

Bubbenhall Newsletter



July 2025

Parish Council Update



Recent Elections and our Councillors

The May elections meant we had to say goodbye to our County Councillor Wallace Redford, and I would like to take this opportunity for his support over a number of years. Wallace has been particularly helpful in using his contacts to push for solutions to our flooding problems on Pit Hill and Spring Hill, as has Sir Jeremy Wright, our MP. Wallace spoke at



our AGM outlining what you need to be a councillor – patience and persistence and standing up for what you believe in were his key messages.

The Parish Council met your new County Councillor, Ben Edwards, who has attended our meetings since his election and it's been great to meet him. In other news, our congratulations go to your District Councillor Pam Redford, who has been elected as Vice Chair of Warwick District Council.

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

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



County Councillor Ben Edwards



District Councillor Pam Redford



District Councillor Josh Payne.

Key Events/Discussions 2024-25.

Planning A major responsibility is planning, where of course we are subordinate to the decision-making of Warwick District Council although we have a right and an obligation to comment on applications within the parish boundary and around it when appropriate.

There have not been any significant planning applications in the last year, although the owners of the old barns on Pit Hill, having withdrawn the application to convert one of them into a religious meeting room, have been granted an extension to the earlier approval to convert the other barn into five small dwellings.

We have postponed an update of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, which was last registered in 2019, pending the final recommendations of the South Warwickshire Local Plan, which we expect will surface later this year. Councillor Steve Haynes did organise a Housing Needs Survey last year, as part of the preparation for the update of the NDP.

Five sites in and around the village were offered for this plan, each of which had an area which could have supported some dozens of dwellings, but we have registered objections to all of them, primarily because of very difficult access from our narrow and windy roads, or dangerous access off the A445.

The other major local planning development is at Coventry Airport, which now has the financial benefit of being part of the West Midlands Investment Zone. It is very unclear what may finally happen to the initial plan for a battery gigafactory to manufacture 60 Gwh of automotive batteries every year. It is now likely that a number of smaller facilities

facilities will be requested, and we will do all we can to ensure that these plans will be rigorously scrutinised although they are not within our village.

Our District Councillor Pam Redford has demanded that all the risks and mitigations are examined closely during the planning process, conscious of press reports of awful fires at battery manufacturing and recycling sites both nationally and internationally.

Road drainage

The flooding, or shall we say poor drainage, on both Pit Hill and Spring Hill, have been a major nuisance this last year, particularly when they caused icing in the winter.

We finally have a solution to the problem on Pit Hill, where the water emerging from an OpenReach inspection chamber now runs into a new roadside gully, and from there by a pipe into the pond.

Spring Hill remains a big problem, and despite investigations by both Severn Trent and Warwickshire Highways, is not yet solved. However, the latest assessment by Highways is that the surface drainage is not the problem, but in fact will be part of the solution when the planned installation of a French drain beneath the road surface will capture and divert the water into the drains. It's likely that work will commence in September, and will need road closure for a few days, but meanwhile Highways have installed two new inspection points in the verge to allow access to the main "carrier drain" which is about 2 metres down. This has allowed them to inspect the drain, clear it of tree roots and debris to ensure it runs freely.

Parish Council Finances

The Finance Working Group

which we established last year is providing better oversight of our finances. We have approved a new set of Financial Regulations to ensure correct management of the village monies.

Open spaces in the village

The new play area remains very popular, but we have to deal with mole damage from time to time to ensure it remains safe for the young people to run around.

The plantation of native trees, which Bob Powell organised with a large group of volunteers, and with funding from the WCC Green Shoots fund, is thriving impressively. A small group of volunteers continues to work with Bob to ensure that the area is cared for.

We have now engaged a contractor to control the weeds which were both endangering to the young growth, and an eyesore, and this is making a dramatic improvement

The Village Green is looking better than it has done for a while, with a new contractor doing regular mowing, and the establishment of the Friends of the Village Green last year has helped us consider what else might need doing, co-ordinated by Councillor Alastair Rourke.

Footpaths are always an issue of course, and we are lucky to have a good network of them around the village. Tony Cox keeps an eye on these to ensure we meet our responsibilities, so I would like to give him our thanks for this.

Liaison meetings

We have regular meetings with the industrial developers on the edge of the village, namely Smiths quarry and the FCC Landfill up Weston Lane, and the Gateway South project on the road to Baginton. Both of these organisations are good to work with, and

very professional.

After reinstatement of the quarry area suffered from being too wet to work on, the filling is now close to completion, with top soil now added to about two-thirds of the area. With progressive seeding, it is beginning to look good again after all these years.

The landfill absorbs around 5000 tons of waste a month, and is managed well. The landfill manager is always responsive to any environmental impacts such as smells and litter, but fortunately these are not a huge problem in comparison with news reports from elsewhere in the country.

Segro now has two warehouses in full operation on the Gateway South development, and are hop-

ing for more clients soon, and continue to work on finalisation of the building pads and the surrounding bunds. The country park alongside the river, which is part of the development, will be opening progressively later this year.

Warwick District Council has done some work to look at connecting the village footpaths to the country park by a bridge over the river, but there are many challenges to this, further amplified by the quite frequent flooding of the area. Although the concept appeals to the walkers amongst us, the Parish Council has its reservations because of the risk of numerous visitors choosing to park here to walk, instead of the car park being provided by the main Gateway South entrance. This is a continuing discussion.

Bubbenhall Litter Pick

Bubbenhall held its first Litter Pick of 2025 on June 26th. An enthusiastic group of local Volunteers spent a couple of hour helping to make our Village a cleaner and greener place to live.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out to support the Litter Pick. A total of 40 bags of rubbish has been collected and disposed of, that's a huge amount of waste removed from our Village. What a fantastic achievement!

We hope to arrange the next litter pick at some point in October. We will keep you informed about this once a date has been set.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your sterling efforts!

Steve Haynes



Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe Celebrates 80th Anniversary of VE Day



This year marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day, a day to remember the end of World War II in Europe and the sacrifices made by so many. The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe held a special VE Day celebration on Thursday, May 8th.

The Village Hall was decked out in bunting and flags and we were treated to some old time songs from a musical duo (Bob Powell and Christine Foster) and a local Ukulele group.

A splendid time was had by all and it was a fitting way to honour the veterans of the war and reflect on the sacrifices they made.

Our thanks and appreciation go to all those volunteers who helped make this special event happen.



!0 years of Bubbenhall Film Night

On 26th November 2015 the first film night in Bubbenhall began with the film 'Kingsmen'. 32 villagers supported this event. Our audience has ranged from 20 up to 58, the latter being the showing of Fishermans Friends.

It is with your continued support we are now celebrating 10 years of this social event. Thank you to all the villagers and friends who have been attending the Autumn/Winter Film nights.

Also thanks go to the Village Hall committee members who run the refreshments bar and collect fees. If you have never attended it is a lovely sociable evening catching up with friends and watching a film together.

If you have any suggestions for new films to view please let us know. Suggestions are most welcome.

Di and John Goodgame, Marilyn and Tony Cox

Our new season starts on Thursday 30th October with

The Haunting in Venice.

Cast:
Kenneth Branagh, Jamie Dornan,
Kelly Reilly, Michelle Yeoh

Doors open 7pm

Film starts 7.45pm

£5 per person

Drinks and snacks available to purchase

Keeping Dogs Safe in Hot Weather

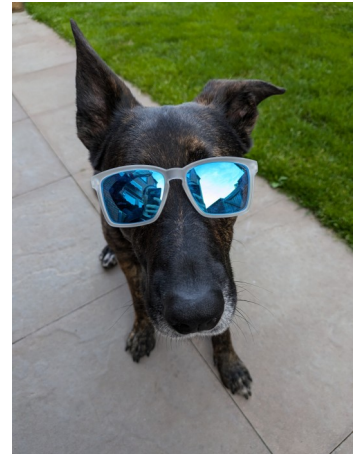
Summer has finally arrived in the UK, and though many of us welcome the hotter temperatures, they're often not as enjoyable for our dogs. Unlike us, they can't slip into a pair of shorts – and it doesn't take much for them to overheat.

To help your dog stay cool and comfortable, aim for walks in the early morning when the air is fresher and the pavements are cooler. Evenings can still be quite warm, especially after a sunny day. Stick to shaded routes and grassy areas, and choose places full of interesting smells – encouraging your dog to sniff and explore at a slower pace is not only safer in the heat, but also great for their wellbeing.

Avoid too much running or toy play, which can quickly raise their body temperature. If you can, visit places with safe access to water where your dog can paddle or splash around. And if your dog won't toilet in the garden, keep comfort walks short and in the shade.

It's also important to know the signs of overheating – heavy panting, drooling, wobbliness or vomiting – and what to do. Move your dog to a cool spot and immediately plunge or douse them in cold water. Then head straight to the vet, calling ahead to let them know you're on your way. A handy phrase to remember is 'wet then vet'.

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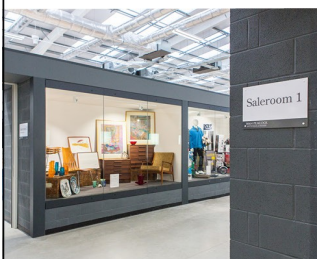
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Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL
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Thank You for Your Continued Support

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone in our community for your ongoing support of the Village Hall. Your involvement helps keep this treasured space thriving.

The hall is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain the venue and organize a vibrant calendar of events. Their passion and commitment shine through in everything they do—from the well-kept appearance of the hall to the wide range of activities and gatherings that cater to all ages and interests.

Committee Updates

Following our recent AGM, we've seen a few changes within the BVH committee. We'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Emma Scarisbrick and Amy Newton, who have stepped down. Their contributions over the past few years have been greatly appreciated.

A special thanks goes to Roy Perry, who has stepped down as Chair after three years of dedicated leadership. Roy has been instrumental in implementing many positive changes during his time as Chair, and we are grateful that he will remain an active and vital part of the committee.

We're pleased to announce that Aidan O'Hare has been elected as the new Chair of the BVH committee. We're confident that Aidan will bring fresh ideas and energy to the role, and we look forward to seeing his vision come to life.

Additionally, we're delighted to welcome Rose Woodforth to the

team as our new Secretary. Rose has already attended and minuted her first meeting and is settling in wonderfully.

As always, thank you for supporting your Village Hall—we couldn't do it without you!

Bubbenhall Village Hall Bake Off and Village Show (pp10-11)

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the Bubbenhall Village Hall Bake Off and Village Show—it was a wonderful day filled with community spirit, creativity, and some truly impressive talent! It was great to see entries from all ages, and the friendly competition brought smiles all round. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event such a success. We're already looking forward to next year's show!

Dates for the Diary:

Christmas Carols at the Village Hall will be on Thursday, 18th December.

Any additional events will be promoted via email, on posters throughout the village or on the BVH Facebook page, so keep your eyes peeled!

Are you new to the village?

We want to welcome you all. We hope you are enjoying village life. If you would like to be kept abreast of all things village related, e.g village events, parish notices, community police alerts, lost & found, and much more, then email bvhallevnts@gmail.com, and you will be added to the distribution list.

Join the BVH Committee

Are you interested in becoming more involved in village life?, Do you wish that the village hall would do more or different events?

If so, then please contact the committee and come along to our meetings. We are always looking for new members and would love to meet some new faces.

Friendly Club

The Bubbenhall Friendly Club meets once a month on the 2nd Monday, when we enjoy a pleasant afternoon. We would welcome new members, so please come along and join us between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

Contact details:

Margaret Colbert 01788 878961

Beryl Locke 02476 306246



Julie's Summer Recipe

FRENCH PEAR CAKE

Ingredients:

2 ripe pears, peeled, cored & sliced
225g Plain Flour
185g unsalted butter
150g sugar
2tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
3eggs
2 tsp vanilla extract
2tsp lemon zest
80ml milk
20cm round baking tin greased

Method:

1. Sieve the flour, baking powder & salt together and set aside
2. Cream the butter and sugar & lemon zest together
3. Beat in the eggs one at a time, add the vanilla extract and fold in half of the flour
4. Add the milk & lemon juice and fold in the remainder of the flour
5. Place half of the batter in the bottom of the baking tin, smooth & level then arrange half of the sliced pears around the tin
6. Add the remaining batter mix and arrange the rest of the sliced pears on top, brush with melted butter and sprinkle with sugar
7. Bake in the oven at 160°C fan, 320° F, Gas Mark 4 for 45 mins
8. When baked flip out of the tin then flip over onto a serving dish.
9. Serve as a cake or as a hot dessert with cream, custard or ice cream and enjoy.



Spring Hill—a Point of View

Recently I was intrigued to see the water still flowing unabated down Spring Hill. It's a distinct nuisance nowadays, but for my generation, living in the village when most people counted on the Spout for their water supply, it's quite dramatic to see that the bubbling holes may be fighting to get back towards the trough beneath the oak. There you have it: the age-old popular explanation of Bubbenhall, "bubbling holes".

All this takes me back to the 1950s. On the same side as the Spout, going uphill, one or two people had small wayside vegetable patches. Opposite was a red telephone box; after much discussion by the Parish Council it was finally installed next to the Reading Room in 1938, with the permission of the postal authorities. I doubt whether any other telephones existed in the village at the time. Real emergencies, i.e. deaths, were dealt with by telegram, delivered by a telegraph boy on a motor bike, or on the radio before the news.

When you see all that unnecessary water, spare a thought for those of us who relied on the Spout. Apart from the river, it was the only public source of water available until the 1960s – and what wonderful pure spring water it was in those days! Old Bill Abbey (of Abbey House), who died in 1955 aged 92, used to say the Spout had never run dry in his time, nor in that of his father, born before the days of Queen Victoria.

Vicky Airey

Guides and Brownies

This term Brownies and Guides have completed lots of fun activities. Together, we undertook the 'Eggy Bread Challenge' which included cooking classes as well as having fun making egg jokes.

Guides have been working on parts of their 'Be Well' and 'Have Adventures' badges in order to complete them. They will also be attending the regional event 'Magical Midlands' which has a whole host of exciting activities which we are looking forward to. There has also been an awards ceremony where a few Guides received either their bronze, silver or gold awards.

Bubbenhall Guides would also like to thank Stephanie for all of her hard work with the unit since its reopening. We're very grateful and will miss her each week, however I'm sure we'll still see her around!

Brownies have been working on their 'Know Myself' theme completing various activities and we had one Brownie achieving their gold award which is incredible! We have had lots of new Brownies join us from Rainbows and also had our promise ceremony for the Brownies who started in September. For VE Day, Brownies received a letter from a veteran describing their experience of the war and they wrote back to him. The girls all wrote their own letters and it was lovely to see the compassion and understanding the girls had of what veterans had sacrificed during the war.

If you, or your girls, are interested in joining us please contact me. We particularly need more adult volunteers.

Morgan

Morgan.jade.wilkinson@gmail.com

The 100 Club

The main thing to report is the list of prize winners for the past three months. We have not been asked in this period for any further funds to support the Hall but remain always ready to do so.

There is one more draw (August) remaining in the 2024/25 season. We will shortly be holding the AGM to discuss arrangements for 2025/26. All being well, we will begin collecting subscriptions in August and hope to start our next year with a first draw in September. The committee expects to hold prizes at the same level as this year namely £45, £30, £25 and £ 20. However, additional prizes can be offered should the numbers of tickets sold increase. If you would like to acquire a ticket (cost £12) to participate in the twelve monthly draws, please contact our Treasurer Sarah Perry at sarah@genesisltd.uk. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to the recent prize winners who were:

May

1st Emma Scarisbrick
2nd Christine Talbot
3rd Michelle Holt
4th Beryl Locke

June

1st Mark Holt
2nd Lynne Brown
3rd Malcolm Davies
4th Stuart Sibley

July

1st Pat Pritchard
2nd Bernard McCarthy
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Alan Roe Chair 100 Club committee

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Bake-off and Village Show

Well Done and Thank You to all our 50 entrants including some welcome new entrants. Without your efforts we have no Show or the opportunity to raise funds for our community charities through the Auction which raised £447.50. We have some running expenses but we try to keep those to a minimum. We're grateful to all entrants and auction participants for your generosity whether it's donating the first cucumber of the season or paying over market price for that same cucumber. The same thanks go to the Village Hall Committee members and friends who helped set up and run both the Show and the Bar. Special thanks go to Fiona Pattinson who has helped us for many years and coped valiantly with the queue of entrants when I was called away at just the worst time.

I am sure that you will have noticed the exceptionally hot and dry weather. This affected the Growing section with some crops and flowers finishing prematurely and others struggling to survive in the heat. The warm conditions affected the kitchen too and I know that it was extra hard making cakes, scones, tarts, pies, flapjacks, biscuits, bread, samosas and pakoras. It felt wrong to put on the oven in the sweltering heat but many did that to support the Show.

Last year we introduced handicrafts and there were over 50 exhibits in 2024 but only 23 this year so please remember the Show when crafting. This year we had a new trophy for the Best Handicraft in memory of our friend Chris Walkley. This was awarded to Heather Holmes for her magnificent wicker cane bee which can now settle peacefully in her garden.



We understand that you may not want to part with your masterpiece and that's fine but thanks go to those who did make items specially for the auction including Genevieve created by Chris Wilkins which was also People's choice.

Other trophies awarded were:
Most points in the Kitchen Produce Section: Gail Haynes
Best exhibit in the Kitchen Produce Section: Gail Haynes



Best Flower Arrangement: Glenys Barker Davies
Most Points in the Growing Section: Beryl Locke
Longest Runner Bean: John Goodgame
Heaviest Potato: Beryl Locke
Pair of Fruit or Vegetables not featured in the Schedule: Beryl Locke

Best Garden on a Seed Tray: Peter O'Hare



Best Junior Section Exhibit: Tamsin O'Hare for her Handicraft Entry. Tamsin has been extra busy with craft work and successfully entered the adult textile classes too.

Best Exhibit in Show: Glenys Barker Davies for her lovely hydrangeas.



The male Flapjack class was won by Mark Waldron and Gail got up early to make the prize winning Pakoras before heading off to the Hall as an essential member of the organising team. The pakoras and samosas are always popular with the auction audience as are chocolate cakes. This year we probably had our youngest ever

entrant to make a chocolate cake, well done. Michelle Clark brought us her artistic view of the village in the Painting or Drawing class and Bob Powell triumphed in the photography classes along with the Johal family. Julie Veasey had been busy knitting and was awarded both first and third prizes but she put down her knitting needles at the weekend to win first prize for her fruit pie, shortbread and sultana cake.

Well done to everyone who entered, the judges often struggled to decide as the standard was so high. This is an amateur Village Show but with very good entries and worthy winners. I would like to encourage everybody to have a go and enter next year. I think there's a suitable class for everyone but suggestions are also welcome. Watch out for the 2026 Schedule delivered with the spring

Newsletter.

Many Thanks from *Judith, Gail, Margaret and Aidan and all the Village Hall Committee*



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Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe



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"A lovely opportunity for friends to catch up over coffee and cake"

"The volunteers are welcoming, attentive, efficient, and genuinely friendly"

"A relaxed and welcoming place to be"

These are just some of the wonderful comments that have been received after the Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe closed its doors to take a well earned summer break. Don't worry folks we will be back open again in the Autumn.

The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe, when it started in November 2024, was a new addition to the Village and has grown to be a massive hit with the villagers. The cafe, based in the Village Hall, may have been new but the ethos was traditional: first class refreshments, open to everyone and a friendly service, but where we differed from a traditional cafe is we never asked for a single penny from those that

attended. Yes that's right the hot drinks and delicious home-baked cakes, soup, sausage rolls and bacon rolls were all free.

The Cosy Cafe in numbers:

1042 - people attended

3000 - cups of tea/coffee were served

1200 - slices of cake were served

1100 - sausage rolls were eaten

250 - bowls of soup were served

100 - bacon rolls were eaten

We are indebted to the generous support from the Bubbenhall Parish Council, Genesis Wealth Creation and Warwickshire County Council (Councillors fund) who helped make this ground breaking venture happen.

Finally a huge round of applause and thanks must go to all our volunteers and bakers who willingly gave up their time to make the Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe a success



Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We have had a lovely academic school year. Thank you to everyone that supports us. We desperately need a lot more younger children at our Bubbenhall Branch so please spread the word.

The classes that have the most spaces are:

Wednesdays 2.15pm age 2-4
Pre- school fun Dance

Wednesdays 4pm Reception
school year 1 & 2 Ballet class

Mondays 5pm Disco class
school year 6 upwards

It's been so lovely to see some of our Uni students back and I'm so happy that most of them are still dancing at their universities.

We will be sad to see Persia, Annabelle & Hine go but we know you will have the best of times at your chosen university.

I hope you all have a well deserved summer break and see you all back in September.

Miss Sarah x

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Have you met our new minister yet? Rev Petrica regularly conducts services at St Giles, attends the cosy café when he is free and can be seen travelling throughout the village often. If you haven't yet met him, please seek him out and be regaled by his stories, in a similar manner to how 'Trev the Rev' had a strong presence in Bubbenhall many years ago.

Our Easter Sunday egg hunt and service was incredibly well attended and great fun, thank you to everyone who joined in the hunt with us. Many bags were filled to overflowing with chocolate delights, and St Giles was most definitely filled with the Joy and Spirit of Easter after the egg hunt had finished.

We are creating a bug hotel in the churchyard to the North side. Bug - En Hall is taking shape but far from finished. We are intending to have a wildlife welcome party when the village children can help complete the hotel by adding pinecones, flat stones, sticks, and bamboo canes amongst other things. Rev Petrica will be circulating further details. Please feel free to bring your children, have refreshments and help contribute to increasing the bee, bug and butterfly population within our village.

On Friday mornings in St Giles, we have regular coffee and cake

sessions where everyone is most welcome, held by our wonderful minister, who has a huge repertoire of jokes, stories, and life experiences he will happily share.

The legal notices have now been posted with regards to ourselves joining alongside Baginton, into a United benefice with Ashow and Stoneleigh. If approved, and everyone in the village can have a say in this process (please see the church noticeboard), then we will become part of a larger group with many monthly social activities and a far stronger network to ensure that St Giles remains a viable and open village church for us all.

Thank you for everybody who continues to contribute to our regular Trussell Trust collections. I will be collecting again for our

Harvest Festival in October and again at Christmastime. I am aware of this serious advance notice, but our constant generosity really makes a massive difference to the lives of those who are less fortunate than us. I hope you know how really appreciated you are.

We continue to pray for various Bubbenhall families and loved ones at our St Giles services, and remind everyone who is grieving, or has health or other concerns that St Giles is always there for you. As well as our regular church services, St Giles is open on every Friday and Saturday morning. If you wish you can simply add an anonymous note into our prayer book if you would like to be included in our prayers.

Craig Greenway

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Rainbows

At the start of the Summer term we welcomed 6 new girls to our unit; they all settled very quickly and soon became valued members of our group.

The girls have enjoyed a variety of activities during the term. These have included making teddy masks and going on a teddy adventure where we 'visited' Australia where they decorated and threw boomerangs. In Spain they made castanets and tried flamenco dancing. In Antarctica they waddled like penguins while balancing a ball on their feet (not an easy task). And in China they ate raisins while using chopsticks.

We had our own VE day celebrations decoration cakes for our street party, colouring union flags and flying paper aeroplanes.

Our lovely Young Leader Tamsin,

who is going to Denmark this summer with a group of Young leader and Rangers from the Warwickshire area organised a Danish themed evening colouring Mermaids and making Lego marble runs. She also presented each girl with a badge.

Other activities have included: colouring promise mobiles; a nature scavenger hunt around the park; decorating pots ready for the village bake off; making keyrings for Father's Day and holding our very own Wimbledon evening playing tennis and eating strawberries and cream. Before the end of term we will be having a visit from our local PSCO who will be talking to the girls about Stranger Danger and road safety, a very valuable lesson especially at this time of year when children are out and about more. They

have also been promised a sit in the police car too.

Weather permitting our last meeting of the term will be held at Ryton Pools along with Bubbenhall Brownies and Guides,

And finally I would like to congratulate Michelle Scott for completing the Adult Leadership Scheme. She is now a fully fledged Guider who is on the lookout for an assistant. Please get in touch if you think you might be interested

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

For more information, please contact Margaret Robinson on 07757518861 or register on the girl guiding website www.girlguiding.org and click on join us

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Margaret Robinson

Margaret was awarded the Chief Commissioner Award - this is given to a very limited number of people each year within the Guiding Community. Nominations are made by peers, which then go on to the Division for endorsement and finally on to the County awards committee, who decide the final recipients. This award is given for exceptional and outstanding service for the local community.

The presentation was made by the Midlands Region Commissioner, Clare Shinton overseen by the UK deputy commissioner.



Margaret opened the Bubbenhall Rainbow unit 35 years ago and has ran it ever since. It was among the first Rainbow units to open in the country. She has provided games, crafts, skills-building and fun activities for thousands of girls during that time, whilst also supporting young adults to become leaders themselves. She helps at other local Guiding events too including camps, activity days and services. Margaret has dedicated countless hours during her Guiding career for the good of others and she very much deserves to be recognised for her dedicated, kindness and hard work



Bubbenhall's Fund Raisers



A **Massive Thankyou** to everyone who supported the Twilight Walk that Sandra and I completed in London on Saturday 22nd March in memory of my daughter Natalie.

In total we raised £3830 (£4700 with the gift aid) for the **Brain Tumour Charity** - this is a phenomenal amount and meant we were 2nd highest Individual donators on the day of the walk. I feel Natalie would have been immensely proud of this achievement.

The money raised will finance 15 days much needed research or 460 crucial information packs for people newly diagnosed with a brain tumour - so many thanks to everyone that supported us - Together we are making a difference and hopefully our efforts are helping to change brain tumour patients lives for the better.

Liz Paul

I would like to thank everyone in the village for your support and donations towards my fundraising effort for **Mencap**, total raised being £3,188 which is just amazing! Your help in arranging events, kind words of encouragement and top tips from Pete Spencer got me through the Marathon run on a very hot day in London. Thank you!

Kavita Cassidy



I am Peter Spencer and I ran the London Marathon this year with my daughter Sophie.

We both raised money for **Asthma & Lung UK**.

This was my fourth London Marathon raising money, and Sophie's first, getting a ballot place. Sophie raised £3,000 and I raised £4,000.

Peter Spencer

Village Hall Accounts 2024

Receipts £s		Payments £s	
Opening balance brought forward	19,226.80	Recurrent items	
Fees + other current income		Services	2,598.77
Parish Council rent	50.00	Insurance	980.08
		Cleaning	2,870.00
		Parish Council rent	50.00
		Bookings expenses	20.00
		Council Tax	48.03
	19,276.80		6,566.88
Fundraising + other receipts			
Bookings and hire	12,420.50	Cleaning materials & disposables	274.65
Deposit account interest	207.48	Maintenance	3,782.61
Fundraising & donations	6,773.01	Fire extinguisher test & renewal	147.90
Cinema Club	1,485.76	Equipment	2,078.58
Social Club	2,054.29	Postage/Printing/Stationary	75.90
		Improvements	7,594.00
		Cinema Club	1,035.89
		Social Club	1,809.22
		Internet & Website	1,285.39
		Other	363.00
Total receipts	22,941.04		
Total receipts + opening balance	42,217.84		
		Total expenditure	25,014.02
		Add adjusted balance brought forward	17,203.82
		Cash Book Total	42,217.84

Bank Reconciliation at 31.12.2024

Current account balance statement	2,922.72
Add deposits not credited	nil
Less unrepresented cheques:	nil
Deposit account balance statement	14,281.10
Deposits not credited	nil
Total Adjusted Balance	17,203.82

Signed

R Perry

Chairman

J Tipper

Treasurer

St Giles Church Poppy Display

At the beginning of the year Gill Green was asked if we could make a poppy display for the church. Since then, numerous ladies from the village have been busy knitting, crocheting and making poppies from felt. Many of us have got together on a regular basis every other Saturday morning at the Three Horseshoes. We even took part in the National Big Knit out on the village green.



Many ladies in the group had never seen a crochet hook let alone used one but they have persevered with the help and support from other villagers and are now producing beautiful poppies ready for the display. At this point we must say a big thank you to Ash and John for allowing us to use their room and serving much needed teas and coffees. If you would like to join us in this quest it's not too late. Please get

in touch, it's definitely a case of the more the merrier. It is estimated that approximately 5000 poppies are needed for the display. Nearer the time we will be attaching the poppies to the net ready to go on display outside the church at the end of October.

Unfortunately the tower has been deemed unsafe to hang net from, therefore we plan to hang it like a banner along the wall to the left as you enter the church yard.

We are hoping to have soldier silhouettes at either end of the net and we would love to be able to purchase several soldiers for the grass area near the memorial garden. These can be purchased from Royal British Legion at a cost of £175 each plus post and package. If you would like to



contribute towards the cost of these please get in touch. We are hoping to order these at the beginning of September.

Thank you for your support.

Margaret Robinson and Gill Green

Dates for your Diary

September

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

October

14th.....Parish Council meeting
30th.....Film Night , Village Hall 7.0
for 7.45pm

November

11th.....Parish Council meeting

December

9th.....Parish Council Meeting
18th.....Christmas Carols, Village
Hall

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month.....	see page 7
Rainbows	Tue 5.00-6.00pm.....	Margaret Robinson - 7630 5931
Brownies.....	Tue, 6.00-7.15pm.....	Morgan Wilkinson 07522 997436
Guides.....	Tue 7.15pm.....	bubbenhallguides@gmail.com
Sarah Cooke Dance School.....	contact Sarah	Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library.....	Every 4 weeks, 9.40-9.55am	Riverside, Stoneleigh RoadMobile Enquiry Line
	from 3rd April 10.10-10.30am.....	Lower End.....01926 851031...

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