

Bubbenhall Newsletter



March 2025

Parish Council Update



Playground and recreation area

The Parish Council are planning on contracting a pest controller to regularly check for mole activity in the playground areas and treat it as it arises. This is key to ensuring that the playground remains safe and accessible for all users.

Following the inspection back in the Autumn Chris Goddard is working through the small list of minor repairs identified by RoSPA.

Last month one of the swing units was damaged so that has now been removed and will be refitted as soon as a new part has arrived.

Follow us on Facebook

The Bubbenhall Parish Council are now on Facebook, so to help ensure you're up to date with all the latest village news and updates follow our page. If you have any suggestions of something we can include or announce on there, use the

message facility and we will endeavour to respond.

Cosy Café

At the December meeting it was agreed that this very popular new village service, which was originally planned to run over the winter, should continue into the summer months. The Parish Council will look for suitable funding options. See Stephen Haynes' separate report (p 13).

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

[www.facebook.com/ bubbenhallvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/bubbenhallvillagehall)

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

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

Newsletter

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

celebrating the success of this village initiative.

Gates in Village Hall car park

The Parish Council has agreed to fund the repairs for the gate in the Village Hall car park using insurance and reserves. The aim is to make the gate more secure and harder to damage or breach in future. A local contractor has been identified to carry out the work.

Defibrillators and Village emergency resources

Just a reminder to villagers that we have defibrillators located near the entrance door to the Village Hall and on the outside of the Malt Shovel Public House. Cllr Haynes regularly inspects both and ensures

that they are ready to use in an emergency. The defibrillator is easy to use as it speaks to you, giving voice prompts. It tells you what you can do to save the life of a person in cardiac arrest, whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive, so don't hesitate to use one if needed.

There have been no village weather or other emergencies over the last few months thankfully, but the Emergency Committee are always prepared to assist if needed. Keep an eye on the village email and local WhatsApp groups for information during any emergency.

Precept

The Parish Council will agree the precept (the Parish Council element of your Council Tax) at the meeting on 11th March, ahead of the new financial year. The income from the precept is used to fund village amenities including: the playground; mowing services for the recreation ground and village green; maintaining the spring pump and bus shelter; Diwali and Christmas lights on the village green; maintenance of the defibrillators and ensuring emergency equipment and resources are available; and general maintenance. This is not an exhaustive list and our accounts are available to view on the Parish Council website.

Spring Hill

Residents are fed up with all the water on Spring Hill and Pit Hill, so deserve an explanation of the situation.

The appearance of water coming through the road surface on Spring Hill started causing concern some months ago, although it clearly became far worse towards the end of last year.

There was an assumption that it was a leak from the Severn Trent water supply pipes beneath the road, and Severn Trent did finally respond with a lot more effort when it became so much worse. It was their contractors who excavated the roadway in December and identified a flow of apparently quite clean water in the subsurface, which they sampled, together with a sample from a supply access point near the Three Horseshoes. Testing equipment at site appeared to indicate some 'treated water' i.e. theirs, but this was not substantiated by the laboratory tests. They then dug the road again to take another sample, and also commenced remote monitoring of various meters existing around the village, all of which led them to conclude that the water is not from the Severn Trent system.

WCC Highways have been aware of the problem all along, of course, having turned out numerous times to patch the potholes which the water encourages to develop. Now that Severn Trent is confident that it is not their water, Highways will have to deal with it.

The problem is either a failure in the highway drains causing the water flowing through them to escape, or maybe it is an errant spring, of which Bubbenhall has many, which has now decided on a new route into the Spring Hill subsurface and out on to the road. Either way, Highways will take on the responsibility both to check their drains, and then if it turns out to be a spring they will install some drainage beneath the surface to put the water back where it belongs - in the highway drains.

So we can unfortunately expect some further digging

We are far from alone in Warwickshire in having drainage problems, however, so we have to take our place in the queue, although we are quite high on the list, I'm told. Highways will also be dealing with the water flowing on Pit Hill, and Tony Sproul covers this in his update on the Village Green activities (p 19).

Councillor Jim Roberts

History of Bubbenhall Newsletter

The Bubbenhall Newsletter was started in February 1987 to link in with the new Village Hall and bring together all the village activities.

It was delivered free quarterly to every Bubbenhall household, and apart from now being three times per year, this has continued. It was edited and printed by the late Rene Beale and Clive Trentham respectively. The following topics were covered: Village Hall, Parish Council, Mother and Toddlers, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Garter Group, 100 Club, Bubbenhall First School, Malt Shovel Social Club, Neighbourhood Watch, Football, Art Club.

In 1997 the format changed to A4, 8 pages, with advertisements from villagers and a committee to organise it. The style and format changed again in 2001 and this forms the basis of the present newsletter. Several villagers were involved in the production from this time until 2015, when the current committee took over. Printing changed to colour in mid 2016.

The articles continue to be about village and local activities, with recipes, quizzes, local history as well. Funding of the printing and hence free distribution comes from charges for advertising.

All but three of the newsletters are on the village website, the early ones having been scanned.

The Newsletter depends on people writing articles, the committee to put it together and organise the funding, and the team of distributors.

If you want this village asset to continue please think about how you can help.

Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams Church of England Academy

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March the children were encouraged to create a headband/headress/hat about their favourite character or book. They paraded them in assembly and every class marked the day with special events and work. After school there was a Reading Cafe for adults and children to come and enjoy books with a drink and biscuit.

Science Week

This year's theme for Science Week was "Change and Adapt". The children were invited to produce a project that could be an experiment to answer a question, a problem and solution, or a research project. Examples of questions were: How do polar bears survive in chilly climates without freezing?; How does our body make antibodies?; Why does sound change when it travels through different materials?

Having carried out their investigation or research each child made a display board, which had three panels of information showing the project title, the question/problem, what the answer is, what was done, what was found and a conclusion.





The School Science Fair is on 28th March, when a panel of judges will choose the best projects, and all will be awarded a certificate for participation.

Recycling Update

Warwick District residents have been chosen as the first in the County to be able to recycle plastic bags and wrappings along with the usual recycling. Let's reduce the black bin waste.

What you can put in your blue-lidded bin

- paper
- card and cardboard
- glass bottles and jars
- metal tins and cans
- Aerosols
- clean foil
- plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays
- plastic bags - carrier bags, salad/fruit/vegetable bags, bread and cereal bags
- confectionary wrappers - chocolate, sweets, biscuits, cakes, ice cream and chewing gum wrappers
- foil lined packaging - crisp/snack packets, coffee bags
- cheese, fish and meat wrapping
- outer layer bags and wrapping - multipacks, toilet and kitchen roll wrapping, magazine and newspaper wrapping
- plastic film and sleeves - removable film lids, plastic sleeves for bottles and jars
- bubble wrap and cling film
- fruit and vegetable net bags
- food and drink cartons (TetraPak)

	 Food Waste	 Garden Waste	 Recycling	 Refuse
Monday 17/03/25	✓			✓
Monday 24/03/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 31/03/25	✓			
Monday 7/04/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 14/04/25	✓			
Monday 21/04/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 28/04/25	✓			✓
Monday 5/05/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 12/05/25	✓			
Monday 19/05/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 26/05/25	✓			
Monday 2/06/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 9/06/25	✓			✓
Monday 16/06/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 23/06/25	✓			
Monday 30/06/25	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monday 7/07/25	✓			
Monday 14/07/25	✓	✓	✓	
Monday 21/07/25	✓			✓
Monday 28/07/25	✓	✓	✓	

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Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL
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It's incredible to think that we are already three months into the new year and so with that in mind we would like to begin by saying Thank You for your time, commitment and support at the Village Hall events in 2024. We know we will have your continued support in 2025.

To everyone who attended and helped make the Christmas Carols (see pp 10-11) a great evening. It was wonderful to see new people from within and outside the village participate. Some special thanks go to the Bilton Silver band, who were fabulous and the team that helped to make it look festive by decorating the hall and putting up a wonderful Christmas tree, we thank you.

We have started off this year with some great village events. The turn out for the film nights has been most pleasing. Our new buffet style breakfasts are always a sell out and a really lovely way to spend a Saturday morning with friends and neighbours. The committee would like to thank all of those who turned out to support our events so far this year and we look forward to welcoming you to events later in the year.

Dates for the Diary.

We are delighted to be able to provide you with some dates for the diary for upcoming events and look forward to seeing many of you enjoying the planned activities.

Thursday 27th March.

Film Night - King Richard

Entry £5 - contactless or cash accepted.

Doors open at **7pm**. The film starts at 7:45pm. Bar is open from 7pm till late.

Saturday 19th April

Bubbenhall "Easter" Breakfast

Bubbenhall Breakfast kindly organised by Gail Haynes from **9.00am**. Anyone who can volunteer to help, please come along; it would be much appreciated.

Sunday 13th July 2024.

Bubbenhall Village Produce Show and Auction.

To be held at the Village Hall. Come and show off your various masterpieces.

Please see the website for further details and additional schedule included with this newsletter. Look out for even more new categories this year. We have classes for both Adults and Children, so please make a note, it would be lovely to have some new entries.

Are you new to the village?

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

Bubbenhall Email

Are you signed up to receive information through the Bubbenhall email system? This covers all events happening in the village, information from the police (e.g. about stolen cars and burglaries), information from Warwick District Council and lots more.

To join go to www.bubbenhall.info and click on Contact, listed under Home.

Then go to Apply to join the email list, complete your details and submit request.

To contact the Parish Clerk directly use

clerk@bubbenhallparish.gov.uk



Julie's Easter Recipe



HOT CROSS BUN BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING

Ingredients

6 Hot Cross Buns, traditional or alternative flavours

4 eggs at room temperature

75g caster sugar

500 ml cream

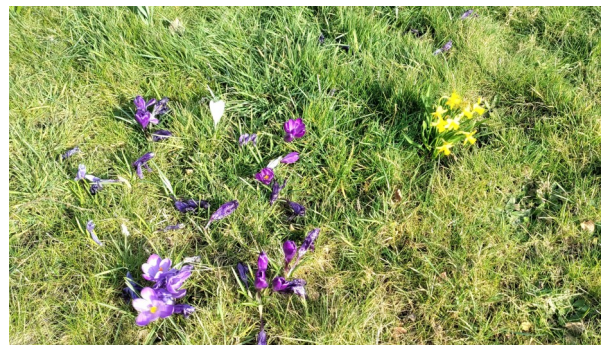
To decorate, icing sugar and small Easter eggs

Method: Preheat oven to 160°C/140°C fan. Gas mark 3

1. Halve the hot-cross buns and set tops aside. Roughly chop bun bases. Set aside.
2. Whisk the eggs, sugar and cream in a large bowl until well combined. Add chopped bun bases. Stand for 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, arrange soaked bun bases in a large greased (about 4-5cm deep) baking dish. Dip the cut-side of the hot-cross bun tops into the egg mixture and arrange cross-side up in the dish. Pour the remaining egg mixture around the bun tops.
3. Loosely cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Remove foil and bake for a further 10 -15 minutes or until custard has set.

Decorate with small Easter Eggs, dust with icing sugar and serve.

Optional: If using traditional flavour buns you can spread them with strawberry jam before adding to the dish. Similarly, if you have it, a little sprinkle of ground cinnamon before baking adds a nice colour to the top when baked. Serve decorated with small Easter Eggs, dust with icing sugar and with ice-cream or double cream.

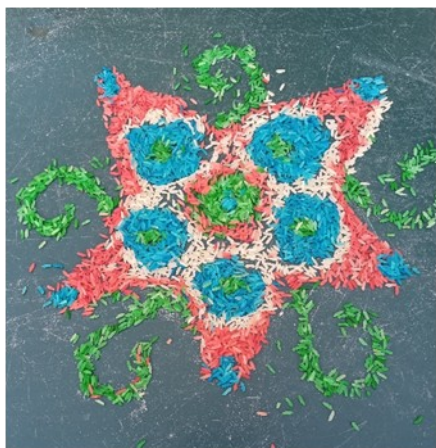


Lower End

Guides and Brownies

We started the spring term with a trip to the pantomime in Rugby, along with Bubbenhall Rainbows and girls from across Rugby division. Aladdin was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see everyone in uniform being ambassadors for guiding.

We met up with Rugby division again on 1 March to celebrate World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is on 22 February each year and is when we think about our guiding sisters across the world and carry out activities from other countries. It is 22 February as that was the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. As 22 February typically falls in our school half term we tend to flex around that date as to when we celebrate. Girls created a Mandala, linked to one of our world centres in India, and spent time thinking about guiding in the past, present and what they would like it to be like in the future.



Brownies and Guides are working together on the Sparkle badge, a Midlands region badge in support of the charity Newlife which provides specialist equipment for disabled children. We have gained a better understanding of disabilities including making braille

biscuits, using sign language and testing the accessibility of the hall for wheelchair users. We will be holding another awareness evening in March and will end the term with a Sparkle party.

Guides have been working on their feel good skills builder planning and cooking healthy meals. At the same time, most girls have been making sweets or cakes for their confectionary badge.

Our new Brownies will all be making their promise before the end of term.

We have more activities planned with Girlguiding Warwickshire and Midlands region. We will be visiting Brandon Marsh in April, for craftivism sessions organised by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust towards our craftivism interest badge. There are also specific sessions for guiding members in June. In May we will be camping with the county at our campsite in Shipston on Stour. It will be in tents, not cardboard boxes, this time. To round off the term we will be going to Uttoxeter racecourse for Magical Midlands with too many activities for me to list here.

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

Stephanie
(Bubbenhallguides@gmail.com)

The 100 Club

The winners of the last three draws were:

January

- 1st. Geraldine Lemon
- 2nd. Dave Cleaver
- 3rd. Ellie Chappell
- 4th. Mark McElhatton

February

- 1st. Brian Holmes
- 2nd. Tonino Cuiffini
- 3rd. Charmaine Godrem
- 4th. Dave Cleaver

March

- 1st. Lisa Mackie
- 2nd. Fiona Patterson
- 3rd. Louisa Saunders
- 4th. Ian Stobart

Well done to all of you.

I can also record that the Club has recently made a contribution towards the painting of the interior doors of the Village Hall.

Alan Roe

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:

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Christmas Carols 2024



Many thanks to Aidan O'Hare
and Sarah Perry for photos



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The Cosy Cafe in Numbers



The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe is a weekly event offering a warm welcome and a free hot drink/cake at the Village Hall. The cafe aims to provide a safe and friendly environment where everyone is welcome.

thank you to everyone who has helped make this project such a huge success. The cafe is funded by Warwickshire County Council, Bubbenhall Parish Council and a generous donation from Genesis Wealth Creation.

The Bubbenhall Cosy Cafe runs every Thursday from 10.00am – 12.00 noon in the Village Hall.

Steve and Gail Haynes



The cafe is run entirely by volunteers, and has grown substantially since it started in November 2024. An average week will see 35 to 40 villagers attend to meet and chat to friends both old and new.

It would be wrong not to say a big

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We have had a good start back after the New year with some children working towards their exams in March.

We had two pupils audition for the Midland Theatre Ballet Associate programme and both were successful.

We have places in our Bubbenhall classes:

Wednesdays 2.15 Pre school dance age 2-4

Wednesdays 4pm Reception school year 1 & 2 Ballet class

We offer all IDTA Ballet & Tap grades plus Freestyle / Disco classes for all ages .

If you'd like a place please message me to put your child' down sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Penguin Post

Thank you to everyone who supported the Penguin Post. After collecting in all the Christmas cards and stamping on our new Penguin logo we set off to deliver the Penguin Post around the village. This year we raised £110.00 which we have donated to the Bubbenhall Village Hall. Thank you to all who took advantage of our service.

Margaret Robinson and Gill Prudhoe



St Giles' Church

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Thank you for everybody who contributed to our Trussell trust collection over Christmas. Your generosity makes a big difference to the lives of those who are less fortunate than us. It is sad that these collections are required, but the feeling from helping others is a huge one, and this opportunity to change lives slightly for the better must not be underestimated. I hope you know how really appreciated you are. Our next collection will be at Easter.

We have lost many loved ones recently from our village, with many services being held at St Giles to mark their passing. These people helped to shape Bubbenhall into the loving, caring and wonderful village that we all love to live in, and their impact upon our lives will not be forgotten. We continue to pray for their 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 there for you. If you wish you can simply add an anonymous note into our prayer book if you would like to be included into our prayers.

Our new and wonderful minister, Petrica is making a huge impact with the good and welcoming feeling of St Giles. If you haven't yet seen him on his walks around the village or in the village hall, then please do come to St Giles

to hear his soothing and inspiring words at one of our services. We are blessed to have him with us.

We will be holding a Lent course in our new benefice for around an hour on a Saturday morning at ten on the dates below -

- 1st session: March 22nd at Stoneleigh Village Club – St Luke amongst the gospel writers, how does Luke's gospel connect with the others.
- 2nd session: March 29th Ashow Club – Special themes of St Luke.
- 3rd session: April 5th at St Giles, Bubbenhall – Women in St Luke's gospel.
- 4th session: April 12th at St. John the Baptist,

Baginton Church –
The passion death and
resurrection of the Christ.

Craig Greenway

Dog Rescue at Honiley

A big thank you to everyone who donated dog food, dog sundries and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley.

We will continue collecting each Christmas in memory of Mary Long MBE who started this many years ago.

Rose Walker

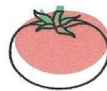
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Rainbows

Rainbows finished on a high last term with a joint Christmas party with the Brownies; needless to say in was a very noisy event but great fun was had by all.

This term we have enjoyed learning different crafts and celebrating many different events such as making snakes and eating mini marshmallows with chopstick for Chinese New Year. We made heart suncatchers for Valentines Day and dressed up and shared favourite books for World Book day. The girls are also making gifts and cards for Mothering Sunday. Other crafts have included making melted snowman biscuits, pinecone bird feeders. bookmarks and plaiting friendship bracelets. The girls

have also completed 4 different badges over the last couple of terms which will be awarded when we break up for Easter along with several Gold. Silver and Bronze Awards.

As well as having a busy time at our weekly meetings, in January we joined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Rugby Division at Rugby Theatre to see the pantomime Aladdin. We also met up with them again at the end of February at Cawston Community Centre where the girls spent a fun afternoon celebrating World Thinking Day.

When we return after the Easter holidays, we will be saying

Goodbye to 7 of our older Rainbows and although its always sad to see them go we know they will have lots of fun at Brownies. This does of course mean we will have lots of spaces at Rainbows. If you know any one who may be interested in joining us please pass on our details

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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Grow Your Own

Whatever the size of your garden you can always find room to grow a few vegetables and when you realise that they taste so much nicer than bought produce, you will want to grow more.

It may be cool and grey at the moment but the clocks are going forward and light levels will change, making conditions better for growing.

Apart from the nicer taste, growing vegetables is cheaper than buying them. A packet of **lettuce** seeds, which will last all year, costs between £1.30 and £2.50 depending on variety and supplier. Cut and come again lettuce, such as the salad bowl types, will carry on for some time and can be grown in the ground or in containers on a patio.

Growbags are an ideal way to grow **tomatoes**, both cherry such as Sweet Million or Sungold, and medium types e.g. Shirley. Trailing tomatoes can be grown in hanging baskets. Both **runner beans** and **climbing French beans** are suitable for growing up wigwams made of canes in both flower beds and containers. As well as producing plenty of beans for eating (and freezing) they all have attractive flowers. One or two **courgette** plants will produce plenty and can be grown upwards supported on a pole, so reducing the amount of room they take up. All of these plants can be grown from seed but will need to be sown in pots inside at a warmer temperature before planting out when all frosts are over. The alternative is to buy small plants from local garden centres and grow them on.

Vegetables will only be productive if they get enough water, and you do have to watch out for slugs and snails. If you enjoy growing and gardening it is worth investing in a large water butt that can be connected to the downpipe from the gutters, so saving money on water bills. The step after that is a compost bin.



Have a go and enjoy the flavours. You may also have some produce for the **Village Show on 13th July**.

Christmas Lunch held for Village Pensioners

Sixty residents enjoyed a very sociable afternoon meeting friends both old and new whilst a team of village volunteers cooked and served a three course Christmas lunch.

An added bonus was the appearance of a local Ukulele group who we are grateful too for filling the room with some tuneful Christmas cheer.



A big round of applause must go out to all those who volunteered their valuable time to help organise this event and to make sure it ran smoothly on the day.

A special thank you goes to MH Electrical, the Malt Shovel, Hughie Lemon, Warwickshire Chiropractic and numerous individuals for their generous donations that enabled this event to be run for free.

Lots of cards and letters were received from people who attended who all expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Village for holding this special occasion. It's clear this event was a huge success and thank you to everyone who attended.

This year's Christmas dinner is pencilled in for Monday 8th December 2025. Watch out for more details later in the year.

We look forward to seeing you next Christmas.

Gail Haynes

Friends of the Village Green



Welcome to Spring 2025!

A time of renewal and an opportunity to give added impetus to those wishes and plans that are always in the making.

Our now traditional **Christmas Party** on the Green was initially delayed by a week this year, due to severe wind and rain. Then Storm Darragh swept in just before Christmas and damaged the coloured lighting sets on the Green.

However we managed to dive into a window of opportunity and the Party was the normal hugely supported celebration of the arrival of Father Christmas

Thanks are due to the whole team and especially to John and Gill Green, who magically provided a new sleigh for us



To matters on and around the **Green**.

"Water, water everywhere! and not a drop to drink" - who said that? Samuel Taylor Coleridge in the Ancient Mariner.

Anyway, Parish Council leader Jim Roberts is working with Warwickshire CC Highways for a solution for **Pit Hill**. This involves installing a drainage gully from the spring in question into the Village pond from where it can be linked to the existing highway drainage system.

Funds should be available for WCC to carry out the necessary work in April this year!.

Spring Hill is more complex. The leakage here is under investigation and Council Chair, Jim Roberts is reporting in detail (see p 2).

Regarding the safe water source from the **Spring** wellhead, Councillor Alistair Rourke is currently arranging for the testing of the potability of the Spring water, after some expert help with the flow from the push button by Andy Cassidy in the Village and not forgetting Dan Collins of B.A.Hull and Company of Moreton in Marsh.

It will be great to have it given the all clear and so be a full use fresh spring water supply for everyone!

The feature which is the **Village Pond** continues to be an ongoing challenge and a work in progress.

Ton Sproul

Bubbenhall Green Shoots Project Update

Facts and figures

Three years ago, volunteers from thirty-two households in the village were allocated plots on the edge of the playing field where they planted a total of two hundred and twenty tiny saplings. At a recent count, two hundred and ten trees are growing. Some are now over two metres high while others are taking longer to establish themselves. In time, all will combine to present a varied and colourful border to the field.

and summer months. So thanks are due to them for their efforts.

The Future

The plan is for the weeding and clearance to continue for at least a couple of years to give all the trees the best chance of creating their own leafy canopy and enhancing the natural environment of the village playing field.



Dates for your Diary

April

8th.....Parish Council meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall

19th.....Easter Breakfast Village Hall 9.00am

May

13th.....Parish Council meeting, including AGM

June

17th.....Parish Council meeting

July

13th.....Bubbenhall Bake Off and Village Show, Village Hall

15th.....Parish Council Meeting

Thanks

This community project depended, at the outset, on that long list of original volunteers. While some people have managed to care attentively to their plots, it is largely through the continuing efforts of a small group of people that the success of the project has been achieved. Tony Cox, Brian Holmes, John Kendray, Rob Smith and Bob Powell form the team. They have regularly given freely of their time to keep an eye on the whole 'plantation'. They have replaced damaged or failed saplings, weeded and mulched around the roots and cut back the brush that threatens to stifle tree growth, especially in the spring



Regular Groups

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

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