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BUBBENHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

May 1991.

No. 17.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS. Results of the elections which took place on the 2nd May are as follows:-

Warwick District Council - Stoneleigh Ward (2 seats).

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	C.S.Cleaver J.S.Hammon I.M.Frost G.W.Carr J.A.E.Butler R.N.Beckett C.E.Spink	(Con) (Con) (Lab) (LD) (LD) (Lab) (Green)	1257 1090 406 392 377 375 125	ELECTED.
Bubben	hall Parish Council	(7 seats).		

l.	Mrs.J.Lloyd	195	ELECTED.
2.	A.R.Gibson	178	ELECTED.
3.	A.B.Glover	169	ELECTED.
4.	C.B.Haynes	154	ELECTED.
5.	N.M.Busby	150	ELECTED.
6.	D.W.Johnson	146	ELECTED.
7.	Mrs.S.E.Roe	138	ELECTED.
8.	Mrs.E.J.Shattock	137	

After two recounts.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Election of Chairman.

Councillor C.B. Haynes has been re-elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1991/92.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Mrs.J.Lloyd has been re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 1991/92.

Bubbenhall Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Mrs.J.Lloyd has been appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee for 1991/92.

Parish Emergency Committee.

The Chairman of the Parish Council (Councillor C.B.Haynes), the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Mrs.J.Lloyd) and Councillor A.R.Gibson have been appointed as the Emergency Committee for the Parish, to liaise with the Warwickshire County Council Major Peacetime Emergency Scheme.

PARISH COUNCIL (Contd.)

Planning.

Warwick District Council has approved the planning application made by Mr.M.Jones in respect of a pedestrian access from Stoneleigh Road to land adjacent to "The Cedars".

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications at its meeting on 7th May:-

33 Home Close	Erection of single storey extension for Mr.T.C.Goodhead	No Parish Council objection.
'Riverside", Stoneleigh Rd.	Use of part of the premises as a pre-school nursery for children aged 3-5 years, for Mr. and Mrs.S.Ridgley.	Opposed by Parish Council as commer- cial development in Green Belt.
Land adjoining 1, Church Rd.	Erection of a dwelling after demolition of existing outbuildings for Mr.and Mrs.D.Ruck.	No Parish Council objection.

Warwickshire Association of Parish Councils.

The Parish Council has decided to rejoin this Association for 1991/92.

Traffic Problems - Lower End.

This matter has again been referred to the County Council, as highways authority, and also to Sir Dudley Smith M.P., in the hope that a solution may be found to this problem.

Highways.

The Parish Council has considered the following general matters, and referred them to the County Council for attention:-

- (a) the use of Watery Lane and Stoneleigh Road by trucks taking soil via 'Tantara Lodge' to the new golf course at Stoneleigh Park. It is understood that this operation has now ceased and that the damage caused to the roadside verges will be remedied.
- (b) water on the road at Spring Hill from 'Longfield' down.
- (c) water on the road in Lower End from 'Malt Shovel' to Coopers Walk.
- (d) litter lying in Pagets Lane.
- (e) resurfacing of paved area at junction of Lower End with Spring Hill.
- (f) the condition of the ditches along the A445, both sides.
- (g) dumping in a ditch off Stoneleigh Road.
- (h) damage to the footways along the A445 by the growth of weeds.

Public Footpaths.

The Mid-Warwickshire Group of the Ramblers Association has been working towards Target 2000, and in Bubbenhall has installed three new stiles and three signposts, as well as carrying out some waymarking and clearing away two lots of fallen obstructing branches.

B.R.A.G. (BUBBENHALL RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP).

At the last general meeting of the group it was agreed that a sub-committee should be established to monitor adherence to the County Council's conditions imposed on the development of the Glebe Lands by Smiths Concrete Limited. A group of members

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB (Contd,)

money for a cause which benefits all inhabitants of the village. The only time which is involved is that in collecting the subscriptions once a year, and in taking the winnings to the winners once a month.

ST. GILES CHURCH.

<u>Prize Draw</u>. The £50.00 Prize Draw has been won by Kay Frith - No.539. Thanks to all who supported the draw which resulted in a major contribution to the fabric fund.

Flower Festival The Flower Festival takes place this year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 20th, 21st and 22nd September. Please contact the Vicar if you are interested in arranging flowers or can help in any other way.

Bike Ride. The sponsored bike ride for the Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust - now an annual event - will take place on Saturday, September 14th. This is now for walkers as well as cyclists, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will join in. Sponsors have been most generous in the past; half the funds raised go to St.Giles, and half to the Trust.

<u>Field OS.7322</u>. The future use of this field, in the ownership of St.Giles Church, is being discussed by the Parochial Church Council and in consultation with the Parish Council.

(See also contribution from Mr.A.R.Gibson, Parish Councillor, detailed below).

MONEY FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE.

At the Annual Parish Council meeting, concern was expressed at the possible sale of land owned by the Church in Pagets Lane, in order to raise much needed money for the maintenance of our Village church.

Whatever religious denomination we may be, I am sure that we do not want our Church, which is very much part of the village life, to fall into disrepair. In the near future the Parish Council and the Church Parochial Council are going to have a series of discussions on possible ways to raise this money without having to sell the land.

Alan Gibson, Parish Councillor.

MOWING OF GRASS AREAS IN THE VILLAGE.

In the past the County Council has carried out the grass cutting in the village. Unfortunately, due to financial restraints they are now no longer carrying out this duty. All members of the village who have grass areas adjacent to or opposite their homes are asked, therefore, to cut these themselves, so as to keep the village neat and tidy.

Alan Gibson, Parish Councillor.

NEXT NEWSLETTER ISSUE.

The Autumn Newsletter is due for circulation in early September. Items for publication, in writing please, to Rene Beale, 10, Waggoners Close, Bubbenhall, Coventry, CV8 3JE. 'Phone Coventry 301727.

In conclusion, many thanks to all who contributed news itsms for this edition.

GARTER GROUP (Contd.)

Forthcoming events:-

Thursday, 13th June

Treasure Hunt from the Malt Shovel. Names for this event can be given

to a committee member.

Saturday, 13th July

Barbecue and disco.

Tickets available at a later date.

August

No meeting.

Chris Morgan (Publicity)

Coventry 306131.

BUBBENHALL ART GROUP.

Bubbenhall Art Group meets at 'Springhurst' on:-

Tuesdays 4.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 9 years and over.

Fridays 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Adults.

Children £1.00; Adu

Adults £1.00 per hour.

Newcomers always welcome. Please wear old clothes. Paper and materials provided for children. Adults should bring their own if possible.

For more information please telephone:-

Sanna Alexander

Coventry 302103.

VILLAGE HALL.

The Village Hall May Dance was held on Saturday May 4th - a very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended. I would like to thank all those who helped to make it a success.

Gala Day The next event is Gala Day on Saturday, June 22nd. The afternoon will start with the judging of the Gala Queen at 1.45 p.m. in the Malt Shovel car park. Please come along and have a good afternoon out, and support your village groups.

<u>Village Hall Secretary</u>. I am resigning from the post of Village Hall Secretary, and my successor will be Pam Bracken whom I wish every success.

Bookings Bookings for the Village Hall are being taken by Joan Brandrick, 18, Moat Close, Telephone - Coventry 302354.

Lyn Johnson, Village Hall Committee.

Coventry 303386.

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Recent winners:-	February	£25.00 £12.50	No.66 No.91	C.Dunn D.C.Thornton
	March	£25.00 £12.50	No.60 No.56	B.Beale M.Ball

No draw was made in April.

Mike Frith, who has organised the Club from its inception feels that, due to other commitments and his impending departure from the village, he has to relinquish the task of organiser. As the end of the Club's year was in March, no further draw has taken place.

If anyone is willing to take on the running of the Club could they please contact Mike at "The Cottage", Spring Hill (Telephone Coventry 302015).

It would be a great pity if the Club fell into abeyance. In its 3 years of existence approximately £2000 has been raised to be used for the benefit of the village, and the Club represents an easy and relatively painless way of raising

B.R.A.G. (Contd.)

willing to participate in monitoring activities (Philip Alexander, Bob Beale, Lynn and Bill Brown, Dennis O'Brien, Peter Sheen, Maggi and Peter Ward), met on 20th March 1991, and the following views were expressed:-

BRAG should continue its activities, so long as there continues to be interest in the village;

Activities should be integrated with other village bodies to ensure a common and consistent approach for Bubbenhall as a community;

BRAG's main focus should be on monitoring activities;

A focal point for day to day enquiries is needed;

It is important that BRAG "officers", in common with other village representatives, remain accountable for their actions to the Bubbenhall community.

The monitoring group will be led by Peter Sheen (Tele: Coventry 306339) and Dennis O'Brien (Tele: Coventry 304768), and they are now reviewing the conditions to prepare for meetings with Smiths and County Council. An overall monitoring body to involve the County, the Parish Council and BRAG had been proposed previously and with screening work under way, it is time to turn the proposal into reality.

Liaison with the Parish Council will be through regular contact with Norman Busby who has consented to accept this responsibility. It is hoped that this will demonstrate specifically that BRAG and the Parish Council are working as one, and, of course, does not imply that we did not enjoy their support previously.

BRAG communications will be through the Bubbenhall newsletter and members will be kept apprised of developments each quarter. BRAG meetings will be kept to a minimum - unless there is a crisis - and it is proposed that an annual meeting be convened to receive reports from the monitoring committee.

50+ CLUB.

Our activities go from strength to strength, with members showing a keen interest in the fortnightly events. A visit to Chatsworth Hall is planned for July, and non-members are most welcome to join us for this beautiful stately home trip. Talks by interesting speakers keep us up to date with present day affairs - three young adults from the Warwick Nature Conservation Trust came to talk to us concerning the environment, showing slides enlarging on the detrimental effect that modern living has on our countryside, and Mr.Rimner, the City Archivist, is on the agenda for a talk in late Spring.

At the end of June a Local Drama'group is coming to the Hall to perform one of their amusing plays, and we shall again be manning a bottle stall for the Gala Day festivities on 22nd June.

On the 11th September, Diane Cox, a Reflexologist, is coming to explain this natural form of Therapy, which should prove most beneficial. Anyone from the village interested in alternative medicine is most welcome to join us. The Bingo Club on Mondays continues to be a jolly social afternoon when members spend a pleasant hour in an atmosphere of speculative fun, culminating occasionally with a cheese, wine and biscuit party. We also incorporate a Yoga session at the beginning of the week, when Mrs.Draper kindly supervises some of our ladies in this graceful and wonderful system of posture, breathing and relaxation.

Mrs.Freeman or myself would be pleased to introduce to the Group any villagers who would appreciate an afternoon each fortnight in which to enjoy the company of others in the same age range. Telephone numbers below:-

Doreen Freeman Coventry 301745 Kath McBroome, Secretary. Coventry 306915.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH.

The theft of and from motor vehicles left unattended on drives and roadways continues unabated. One motor car was stolen from the Village and two motor cars were broken into and the radios stolen.

In a recent survey the Police discovered that many people have their garages full of miscellaneous items of no great value whilst they leave motor vehicles (worth many thousands of pounds) outside in their drives at the mercy of any passing thieves, who are expert in breaking into such vehicles very quickly and are long since gone before the theft is even discovered.

It is again suggested that residents going away on holiday arrange for a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on their property whilst it is unoccupied, as several burglaries have occurred recently in surrounding villages.

When using the '999' system please remember to mention that you are resident in <u>Warwickshire</u> as all calls made from our exchange automatically go through to Birmingham.

R.B.Gardner, Chairman of Co-ordinators,
Bubbenhall Neighbourhood Watch.

Coventry 303546.

MALT SHOVEL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.

With the better weather coming (we hope) the bowling season is here again. Anyone wishing to play please see Tony Cardellino at the Malt Shovel. Gala Day is on the 22nd June - usual stalls and six-a-side football, and hopefully better weather than last year.

Flower Show and Car Boot Sale - September 7th. We would like as many entries as possible for the Flower Show as this means more for the auction at night - something that everyone enjoys.

Thank you to everyone who helped with sponsor money for the 20-mile Walkathon in May. Three people walked from the Social Club and raised about £700. Please continue to give us your support.

Mary Long

Coventry 302840.

BAGINTON PLAYGROUP.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our latest fundraising efforts. Now we are 23 years old some of our oldest equipment needs replacing, and the money will go towards that.

Last day of term - Wednesday July 17th.

The Playtime sessions will be on Tuesdays, August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. starting at 10.00 a.m.

Sheila Cluff

Coventry 301317.

BUBBENHALL MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP.

The Summer trip this year is to Stoughton Farm Park, Leicester, on Thursday, 6th June.

The coach will depart from outside the Three Horseshoes at 9.15 a.m., and return at 3.00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in coming along, please contact Helen Johnson or Jane Simpson.

Helen Johnson

Coventry 306483.

BROWNIES

The Brownie Pack continues to thrive and has enjoyed a term of varied activities. We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings, 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., and welcome any girl aged 7-10 years.

Term ends Tuesday July 16th.

For information contact:-

Jackie Lloyd Coventry 302836.

Jackie Hennah Coventry 301978.

RAINBOWS

Rainbows continue to meet at the Village Hall every Thursday eyening from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. There will be no meeting on 30th May, and the last meeting of this term will be 18th July.

Any girls aged 5-7 years will be most welcome.

For further information, please contact:-

Margaret Robinson

Coventry 305931.

GUIDES

Thankyou to everyone who helped and supported us with our Jumble Sale on 1st May. We raised £155.

We are fundraising to help send 10 members of our Company on Warwickshire's International Camp this August.

On Tuesday, June 11th, at 7.30 p.m., we are having a bit of a do at 'Top House' by kind permission of Miss Grimes. We hope to have garden games, coffee, cake stall, raffle, etc., and the Guides will be putting on a First-Aid display. We hope to see you there.

Sandra Barnsley, Guider.

Coventry 303876.

BUBBENHALL C.E. FIRST SCHOOL.

Our Environmental Area is very well under way. Parents have been marvellous - they have slabbed the ground behind school, and on Sunday May 5th, fenced off the pond area, dug and lined the pond.

We are not quite finished yet - the fencing and marsh are still to be completed. The first and second year children will be visiting Ufton Fields in June, as part of a meeting with children from our other cluster of Schools - Ryton, Knightlow, Princethorpe, Leamington Hastings and Church Lawford. The children will be pond dipping, following a nature trail and playing environmental games. We hope our own pond will be finished to follow on with this.

Wendy Thomas, Headmistress.

Coventry 303200.

BUBBENHALL FIRST SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP.

The Support Group has been busy, as usual. We held our annual Beetle Drive in January, which everyone enjoyed, and raised £25. February's event was a very interesting talk by Richard Morris from 'Drop in the Ocean' of Coventry, on "Wholefood and the Great British Diet". We hope to have a follow-up talk on this subject in the Autumn.

In March, we had another Family Disco, this time with a very good buffet provided by the parents. The evening was spoilt by the fact that someone stole the evening's takings.

An enjoyable Fun Morning was organised on the 11th May, and we are hoping for good weather for our end-of-term barbecue in July.

The money raised from these events has recently provided a colour monitor and printer for the school's computer, and a lockable video box.

Our thanks, as always, to all those who support us.

Gwyn Smith, Secretary.

Coventry 306671.

BUBBENHALL GARTER GROUP.

The Garter Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Village Hall, unless otherwise stated. Membership is £5.00 for the year or £1.00 per meeting. New and former members welcome.