

# Bubbenhall Newsletter



**November 2020**

## Parish Council Update



### New Parish Councillors needed – please volunteer!

Due to other commitments, Cllr James Macalister has stepped down as a councillor with immediate effect. We thank Cllr Macalister for his contribution.

We are delighted to welcome Jim Roberts to the council – he was co-opted at the July meeting and has quickly got up to speed and made some valuable inputs to our discussions. We still need one councillor, and the current team would be very grateful for a new

volunteer. We can reassure anyone interested that it's not a great workload – whatever time you can give is so helpful - and everyone has a valued contribution to make just by virtue of living in our lovely village. There are only 10 meetings per year so please do consider joining us. If you have an interest, please contact any of the councillors who'll be happy to talk to you.

### Lockdown help

With the new lockdown measures in place from 5<sup>th</sup> November, Bubbenhall residents will no doubt be looking out for their friends and

neighbours as we all did earlier this year. If, however, you need help and don't have any regular support in place, please contact Cllr Bob Powell (02476 303433) who can organise a volunteer to support you. We are lucky in our village to have many people who have volunteered to help during these difficult times by going shopping, posting letters, getting medical supplies etc, or just being available for a friendly chat on the telephone from time to time. You do not need to feel alone. More formal help regarding finances, food parcels and mental health and other personal issues can be

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

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## Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the November issue. We are pleased to have so many articles as well as photos of events organised in a different way during this difficult time.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles, and to Bob Cragg and his team for distributing the newsletters.

We wish you all a healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Tony Cox  
Catherine Scotcher  
Julie Veasey  
Rose Walker  
Laura Whiteley

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

provided by our District and County Councils. Give Bob a call if you need more details on these topics.

## **Village Spout– update from Tony Sproul**

You will probably be aware that some time ago a routine check by Warwick District Council on the potability of the Spring water had revealed traces of unwanted Coliform bacteria. For this reason it was necessary to suspend usage until the problem could be resolved. After many discussions with experts we have found a solution. This will involve the installation of a UV (ultra violet) filter system within the supply line to the outlet. This will be hidden underground and will remove any bacteria from the supply to ensure our unique water is safe to drink.

A contractor has been appointed to carry out the installation work and provide ongoing annual maintenance. The initial cost is £1425 and annual maintenance £320. We would like to thank Smith's Concrete for their generous support of funding 50% of the installation and the ongoing maintenance costs – a fantastic investment in our village and very much appreciated.

As soon as the works have been completed and Warwick DC Health and Community Protection have given us a clean bill of health, we will let villagers know and we can all begin to use this great environmental resource.

## **Highways**

Crossing to Ryton Pools - Cllr Powell has asked WCC to consider erecting a metal barrier on the Ryton Pools side of the road, where villagers cross to access Ryton Pools. This would act as a safety barrier to prevent young children crossing and as a visual reminder to both pedestrians and motorists that this is a regularly used crossing point.

Ryton Pools Parking – Cllr Wallace Redford has approved a budget for a number of bollards to be placed on the verge on the A445 opposite the gate at the top of Orchard Way where cars were parking during the first lockdown. Parked cars in this location created serious safety issues for villagers heading for Ryton Pools so we are pleased that this will be prevented in the future.

Dropped kerbs – work has now been completed to provide dropped kerbs on more village pavements. This is a great improvement for pedestrians with pushchairs, small children on scooters or wheelchair users.

Grit boxes – as the nights become colder, please check that the grit boxes near to you are full so that we are ready should we have an icy spell. If any need replenishing, please use the internet reporting form and WCC will organise this. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

## **Recreation Ground**

RoSPA Inspection - The annual RoSPA inspection was carried out at the end of September. Some minor repairs need to be made, but overall the play equipment is in good order. Cllr Baker will seek quotes and liaise with Chris Goddard to ensure all the problems identified are attended to as soon as possible.

Possible replacement of the Trim Trail – the RoSPA inspection highlighted that the Trim Trail, which has been in place for some 20 years, is now becoming worn and needing regular maintenance and repair.

The Parish Council is now considering replacing this rather than commit to ever increasing repair costs. This is an opportunity to consider some more up-to-date equipment for our village children to enjoy. Ideas so far include a basket swing,

gymnastics bars of different heights and a replacement trail of some description. Cllr Baker will be organising a survey to find out what equipment villagers would like us to consider, so look out for it on the village email.

We are also going to put together a long-term plan for the recreation area to include new play surfaces and replacing other older equipment i.e. the slide, with more modern alternatives. Any replacement equipment will have a significant cost, so the Parish Council will be looking for sources of grants and other funds – do let us know if you have any ideas about grants or you are eligible for matched funding through your work. If you have any ideas or would like to be a part of the discussion, please contact Cllr Baker [samanthabaker4@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:samanthabaker4@yahoo.co.uk).

## **Gateway South – reporting any issues**

Many villagers will have noticed the works now going on to construct Gateway South. If you have any concerns about any environmental element of the work (e.g. light/ noise /construction disturbance), we would ask you to report it to the Environment Agency via their 24hr telephone hotline - 0800 80 70 60.

## **Footpaths**

It was noticed that the style on the footpath from the field below the church to the path alongside the Riverside development was awkward. It has been agreed that this will be replaced with a kissing gate to make it easier for users. It was also noted that footpath users had been taking a short cut and missing out the path next to Riverside to cross Stoneleigh road direct from the field. This is not safe, and villagers are asked to use the proper crossing place next to the entrance to Riverside.





## Christmas Light Switch On – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm

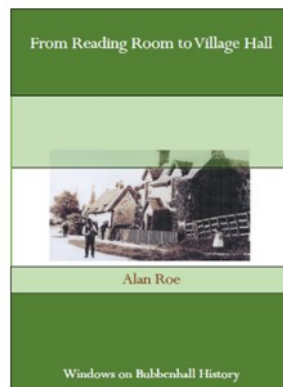
It is that time of year again where we herald the start of Christmas with the Village Christmas Lights Switch on event. Due to Covid-19, we will have to delay our popular big event for Father Christmas and his entourage until next year.

However, we are determined that Bubbenhall residents will not miss out on the whole tradition, and so we invite everyone to switch on their lights together at **5pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, and the Parish Council will organise the lovely lights on the Village Green as usual. Hopefully villagers will walk about and enjoy the lights throughout December, and we can keep Father Christmas safe from any illness.

**Stop Press– Father Christmas will go round the village on 13th December, 5.0pm from the green**

## Bubbenhall History Project

My thanks to everyone who has so far purchased a copy of my book *From Reading Room to Village Hall: Windows on Bubbenhall History* – and to several energetic friends who helped with the selling. Sales so far have been excellent: well over half the print run of 200 have now been sold. We will shortly make a substantial payment of the proceeds to Cancer Research in line with the wishes of Helen, the widow of Graham Johnson. With Christmas approaching now is a good time to snap up the remaining copies – an excellent present including for family members and friends who may no longer live in Bubbenhall.



If you would like a copy please contact me ([alan.roe14@gmail.com](mailto:alan.roe14@gmail.com)) or Mark Holt ([msholt1958@gmail.com](mailto:msholt1958@gmail.com)); Cate Poolton ([catepoolton@gmail.com](mailto:catepoolton@gmail.com)); Vicky Fletcher ([vfletcher25@icloud.com](mailto:vfletcher25@icloud.com)); Bob Cragg ([bobcragg41@gmail.com](mailto:bobcragg41@gmail.com)).

## Bubbenhall Village Events



It has been a quiet year for the Bubbenhall Village Events group. Ordinarily as the evenings draw in we would be booking the Bilton Silver Band, buying a vat of mulled wine and making plans for the carol evening in the Village Hall, but current restrictions being what they are, that is sadly another village event which will have to go on hold for this year. The BVE committee would like to thank everyone for their support in happier times. Once circumstances permit, we look forward to reinstating the summer fair, the Village produce show and the Christmas carol evening. The sense of community that we have in Bubbenhall is quite special and we greatly look forward to enjoying good times together again, as this photo from December 2017 serves to remind us. See you on the other side!





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## DANCING CLASSES

### BUBBENHALL VILLAGE HALL

#### Monday

4.15pm – Infant Disco  
5pm – Junior Disco  
5.45pm – Grade 3 & 4 Ballet  
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7.30pm – Grade 5 & Classical Award Ballet  
8.30pm – Grade 5 and intermediate Tap

#### Wednesday

2.15pm – Pre-school Ballet  
3.45pm – Primary Ballet  
4.30pm – Grade 1 Ballet  
5.15pm – Junior Tap  
6pm – Senior Disco  
6.45pm – Intermediate Ballet  
7.45pm – Pre Associate 1  
8.30pm – Adult Tap

*Classes are also held in Dunchurch,  
Wellesbourne and Long Buckby.*

**For more information please telephone Mrs  
Sarah Cooke on 02476 511387.**

Mrs Sarah Cooke, MIDTA & RAD Teaching Dip.



## Brownies

We managed to complete the 1st Lockdown via Zoom. We completed and awarded many Skills Builders and Theme Awards. Two of the Brownies worked extra hard whilst not being at school and have completed their Bronze and Silver Awards and have almost completed their Gold. These are the first to be awarded in Bubbenhall Brownies. We had a virtual sleepover which most of the girls took part in. They had to make crispy cakes, peel a carrot, do some crafts and help with some jobs in the house. All activities were based around what we would have done on a sleepover. Their bag of activities included a midnight feast, hot chocolate and marshmallows and a snack for Saturday morning. This was considered a success,

so we are busy planning another one for early in December.

In September we were able to go back to face to face meetings under Covid regulations. Our first few meetings were held outside playing socially distanced games, making pots of Thankfulness for our Mindfulness Badge and having a cookery demonstration done by Tamsin and Phoebe as part of their gold award. It was so good to see the girls running around and playing games. They certainly had a lot to talk about to their Brownie friends. When it was getting too cold we have been able to hold a few meetings in the Village Hall. In our last meeting the girls made Christmas Cards to be sent to a Care Home which had asked if they could make contact with some units in order to

give the residents something to do during lockdown. Hopefully our cards will be enjoyed by some of the residents.

Sadly, we are now back in lockdown and have returned to Zoom. We will continue trying to give the girls an opportunity to play games and work towards their badges and awards.

Covid Regulations mean that we can only meet in groups of 15 girls which we have just managed to do but we need more adult help if we are to reduce our waiting list. If you feel that you could help please contact Beverley

[beverleysuffell@gmail.com](mailto:beverleysuffell@gmail.com)

or Stephanie

[knightlowdc@gmail.com](mailto:knightlowdc@gmail.com)

Beverley Suffell



### Irish Cream Crème Brûlée Cheesecake

#### Ingredients

125 g butter, melted, plus extra to grease	
250 g digestive biscuits	550 g full-fat cream cheese
200 g caster sugar	200 ml double cream
100 ml Irish cream liqueur	1/2 tbsp. vanilla bean paste
3 large eggs, beaten	

If you prefer not to use the Irish cream liqueur this recipe also makes a lovely baked cheesecake to which you can add your own toppings.

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 170°C (150°C fan) mark 3. Lightly grease a 23cm (9in) round springform tin and line with baking parchment.
2. Blitz the biscuits in a food processor until finely crushed (alternatively bash in a food bag with a wooden rolling pin). Add melted butter and pulse/mix until combined. Tip into prepared tin, level and press firmly with the back of a spoon. Bake for 15min, remove and leave to cool slightly.
3. Reduce oven temperature to 160°C (140°C fan) mark 3. In a large bowl, whisk cream cheese and 150g (5oz) of the sugar until smooth. Add double cream, liqueur and vanilla and whisk to combine. Finally whisk in eggs until combined. Pour over biscuit base.
4. Place an ovenproof dish half-filled with hot water on the bottom shelf of the oven. Bake cheesecake on the shelf above the water for 45min-1hr until just set with a slight wobble. Turn off oven and leave to cool completely with the door ajar. Once cool, chill overnight to set.
5. Before serving sprinkle remaining 50g (2oz) caster evenly over the top and heat under the grill to gently caramelize the sugar. Peel off the baking parchment. Serve.



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## Bubbenhall Community First Responders

Unfortunately, due to COVID19, the village who are trained by we have been unable to actively WMAS to respond purely to respond since March and this looks unlikely to happen soon due to the restrictions by West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS).

The public access AED's at the Village Hall and Malt Shovel are being maintained and are available for use in the case of an emergency. The cabinets housing the AED's have been serviced,



electrics checked, and lock mechanisms lubricated.

Looking towards the future, we would benefit from having further trained responders when the situation returns to normal. Currently the only active responder will have completed 8 years next year and has indicated to the trustees they wish to stand down in the late summer of 2021. Currently, WMAS are not offering responder training in our locality, but anticipate starting this in the late winter/early spring 2021. Anyone who may be interested in learning more about becoming a responder, please contact either Steve Haynes 02476 304176 or Rose Cragg 02476 304686 and they will be happy to explain what is involved.

As you are aware, we have 12 active Heartstart Responders in

the village who are trained by WMAS to respond purely to cardiac arrests, and we are most grateful to those people as they could potentially help to save lives. Refresher training by WMAS for the group was due to take place this year, but again, due to COVID, has had to be delayed but will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Bubbenhall First Responders are a charity registered with the Charity Commission and the constitution states that there are 5 trustees. One of our founder trustees has indicated they wishes to step down in the next 12 months and we are looking for and would welcome anyone who is interested in helping in this position. Anyone who is interested in becoming a trustee does not need to be a responder or have any medical knowledge, also the time involved is minimal. Please contact either Rose Cragg 02476 304686 or Steve Haynes 02476 304176 if you would be willing to learn more about the charity.



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### 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

Rene Beale 02476 301727

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

## Sarah Cooke School of Dance

It has been great to see so many children back. Everyone has adapted so well with the new restrictions and I cannot thank our pupils and parents enough. It will however be even better when we can have some of our classes weekly but hopefully in time this will be the case.

We do have some spaces, especially in our pre-school ballet class 2.15 Wednesdays from age 2 and also our reception - year 2 Ballet class Wednesday's 4pm.

Please email

[sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com)

## Christmas Dinner for Village Pensioners (70+)

This year, it is with regret that due to COVID-19 restrictions we will not be able to offer the Christmas Dinner for pensioners aged 70+ living in Bubbenhall.

We are both sad about this and know this will come as a disappointment to last years guests and volunteers alike. We look forward to organising and running this event again in future years.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Gail Haynes and Margaret Robinson*

## Bubbenhall's Foodbank Effort

The Trussell Trust was founded in 1997, initially to help feed children living in poverty in Bulgaria. In 2000 the Trust was contacted by a family struggling in Salisbury, England. Following this and research carried out to understand the extent of food poverty back home, the support that the Trust provided then extended to the UK. Since then they have been supporting foodbanks across the country, to provide necessary provisions for those in need. As you can imagine that need has only grown as a result of the pandemic this year.

Just before October half-term, in light of the appeal from footballer Marcus Rashford to tackle food poverty during the school holidays, I felt that I should do more to help these families in need. The easiest thing I felt I could help with was to make donations to local foodbanks in Coventry and Leamington. I also knew that living in Bubbenhall, I could count on fellow villagers to contribute towards any donation – and I wasn't wrong!

Following a 'shout-out' to neighbours on the 'Bubbenhall Ladies' Facebook group on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October about my idea, I was quickly bombarded with offers to help. To make sure that we focussed our efforts on what the foodbanks needed, we looked at the relevant food shortage lists which are posted weekly on each foodbank website. I made some space in our (not so tidy) garage, my husband grabbed some empty boxes from work and we opened up the door for people to donate. It was as easy as that. Over the course of the next 4 days bags and boxes of food and provisions came flooding in!

We delivered to Leamington and Warwick District Foodbank on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, to make sure we hit the beginning of half-term. Warwick District have a small team, with a small container that they only open up to take donations on a Monday. The fact that we only had 3 days to receive donations didn't make a difference! As you can see in the photo, our contribution was great. We received a lovely email and certificate from the foodbank to say thank you.



Over the next few days, donations continued to flow into the garage, with a final drop off on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> October just before we headed to Coventry Foodbank in Binley. Coventry, as you can imagine, have a far larger facility to take donations. They also weighed our contribution, which came in at 93.1 kg (including crisps and toilet roll!).

Again, a great effort in just a few days.



I have spoken with a few ladies who contributed, and we do think that this is something we could take forward more regularly. It would be great to hear from you if you would like to contribute. If we do plan more collections, we'll update as soon as we can around how many deliveries we look to make and how this will work. Watch out for messages through Bubbenhall e-mail.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated, every little truly does help.

*Kavita Cassidy*

## Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal I am collecting for the Dog Rescue at Honiley. If you can donate any dog food or blankets (clean and sealed in a plastic bag) please leave them at either 16 or 27 Coopers Walk by 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Mary Long*



## Foxy

Some of the people of Bubbenhall would have had the chance to meet Foxy, but I thought you might like to hear of her story if you knew her or not.

Driving down Stoneleigh road one nice spring morning, going about my rounds of feeding livestock, I noticed at the side of the road something crawling about. Curious, I stopped to investigate and it was a tiny grey fox cub who had only just opened its eyes. A local young lad was passing on his bike and helped me scoop her into an empty feed bag.

Upon arrival home she appreciated a good drink of lactol puppy milk and a wolfed down some chopped up chicken, then immediately had a good sleep in a plastic storage container with a nice fleece blanket. When she got over her slumber the dogs gave her a good inspection, and decided she would do and was immediately accepted as a cub member of the pack. The feelings were mutual and she loved the dogs, playing with them and enjoying the collies undivided attention, snuggling down in their fur when the frolicking wore her out.

cheese! She was so pleased to greet people she knew with tail wagging and ears flat and doing a little fox singing, but strangers she would hide from.



This went on for a few weeks; she grew fat and sleek and cheeky. Learning where the food came from in the fridge was an item of high interest... as was her favourite tit bit that lived there...

We knew ultimately that she was still a wild animal. She wouldn't be with us forever - the call of the wild would be so strong. With this in mind we had to distance her from dogs and people. At a family discussion it was decided she would go and live in my daughter's garden which was very large and securely fenced, and she had a brick garden shed as her lair. The summer was spent with her having reign of her kingdom demanding Heather go into the garden and play. When Heather was busy Foxy would burst into the house through the

cat flap and steal items she fancied, demand cheese from the fridge and generally cause chaos. But she was adored and was easily forgiven, even as Heather was setting plants and Foxy followed behind digging them up.

By this time we had stopped touching or petting her as part of her distancing regime. Besides that, her needle sharp teeth were like razors and she thought it fun to nip. If any visitors came and sat in the garden she would retreat to her garden shed and peep at them through the window. Local vermin controllers would drop in shot rabbits and a few wood pigeons for her. She would run off growling under the bushes with them to be half eaten then buried for later.

About eight weeks ago we found she had dug a hole under the garden gate. We left it for her to explore as she had now found the big outside world. Foxy continued to come and go as she pleased... then after 10 days never returned. She had found the delights of growing up and rewilded herself.

That is the story of the Lockdown Foxy!

*Gill Green*

## Penguin Post

I'm sure some of you will be very please to hear we are still planning to carry out Penguin Post during December. The slight difference will be that all cards must be with us no later than 10<sup>th</sup> December for delivery by 15<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any after that date. This is to ensure everyone is kept Covid safe

Please deliver your cards to either Gill Prudhoe, 3 Orchard Way or Margaret Robinson 21 Moat Close

Many thanks *Gill and Margaret*



## Halloween 2020

Since the Easter Egg hunt had proved so successful it was suggested to Villagers that they could put drawings of pumpkins in their windows, and some interesting shapes were provided. It was also suggested that pumpkins could be put in front gardens for all to see. In the end there were lots of super decorations and plenty of treats for the children, so a really good Halloween.







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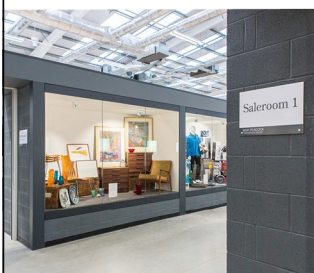
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What a strange year this has been. The first quarter of the year we were struck with strong winds and heavy rain, to then having to stop riding due to COVID. Eventually when lock down was lifted on 4 July we were allowed to run rides with only 5 people plus a leader. I am very grateful to Shona Hudson, who has kindly been able to give us her time to allow the majority of Monday evenings and Sunday's rides to go ahead by running two groups. Thank you Shona.

We ended our summer Monday evening bike rides on August Bank Holiday Monday and were able to enjoy an end of season drink in the Malt Shovel garden

maximum of only two people. As soon as restrictions have been lifted and under British Cycling guidance we will resume rides.

As we are unable under current restrictions to have our usual pre Christmas event at the Malt Shovel this year, a number of us have booked to go to the Luminate Coombe Abbey event. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances this event has now been postponed by the organisers until late January/February. If anyone who has not already indicated they would like to join us, please contact me and I will organise a ticket etc.

We are a friendly group and warmly welcome any lady who would like to join us. It does not matter that you may have not cycled for a while, we never leave anyone behind and there is always lots of support from the group. Our Monday evening rides are shorter at 10/12 miles, so not difficult for newcomers or the less experienced and these will recommence next April subject to any Government/British Cycling restrictions.

For details of our rides visit <https://www.letsride.co.uk/breeze> or contact Rose Cragg 07850 626279.

Happy pedalling. Rose



We had started our winter programme, riding most Sunday mornings, normally around 15/18 miles stopping for coffee and cake on the way back to Bubbenhall. Unfortunately, this has temporarily been paused due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> lock down since rides can have a

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## St Giles' Church

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Church Warden: Craig  
Greenaway 7630 3198

### Mrs Jackie Lloyd and Mr Alan Swinscoe Thank you!

It's hard to remember a time when Jackie was not Church Warden at our parish church. For many of us, Jackie WAS St. Giles Church. She was the one everybody turned to with their questions, requests and of course complaints. She was – and still is- a friend to everyone, visiting sick and bereaved villagers, opening up the church for services on those cold and frosty mornings, doing the flowers and encouraging others to do them too, and, faithfully and knowledgeably assisted by her husband Tony- himself a former Church Warden- making sure the idiosyncratic heating system was operated correctly.

Our grateful thanks too to Mr Alan Swinscoe, who first as fellow Churchwarden, and later, when he stepped down from that role, as willing stand-in for Jackie when she was unable to be there to open up, set up, put up hymn numbers and help with all the innumerable duties that seem to be the Church Warden's lot. Many of you will also remember Alan going round the village delivering church newsletters for many years, stopping for a friendly chat on many a doorstep.

Jackie has now stood down from her position as Church Warden, and Mr. Craig Greenway has taken over that role. I know that Craig is very grateful that Jackie will be around to show him the ropes in carrying out his new

responsibilities, and to assist him as he takes them on.

Some of you may remember that my father, Theo Paget, was Churchwarden at St Giles for many years, so I have some first-hand appreciation of the many tasks and responsibilities – and frustrations- involved in that position.

I know that I voice the opinions of everyone when I say a heartfelt Thank you to Jackie and to Alan for their many years of service to St. Giles.

**Newsletter deliveries: Thank you, Alan, thank you Fiona.**

**Welcome Heather.**

Alan Swinscoe and latterly Fiona Patterson have been faithfully delivering the printed version of the Church newsletter. We thank them both sincerely for carrying out this task, and also are most

grateful to the many residents who volunteered when I recently appealed for someone to take over from Fiona now that she has had to step down from the role.

Among these willing volunteers was Margaret Talbot's daughter Heather, and I have asked her to take over the task. If for any reason Heather can't manage it, I now have a list of people to call on. Thank you all so much.

**Alzheimer's fund-raising** This year our chosen charity was The Alzheimer's Society. The Lent Appeal jars and the loose collection at our Harvest Festival services were sent to the Alzheimer's Society. Thank you all for your contributions to a national charity which does so much to help sufferers and their families.

*Rosemary King*

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## Christmas Quiz

1. From the Morecambe and Wise Christmas Special of 1971 can you complete this quote – No, I'm playing all the *\*right\** notes, but.....
2. In 'The Gingerbread Man' fairy tale, who or what devours the gingerbread man in the end?
3. What colour is a snowflake?
4. What name is given to a baby reindeer?
5. What was traditionally placed inside a Christmas pudding?
6. If you were born on Christmas Day, what's your star sign?
7. In fiction, where is the land of talking animals and mythical creatures that one White Witch has ruled for 100 years of deep winter?
8. "Now is the winter of our discontent" is the opening line from which William Shakespeare play: Richard I, Richard II or Richard III?
9. 'A Winter's Tale' is a song that reached number 2 in the UK singles chart in 1983 for which singer?
10. Which Caribbean country entered a bobsleigh team in the 1988 Winter Olympics?
11. Which British animal is brown in Summer and white in Winter?
12. Winterfell is the house of the Stark family in which books and TV series?
13. The Magi are commonly known as .....
14. In the words of 'Away in a Manger', what was the Lord Jesus asleep on?
15. What sweet that was first advertised 30 years ago featuring a polar bear?

**For answers see Bubbenhall.info**

## Guides

We have been innovative with guide activities in the past six months. We moved to online meetings and were then able to restart outdoor meetings in August, moving to indoors in October. Sadly, we are now back to online meetings but hopefully not for long.

Online we have held quizzes, bingo, scavenger hunts, devised campaigns, held a mocktail party and made butter. In August, we had a socially distanced BBQ, with each guide having her own disposable BBQ. Our activities cover six themes with an award in each theme and then bronze, silver and gold awards for completing two, four and all six themes respectively. This autumn term we have had a number of girls achieve their bronze awards and congratulations go to them.

We are pleased to have a number of new guides this term and it is rewarding to see the girls working in groups on different activities.

We look forward to 2021 and hopefully being able to camp again, in our new tents bought with a grant from Bubbenhall Village Events.

## Rainbows

Dear Parents: Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope this is a good one for us all.

This coming term we are planning to work on lots of unit minute activities which we haven't managed to complete since the new programme was introduced. Along with craft activities we will be playing lots of games which tie in with Skills for my future: Be Well and Have Adventures. Hopefully by Easter all of our Rainbows will have achieved 3 Theme awards which is especially important for our older Rainbows who will be moving up to Brownies this year. For us to manage this we need your help and that's for your daughter to complete one interest badge in the relevant colour. I believe most already have. If this is difficult please see either Dawn or Margaret and we will try to sort something out.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – No Meeting - we are unable to use the Village Hall as there won't be any electricity due to work being carried out.

It is now time to pay our annual subscription of £31 to the Guide Association to cover membership and insurance etc. We ask for the £31 to be paid as soon as possible please. Cheques can be made to 1<sup>st</sup> Bubbenhall Rainbows – Thank you.

Our numbers are very low at the moment. If you know of any girls who might like to come along to see what Rainbows is all about with the view to joining please tell them all about us.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support

*Margaret, Dawn, Rebecca, Ciara, and Jenny*

## Ryton Pools Country Park

It's been a while since we've submitted an article to Bubbenhall Newsletter, so it is nice to address that now. It has become a stock phrase to say it's been a strange year, and so it has. The summer period was lively to say the least, though happily things have settled down somewhat now.

As with everyone we have had to adapt to comply with Covid restrictions. Phased re-opening of facilities and increased cleaning regimes have all been implemented. The absence of school groups and events has been strange, and although we have very much missed that element of our work, it has presented some opportunities too. We've been able to work more exclusively on practical maintenance and conservation tasks, which are always rewarding.

Grassland management is a key feature of the winter work program and we've been busy strimming and mowing priority areas to ensure ongoing improvement to the sward in those locations. The Pi-rate Trail has been given its

annual hair cut and we continue to be impressed year on year with how this grassland is developing. Yellow Rattle (which suppresses grasses by parasitizing the roots) is spreading nicely; a sure sign of healthy grassland.



Corporate volunteer groups would normally be a significant labour force for us during the autumn, but these have obviously not been able to come this year. This leaves us with a great deal to do! Happily some of our regular volunteers have re-joined us in a regulated way in recent weeks. As well as being grateful for their help, I must add that it has been a joy to welcome them back, as many of

them have volunteered for years and are very much integral to the Ryton Pools 'family'. We've missed them.

As I write, we enter a second, albeit softer lockdown. But rest assured we will continue to do all we can to ensure that Ryton Pools remains a safe and accessible local amenity. For the most up to date information on our lockdown operating please go to our Facebook page or website <https://country-parks.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

The importance of parks and green spaces has never been in sharper focus than now. If there are positives to take from this Covid blighted year let us hope this is one of them. And may the deepened appreciation of these special places, and their value to us, long outlast the shadow of the virus itself.

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Many Thanks

*Gill Green and Margaret Robinson*



### Dates for your diary

#### December

1st.....Parish Council meeting  
7.30pm via Zoom

6th.....Christmas Lights, 5.00pm

14th.....Friendly Club,, 2.00pm

## Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club .....	2nd Mon of the month.....	Village Hall .....	see page 7
Rainbows .....	Thu 5.30-6.30pm.....	Village Hall.....	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies.....	Tue, 5.30-6.45pm.....	Village Hall .....	Beverley Suffell - 01788 813674
Guides.....	Tue 6.45-8.15pm.....	Village Hall.....	bubbenhallguides@gmail.com
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