late afternoon.

Afterwards we shall have time to walk around the memorial gardens and see the latest memorial site,

dedicated to those who lost their lives on active service after the end of the last war in 1945, which was recently opened by her majesty the Queen.

There is an on-site restaurant or you may prefer to bring a picnic lunch.

Please reserve your place now by contacting the Rector on 024 7630 1283 or Philip Alexander on 024 7630 2103.

## Young St Giles

Please come and join us on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00 a.m. Regular or occasional visitors are welcome. The children come to Young St Giles (at the rear of the Church) after the first hymn and enjoy a mixture of free quiet(ish) play and organised craft activities. We usually chat over a drink and biscuit after the service.

## New Prayer Books

We are very grateful to all those people who sponsored new prayer books in memory of loved ones. The prayer books will be dedicated and used for the first time at a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m.

Visiting choir Musica Sacra will lead our singing, and you are invited to stay for a glass of wine and other refreshments afterwards. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, and special invitations will be sent to those who have sponsored prayer books.

## Tower News

Since the last newsletter as well as ringing for Sunday services the bells have rung out to celebrate both a wedding and a blessing. Congratulations to the happy couples from all the Bubbenhall Ringer.

## Visiting Ringer

On 6<sup>th</sup> February we were delighted to welcome the 'Wednesday Band'

## Newsletter Committee

Thank you for all the lovely items that we received for the Secret Santa stall that we ran at the Christmas Fayre. Once again it was a great success and I am sure

that the lucky mums and dads or grandparents who received a 'surprise' gift were very pleased.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the turkey raffle. The lucky winner was Angela Hodgson of Orchard Way. Thank you also to the Heart of England Farms who kindly donated this prize.

Our next fund raising event will be at the Bubbenhall Village Fete and Fun Day where we will be running our popular Teddy Tombola. Any donations of soft toys would be much appreciated.

All funds raised go towards the production costs of producing the newsletter.

### Newsletter committee

Caroline Coles.....024 7630 5287  
Angela Kirby.....024 7630 6683  
Gill Prudhoe.....024 7630 7747

**Next Newsletter is due out in  
July 2008.**



to the tower. Their intention to ring a quarter peal was almost scuppered when one of their members was delayed in heavy traffic and another one almost forgot! However, Peter stepped in at the last minute and a delightful quarter of Grandsire doubles was scored. Afterwards everyone retired to the Malt Shovel for drinks and nibbles. A good evening all round.

Quarter Peal of 1260 Grandsire Doubles – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008

1. John Slack
2. Terence S. Hill
3. Phil Spice
4. Margaret Ingman
5. Julian Edgson (conductor)
6. Peter Sheen

Looking ahead – The annual Guild Training Day is being held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. As part of the training sessions being held throughout the diocese, ringing will take place at St Giles in the afternoon. For further details and application form please contact Susan Sheen, tel: **024 7630 6339**.

Bubbenhall Bellringers Practice night is Thursday 7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Rector:...The Reverend David Wintle  
Tel: **024 7630 1283**  
Reader:.....Mrs. Rosemary King  
Tel: **01788 573 067**  
Churchwarden: ....Mrs. Jackie Lloyd  
Tel: **024 7630 2836**

## Dog Rescue at Honiley

Another thank you to everyone who donated dog meat and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley. The week before Christmas we loaded up the car and took it all over to them – they were very pleased to see us.

Mary Long – **024 7630 2840**



## Malt Shovel Social Club

### Boxing Day Walk

Thank you for the support we received for the Boxing Day Walk – there were a good number of people who turned up to walk. The auction held afterwards in the Malt Shovel raised £1,360.00 for Myton Hospice. Thank you to everyone for your support.

## Kathleen Murcott Grimes

*Tribute given by Rosemary King at the funeral.*

Kathleen and I go back a long way. In fact she was fond of telling everyone how she held me in her arms when I was just 8 days old. She was "Auntie Kathleen" to me when I was a child, although she was not in fact a relative, and she continued to be a much loved "Auntie Kathleen", first to my children - she is Anna's Godmother - and then in recent years to my grandchildren.

Sadly, although in her youth, Kathleen had several admirers, she never married; this was a pity because she loved children and would have been a great Mum.

Among my earliest memories of her are those harvest days at Glebe Farm, with Kathleen, blonde hair tied up in a turban to keep the dust out, driving the old green Fordson tractor

(which had spade lugs, if anyone knows what those are) cutting the corn with my father operating the binder, a fascinating machine to a child, as it made its distinctive rattly way round and round the corn field, spitting out sheaves every few feet. This was of course before the day of the combine harvester. And then I remember her helping with the stooking, getting into trouble with my Dad if she didn't thrust the butts of the sheaves down fully enough into the stubble, because then the stooks would fall over.

Kathleen was always smartly dressed and keen on the latest fashion, and as a young woman, in those days of clothing coupons; she used to make her clothes herself, adapting and reshaping garments to make them conform to the latest styles. Indeed, even in these last few months when she has been housebound, whenever you called in to see her she would be wearing pretty blouses and well-cut skirts or trousers, never without a touch of lipstick and powder.

When I first remember her, back in the 1940's, she chose to colour her hair when a lot of women would not have been so bold, and she was a very good dancer, a skill which she tried in vain to teach me. In the war, she helped at the social club for Canadian airmen - I think it might have been at Baginton and only a few

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Come along for a fun evening where you can help raise fund for the Verandah Appeal while enjoying the entertainment of Trevor Curtis an illusionist. We will also hold a fun auction with a good variety of things to bid for. Come along and bag yourself a bargain!

We have already received pledges for:

- a £35.00 voucher from Martanne Hairdressing Salon in Leamington Spa,
- a Pamper Day at Spa Naturel, Mercure Brandon Hall Hotel and Spa,

- 1/2 hour private horse riding lesson at Bubbenhall Bridge Equestrian Centre,
- a family portrait at Blink, Leamington Spa,
- a basket of ironing by Elaine's Laundry Services,
- 1 hours cleaning by Heidi Ball,
- a meal for 2 at the Malt Shovel,
- an acupuncture treatment from Sally Lissaman,
- an evening's babysitting,
- we also have a signed Coventry City football and shirt,
- a framed picture of Bubbenhall donated by Ruth Green,

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## DANCING CLASSES

**Monday - Bubbenhall Village Hall**

4.15pm - Grade 2 Ballet  
5.00pm - Junior Disco  
5.45pm - Grade 3 & 4 Ballet  
6.45pm - Grade 3 & 4 Tap  
7.30pm - Grade 6 Ballet  
8.30pm - Adult Disco

**Wednesday - Bubbenhall Village Hall**

1.45pm - Pre-school Ballet  
2.30pm - Pre-school Ballet  
3.45pm - Primary Ballet  
4.30pm - Grade 1 Ballet  
5.15pm - Junior Tap  
6.00pm - Senior Disco  
6.45pm - Pre-Associate Ballet Class  
7.30pm - Inter Tap  
8.30pm - Adult Tap

*Classes are also held in Dunchurch, Wellesbourne, Napton and Long Buckby*  
For more information please telephone  
Mrs Sarah Cooke on **024 76511387**  
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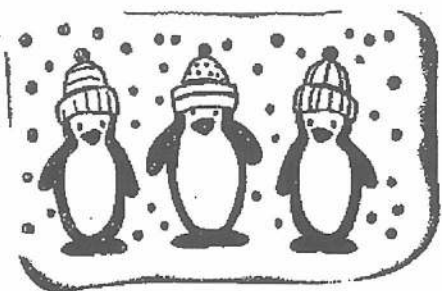


## Village Hall Verandah Fund

### Delivery of local village Christmas cards

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 £86.00 towards the verandah fund. Goodness knows how many miles we walked! Thank you for your support.



### Buy@

It's so simple to help us raise funds towards phase 2 of the verandah and other improvements that are planned for the village hall. Just by going through Bubbenhall.net, all you have to do is click on fundraising and then click on Buy@.

Here are just a couple of great offers you will find there:

- Thinking of joining the National Trust they will give us a £20 contribution
- Sign-up for BT Total Broadband - £30 contribution
- Direct Travel Insurance 9%
- Amazing Learning 15%
- E.on £30 for single switch or £60 for dual switch plus you get Tesco club points

- Sky Digital - £40
- Argos Travel Insurance - up to £20
- Expedia - 6%
- Goldsmiths - 12%
- Lasenza - 10%
- Legal & General Home Insurance - £50 per policy
- Zurich Insurance - £85 per policy

And there are loads more, all willing to make a small contribution for every purchase made through Bubbenhall.net. Go on! Give it a try!

### Buy a Plank

Another way you could help with the Verandah Appeal is to 'Buy a Plank'. Simply contact one of our committee members and let us know if you would like to buy a plank at £20 per plank or a spindle at £3 each. Please fill in the form provided and we will collect your donation. If you are a tax payer and you tick the gift aid box we can claim tax relief on the money you donate.

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## Neighbourhood Watch

I am pleased to report that the crime rate in Bubbenhall and surrounding villages is down. We must all be aware though, of persons around the area who are attempting to dupe, in particular the elderly and vulnerable. If you are concerned about any suspicious persons in or around the village, do not hesitate to telephone the police. We as a community are their eyes and ears.

For anything suspicious which you feel will be of use to the police call **01926 451111**. For any incidents which are actually happening call **999**.

Thanks for everyone's continued support.

Gill Green, 4 The Cottages, Lower End, Bubbenhall  
Telephone **024 7630 5215**

weeks ago she was telling me how she firmly put in their place some officers who were trying to pull rank and buy cigarettes that had been allocated to the ordinary airmen.

I was only a little girl at the time, but I think that it was with these Canadian airmen that Kathleen honed her skills at dancing the foxtrot, quickstep and tango all the dances that were popular in those days, and still are.

Since the death of her mother in the 1970's, Kathleen had lived alone in the family home at Top House. She lived alone, but she was far from being a loner. On the contrary, she was extremely sociable, an active member of at least two Bridge Clubs, and many of you here will remember her very convivial parties.

Kathleen was outgoing and interested in all manner of things. She enjoyed many holidays with different friends to Scotland and further afield, including Istanbul and Norway, as well as several trips to Italy, Austria, France and Spain. On one of her holidays in France she was able to achieve a long-held ambition and fly in Concorde. Although not an actress herself, she was very involved backstage with both the Priory Theatre in Kenilworth and the Loft in Leamington and until a couple of years ago still loved going to performances there.

She was a nifty driver until fairly recently, and having to give up her car was a great blow to her because it robbed her of the independence she treasured and fiercely guarded.

Kathleen was someone who always thought of others and their needs. For years she took out meals on wheels, indeed she eventually discovered that she was taking meals on wheels to people who were far younger than she was. She was involved in fundraising for Myton Hospice and the British Sailors' Association, and was in fact given an award for her services to that organisation. She was an active member of the Inner Wheel, and hosted fund-raising functions for them at Top House.

Kathleen's death marks the end of an era for my family, for her own family, and for Bubbenhall. There have been Grimes's at Top House for at least 3 generations, and the Murcotts who were all part of the same clan, were a very old established Bubbenhall family. Kathleen continued the family tradition of generous support to the village and its church. In St. Giles Church there is a very fine window by the famous Victorian stained-glass designer Kempe, and you will see that it was given in memory of members of the Grimes family.

Kathleen served on the PCC as Treasurer and as Churchwarden. She contributed most generously to Church funds, and, much more important, she was at Church every Sunday. She delighted in creating beautiful flower arrangements both for the Church and at home. Until quite recently, she made pots and pots of delicious marmalade and jam for sale at Church and village bazaars and fetes. Many of you will remember Kathleen's regular place in Church. Apparently though - this was before even my time - the Grimes family pew used to be a box pew with red furnishings.

Kathleen, like her family before her, was deeply involved in the life of this village. It was Kathleen who officially opened the village hall, because the land on which it stands was Grimes land, as was the playing field, a fact which is commemorated by an inscription which is just by the

entrance to the village hall. She was an enthusiastic gardener, and she was so pleased that, when she became unable to do the work herself, skilled and willing helpers kept things as she wanted them in her beloved garden. She was a great supporter of, and regular competitor in, the Annual Flower and Produce Show.

She was a member of the Friendly Club, and much appreciated the companionship, the meals out and other outings, as well as the support of fellow members as she grew older.

Kathleen possessed the graceful virtue of gratitude. She was always so appreciative of anything you did for her, that you did it gladly. She's not here today say thank you, but I know that she would wish me to say it on her behalf: Thank you to all the friends and neighbours, the members of the village community, her cousins and family. There are too many of you to mention each one by name, but you know who you are, and you know that Kathleen is so grateful for your friendship over the years and for your help in the last part of her life on earth.

And so we give thanks for a long and full life, a life full of enthusiasm and compassion. And we mourn the passing of a lively and outgoing woman who meant so much too many of us as individuals, and to all of us as a community.

Goodbye, Kathleen. God bless.



## Bubbenhall Spring and Village Green Restoration Project

### Changes beginning to be seen – on the Village Green!

Since my report in the last issue of the Village Newsletter and with funding in place, we have begun to see the gradual realisation of the various parts of the Bubbenhall Spring and Village Green Restoration project. We are continuing to work towards most of the headline features being in place by summer – although there will still probably be detailed areas remaining to be completed.

### The new Bus Shelter

The new base has been cast and the bus shelter is in place. Sincere thanks are due to John Hughes from John Hughes Haulage of Featherstone Farm on the Leamington Road, on the way into Ryton, who collected the structure for us from West Tisted in Hampshire, delivered it to its new home and then returned with his Cat

Telehandler to off load and position it. By the time you read this, the roof should be tiled with the reclaimed tiles from the old Glebe Farm Barns, courtesy of John Green and Smiths, with sterling “stripping” assistance from John, Graham Johnson with lorry and Peter Sheen with history lesson!

When new budgets are available from April, Warwickshire County Council has agreed to fit granite kerbs and to lay a new pavement to the bus stop up Pit Hill, from the oak tree, with universal access.

▼ The arrival of the new bus shelter, with John Hughes providing the lifting



### The Village Pond or “Pit”

The restored pond area has been excavated and lined with 12½ tonnes of clay from the Smith’s quarry. Contractors and ecologists, Ecoline, will be returning shortly to re-grass the area and plant it with naturally occurring plants and flowers and will also introduce native water life.

### The Stone Walling around the oak and Spring outlet

Our chosen stonemason, Stuart Power of Whitnash has been retained to begin the cladding early in April.

The necessary roadworks and the diverting of the current drainage water will take place towards the end of March.



### Staff Retiring – New Team Members

Lizzie Higginson, our Reception Team Manager, retired in July 2007. Lizzie’s role has been taken by Emma Haddon. Emma has quickly become a key member of our team and brings with her a number of years experience gained in general practice.

Our Administration Manager, Lyn Sparks, retired in October 2007. Lyn’s office management role had been taken by Jackie McGaffin who had been a Practice Secretary. Ruth Bishop will be joining the practice team as Information Analyst in March.

The practice also has a new Healthcare Assistant. Jo Allen is the practice phlebotomist but we have now expanded Jo’s role.

### Village Hall Clinics

As Dr Chapman has been on extended leave since October, the clinic at the Village Hall has been reduced from weekly to bi-weekly.

As Dr Chapman will now be leaving the practice, the partners are committed to keeping the existing arrangement: Dr Fullbrook will continue the service.

Whilst the service provision has reduced, the partners would like to state that they have no plans to stop the service and will be discussing the current provision at the next planning away day in March.

### General Practice Assessment Questionnaire (GPAQ)

We are please to announce that we have received the survey report from the GPAQ survey that we carried out in October 2007. These results were an improvement on last year’s which were very good in themselves. We would like to thank all those who took part.

## Programme for 2008



### BUBBENHALL VILLAGE EVENTS

The dates for the various events have now been agreed so please earmark the following dates in your diary.

- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
*Village Fun Day - The theme this year will be “Science Fiction”*
- The parade will be led by the Coventry corps of Drums. Let’s see if we can beat the turnout of fancy dress costumes of last year, which was the best yet.
- **Saturday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**  
*Annual Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Show with Car Boot Sale*  
Start Growing now!
- **Thursday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Carols at the Malt Shovel with mince pies and mulled wine.*

*We hope to see you all supporting the events.*

### Let’s make them the biggest and best ever !

We are increasingly in need of help with these events so is you would like to give some of your time, muscle or brain or both, and be involved please let us know. Strong young people would be especially welcome !! Please contact Don Thomas 024 7630 5460 or any committee member.

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## Regular Groups

### Group

Friendly Club  
Bubbenhall Mother & Toddler Group  
Rainbows  
Brownies  
Guides  
Ladies Keep Fit  
Ryton Pools Volunteers  
WCC Friday Mobile Library

Bubbenhall Junior Football, 5-13 years  
Sarah Cooke Dance School  
St. Giles Bellrangers Practice

Young St. Giles

### Meets

Alternate Mondays 2:00 - 4.00 p.m.  
Thursday Mornings 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Thursdays 5.30 - 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Please contact Visitors Centre  
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Thursday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
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11:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Venue

Village Hall  
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Visitors Centre  
“Ellesmere” Stoneleigh Road  
Lower End  
Village Playing Fields  
Village Hall  
St. Giles Church  
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Our next fund raising event will be our ever popular Jar Tombola which we will be running at the Bubbenhall Fete and Fun Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please could all mums start collecting jam jars and start looking for exciting items to fill them! We shall also soon be making a rota for help running the stall on the day.

Advanced notice – please put it in your diary or on the calendar. Judy Hartland the photographer will be coming along to the village hall between 10.00 am. and 11.30 a.m. on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Judy takes lovely photographs of not just the kids but also of mums and dads, grandparents and even pets. This photograph session is open to anyone who would love to come along – no appointment necessary and no obligation to buy.

Since we have returned after the Christmas break we have had a number of new members who are warmly welcomed. We meet on Thursday mornings (term time only) at the village hall from 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. and it costs only £1.50 per child – great value! So if you have a pre-school aged child (yes, even new born babies) why not come along and join in the fun! For further information call Lori on 02476 305355 or better still just come along and see for yourself.

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## News from Clarendon Lodge

### Partners Retiring – Goodbye to Drs Wilmot and Chapman

After over 33 years at Clarendon Lodge, Dr John Wilmot will be retiring in July. Dr Wilmot has been the Senior Partner with the practice for a number of years and we have all benefited from his balanced, thoughtful and common sense approach.

We will all miss him and we wish him well in what we are sure will be retirement with a 'small r'!

Dr Green will replace Dr Wilmot as Senior Partner.

The partners have already been through the process to appoint Dr Wilmot's replacement. Dr Tom Harper will be officially joining the practice as a partner in July but will be helping us out on a reduced basis between March and July.

As some patients may already know, Dr Katie Chapman has been on a period of extended leave since October. We had planned to have Katie back at the beginning of April; however, this will not be the case.

Dr Chapman's consultant has recommended that she take ill-health retirement and she is planning this to commence from 31 March 2008.

We are all sad that Dr Chapman will be leaving the team although we appreciate that her health must come first and wish her every success for the future.



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This has been agreed with Warwick CC, although we will need to fund it.

The final piece of this vital part of the project will be to install the photo-voltaic cells and the bore hole pump to produce the new spring source. Research continues on the format for the new spring outlet feature.

### Final Clearing and Landscaping

With the hedgerow at the back of the green having been expertly "laid" by Master Hedge-layer Clive Matthew of Desford, one of the major finishing activities is to remove old vines and root structures where we have cleared the undergrowth and to landscape the completed area. This will take place during March.

I'm sorry that the area looks worse before it is better but the project is moving towards the completion of what should be an enhancing,

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance



Another busy term ahead.

Well done to all the children who were in the three different pantomimes – I enjoyed seeing them all. We will be busy rehearsing for our dance displays to be held at Provost Williams Primary School on 7<sup>th</sup> June and at the Bubbenhall Fun Day on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Some children are also working towards exams to be held in March. I am pleased to say that one of my older pupils Emma Beaty has decided to teach dancing so she will be working at my Napton branch in September and she is busy taking further teaching qualifications along with Gemma, Sadie and Kim. I am sure that they will all do very well.

Thank you once again for your continued support. All the children are working so hard.

attractive new "heart" for the village and one that the village has achieved.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January under a headline of 'Revival of ye olde Village Green'.

The restoration project has also received local press coverage from the Warwickshire Telegraph on

Tony Sproul,  
on behalf of the Bubbenhall Spring and  
Village Green Restoration Committee.

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## Bubbenhall Friendly Club

Our autumn programme ended with three sessions of eating and drinking and a shopping trip!! In November we held a Bubbenhall Pudding Club.

The committee cooked a variety of puddings, and after a bowl of soup the members of the club tucked into several portions of puddings, including a delicious and very naughty chocolate pud, fruit salad, bread and butter pudding, a fruit crumble and an equally naughty treacle tart. The dishes were scraped clean and everyone went home feeling very full.

Our Christmas events started with several of us going by train to Birmingham to do some Christmas shopping and at the following meeting we started to celebrate Christmas with sherry and mince pies.

The Baginton Singers entertained us with a variety of songs, including their own version of Jerusalem, written about the W.I's Calendar Girls.

Our Christmas lunch was held at the Woodhouse at Princethorpe.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bubbenhall Brownies

This term has been an interesting one for Bubbenhall Brownies. We have decided to concentrate on Breast Cancer Awareness. The girls decided they would like to do a mini fashion show based on the colour pink, so the meetings have comprised of the girls making things for the fashion show at the end of March. They have made pink cakes and biscuits as they will be serving the parents food and drink to complete their hostess badge. They have also been making hair decorations, jewellery; tie-dye t-shirts, table decorations and hats to wear during the evening. The girls are really enjoying it, as the colour pink seems to be very popular.

At the beginning of February, the girls celebrated the Chinese New year by having an activity day based on the Chinese culture. They had a Chinese takeaway and made lanterns and fans. We were also lucky with the weather and able to go for a walk to the park. We are also looking forward to a disco organised to raise money for the Village Hall Verandah Fund during the February half term.

If you are interested in joining the Brownies, we meet on a Tuesday evening from 5.30 - 7.00 p.m. We are also looking for some adult help as we have over 15 girls and would welcome an extra pair of hands.

For information, contact Beverley 01788 811643

We had a very enjoyable festive lunch and exchanged cards and had a secret Santa exchange of presents.

The Spring programme started with our AGM and our eighth birthday celebrations.

Beryl and Chris made little cakes to have with our cups of tea and everyone had a good chat about what had been happening since our last meeting before Christmas.

Ruth Green came to the next meeting to give a very interesting talk about Picture Framing and to show several pictures taken of places in and around Bubbenhall.

The first meeting in February took us back to our favourite subject - food.

Members of the committee had been busy making and tossing pancakes and whilst the Friendly Club members ate them, Dawn gave a little talk about the origins of pancakes and various facts about the highest a pancake has been tossed and the largest one made, which was made for 40,000 people.

Somehow making them for 20 to 30 people did not seem so bad. Pat read out the questions for a game of The Weakest Link, which was won by Bea and Dorothy.

Our Spring meetings will continue with a Soup and Bingo session, a visit and talk at a local library and will end with our Easter Lunch which will be held at a local pub.

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## The Bubbenhall 100 Club

### Where does your membership money go ?

Bubbenhall 100 Club pays out monthly prize money. We do the draw in one of the pubs on the last Friday of each month.

This year your Bubbenhall 100 Club will donate yet more funds to help finish the village hall verandah.

We shall also contribute funds to provide lighting for the verandah as well as the car park areas.

Thank you for your valuable contributions. If you are not a member yet and would like to support this village and its amenities please give me a call on 024 76 30 6894.

Thank you - Michael Wareham

### The Big Prize Winners

#### December 2007 lucky winners:

1<sup>st</sup> - £60.00 No 70  
Mary Long  
2<sup>nd</sup> - £40.00 No 173 -  
Bob Gardener  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £30.00 No 73  
Tony Twist  
4<sup>th</sup> - £20.00 No 106 -  
Alan & Joan Swinscoe

#### January 2008 lucky winners:

1<sup>st</sup> - £60.00 No 43  
George Noszlopy  
2<sup>nd</sup> - £40.00 No 101  
John Hirons  
3<sup>rd</sup> - £30.00 No 135  
Jas Jaspal  
4<sup>th</sup> - £20.00 No 40 -  
Sue Wareham

## Bubbenhall Mother and Toddler Group

It seems like a long time ago but I would like to start with a big thank you to Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to call into our Christmas party and for bringing a present for each child. Everyone had a great time and we all went home excited and exhausted!

This term the toddlers have been busy playing and also finding time to have great fun sticking, painting and making things for Valentines Day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

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Thomas through ball to reduce the deficit, but despite a spirited effort Bubbers bowed out 4-3.

The club's involvement in knock-out competitions was ended the following week with defeat to Leam Spartans in the Division Three Cup. Blake Thomas fired 'Hall in front, and also laid on a goal for Halford who curled a first time shot brilliantly into the top corner. At 2-0 Bubbers looked in total control, but a defensive slip late in the half, and two further gifted goals, meant there would be no cup final appearance this season – the tie finishing 3-2.



The same teams did battle in the league the following week, and this time it was Bubbenhall's turn to fight back. Halford tapped home and Paget rose highest to get his head on the end of another great Blake Thomas set piece as Spartans were pegged back to 1-1 and then 2-2. Spartans had a late chance to win it when Bevan clattered an opposing striker, but did enough to put the same player off as the penalty struck a post. Must have been the Bruce Grobbelaar style shake of the knees on the line Bev!

The game will also be remembered for Neil Woodfield showing his commitment to the cause by playing on with a broken nose and shoulder injury as no subs were available. He did however fail to show the same commitment to his employers and on the advice of a doctor took a week and a half off work!

In the next two matches Bubbenhall managed to keep two clean sheets and won 3-0 on both occasions. Dodds, Nath Woodfield and Halford the scorers against Leek Wootton with Paget, Blake Thomas and Halford again doing for AC Cricketers. In both games the defensive line of Bevan in goal, and defenders Pete Squires, Simon Thomas, Ian Ward and Darren Laffey – who has impressed at left back during an extended run in the team – looked solid, and made it more than 230 minutes without conceding a goal!

Nath Woodfield has now moved to the bright lights of London and will not be able to be called on by boss Flowers on a regular basis, but is promising to make cameo appearances between now and the end of the season.

In the second weekend of April the squad is off on a team bonding trip/drunken weekend to Talinn in Estonia. No football games have been arranged as the Estonians heard about the club's reputation of being one of the best team in Warwickshire and cried off – honest!

## Bubbenhall Guides

The New Year has started with our meetings having a Water theme. We are raising money for Water Aid, a charity helping to provide clean water for communities in Africa, by collecting small change in a 2 litre water bottle. So far we have had a pirate week using treasure maps; we have been on a cruise ship playing bingo and drinking cocktails; we went under the sea and made plaster of Paris shells; and finally we were on the beach playing volley ball with balloons and frisbee with paper plates. The theme will culminate with a walk round Draycote Water with the rest of Rugby Division. This will be to celebrate Thinking Day (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) – a special day when Guides around the world remember each other. The Guides (along with Brownies and Rainbows) have already made international links with an Australian Guide group which we hope to extend.



During February half term we joined with the Rainbows, Brownies and Sarah Cooke School of Dance to hold a disco in aid of the Village Hall Verandah Fund. A good night was had by all. In March we will be visiting the Warwickshire Gang Show in Leamington and joining in with enthusiasm I am sure.

Guides meet in the Village Hall on Friday nights 7.15 – 9.00p.m and is for girls aged 10 – 14, we welcome new members.

For more information contact:  
Lesley Goodhead 024 7630 6964

The Friendly Club meets every two weeks on a Monday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm (except for lunch events).

We try to organise an outing or two in each season and have speakers and socials in the Village Hall.

If you would like to join us, please come along and you will be made very welcome. This club is for you – if you are over 50 and have a couple of hours free on a Monday afternoon, please come and see us.

The meetings only cost £2.00, which includes a cup of tea and biscuit. (Unfortunately, we do have to put an extra cost on the outings and some of the food events).

Just contact one of the committee members for details of the next meeting

Chris Dunn .....024 7630 2481  
Beryl Lock .....024 7630 6246  
Chris Morgan.....024 7630 6131  
Dawn Eady .....024 7630 3957

## Report from Bubbenhall Parish Council

### Security

In the Autumn, a vehicle was damaged in Lower End and a theft occurred from an unattended motor vehicle on the Three Horseshoes public house car park. A large amount of cash and cards were stolen from a handbag which had been left in the vehicle. A little later, a vehicle was entered in Moat Close by forcing the door lock and a satnav was stolen. PC Everall, our local policeman, has asked us all to be careful about not leaving any items of value in our cars. He has thanked the Bubbenhall community as a whole for their support throughout 2007. The crime rate has been kept low due to the vigilance of villagers and the success of safer Neighbourhood Policing. He wished everyone a crime free New Year. In

the early part of 2007, the crime rate in neighbouring villages was high and PC Everall has asked that residents stay vigilant.

### Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee held a meeting in December. The Waste Recycling Group was not successful in their tender for inVessel composting on the Bubbenhall site and this will mean a decrease in the amount of waste composted in Bubbenhall. The Environmental Agency representative of the committee informed the meeting that an audit was carried out on the WRG site and it was running fairly well and any actions needed were carried out. Gas migration is an ongoing problem and a regional gas specialist has

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## Dates for Your Diary

### March

18<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall – 7.30, p.m.

30<sup>th</sup> Visit to The National Memorial  
Arboretum, Alrewas

### April

13<sup>th</sup> Choral Evensong  
Musica Sacra  
St. Giles – 6.30 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup> Auction and Magical Evening  
Village Hall – 7.30p.m.

### May

13<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show  
Village Hall – 7.30p.m.

### June

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fete and Fun Day  
Watch Notice Boards

### September

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fruit, Vegetable  
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### December

18<sup>th</sup> Carols at the Malt Shovel

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been asked to look into this problem. The representative from Warwickshire Planning Department will report back to the committee on the conditions given by the Regulatory Committee as to the timing for tipping to end on this site.

## Planning Items

A planning application has been received for the erection of a free standing open sided shed in the car park of the Malt Shovel Inn. The Parish Council raised no objections to this application.

## Recreation Ground

ROSPA have completed their annual inspection of the play equipment. The play area received a reasonable report, with only one item flagged as needing immediate attention. This item has now been repaired. Work will be done on replacing a panel on the multi activity area and the tiles under the baby swing will be relayed. New waste bins have been ordered for the tennis court area and work will begin to clear the weeds and moss from the tennis courts. Work will be carried out in the early

Spring to improve the drainage on the recreation ground.

Cllr. R. Green continues to monitor the play area and recreation ground and does a regular check on the play equipment.

## Parish Council News

A casual vacancy arose in the office of Parish Councillor for Bubbenhall Parish, caused by the resignation of Cllr Ian Thomas.

A notice of this vacancy was advertised and as no request for an election was made, the Parish Council are able to fill the vacancy by co-option. Cllr Peter Hennessey has been co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Chair of Warwick District Council visited the Parish Council meeting in October and acknowledged the problems with the Coventry Airport and the Waste Recycling Group tip in the village. He spoke encouragingly about the Spout Project. Warwickshire County Council has been contacted regarding the speed of vehicles on

the A445 and the Highways Department are looking into speed limits on certain roads in Warwickshire and the road from the Weston crossroads to the Ryton side of Bubbenhall is one of the roads recommended for a reduction to 50mph. It is hoped that this recommendation will be accepted.

A local resident has expressed concern that it is not possible to catch a bus directly to Kenilworth from Bubbenhall and come back the same day ! The transport department at Warwick District Council are looking into the matter and this item is on the agenda for discussion at the Parish Council meeting in February.

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 March.

## Bubbenhall Rainbows

During this term along with crafts such as pom pom pets, heart pendants and bird feeders from juice cartons, we have been working towards our first badge.

This is called Roundabout Festivals. To earn the badge we have to complete activities from four different sections of the badge. We are hoping to complete the badge before the Easter holidays because at the start of the summer term 6 of our older Rainbows will be moving on to Brownies.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownies Group for girls aged 5 - 7 years.

If you would like more information or would like to put your daughter's name on our waiting list please contact either:

Margaret Robinson  
Tel: 024 7630 5931  
Dawn Hands  
Tel: 024 7630 6073

## Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

On Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>, we held a Valentine Dance in the village hall with live music from High Five who played music from three decades to match their audience. We all did lots of dancing and generally enjoyed ourselves.

In January we had a mixed audience of children and adults for a story telling evening by Cat Weatherill. Live and Local were our sponsors for the evening and this was our first event with them. We would have liked a larger audience but we know that those present certainly enjoyed it and there was plenty of audience participation !

The Old Time Music Hall held in October was a successful event and much enjoyed by all who attended. We have donated the profit from this event to the Village Hall Verandah Fund which will benefit all of the village and needs all our support.

Thank you for all your support at our events.

Heather, Judith, Margaret, Mallyn, Rose and Sue.

## Bubbenhall Football Club

### Bubbenhall chasing top two finish

With Division Three of the Leamington & District Sunday League wide open there is still all to play for as the season reaches its business end. The title may be a bridge too far but Bubbenhall could still better, or at least match, last season's third place finish. The calming influence of Dave Paget in midfield - absent on holiday - was missed in two games. Bubbenhall suffered poor results at the back end of 2007.

A host of chances were squandered in the 2-2 draw at Racing Club Evolve. Blake Thomas and Neil Woodfield 'Hall's scorers - followed a week later by an under strength team being edged out 1-0 by Chadwick End.

Bubbenhall had to bounce back at home to Sky Blue Cricketers after picking up just one point from a possible six. The match saw the return of Gary Bevan who realised he had made a big mistake in leaving for DJC, after making just two appearances, and came back to his spiritual football home. Cricketers stormed into a 2-0 lead, before stand-in keeper Darren Laffey was forced off with a nasty looking leg gash, or maybe scratch would be more accurate! Bevan was called into action and looked assured between the sticks, and in the second half it was Bubbenhall's turn to kick down the hill and the game was turned on its head - the hosts winning 4-2.

Next up was a game against the then leaders Sydenham Club, and twice

Liam Flowers' side came from behind to earn a share of the spoils. An outrageous, or some may say fortuitous flick volley from Nathan Woodfield levelled the scores at 1-1, after which twin brother Neil lobbed the keeper to make the final score 2-2.

A very hung-over Bubbenhall side then cruised to a 4-2 win against struggling Leam Albion (B.Thomas 2, Adam Halford 2).

The first game of 2008 was a trip to face Division Two outfit Wellesbourne in the league's main cup, and Bubbenhall made the worst possible start. Two early goals were gifted to the hosts, before Halford pulled a goal back before half-time. A great free-kick from Blake Thomas was headed home by Paget mid-way through the second half and Bubbenhall sensed an upset. It was not to be as Wellesbourne added two further soft goals to take control. Danny Dodds latched onto a Blake

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