

Bubbenhall Newsletter



March 2020

Parish Council Update



Recreation Ground

After the wet winter we have had we hope that the playground will shortly be busy again as the Spring weather arrives. We have agreed to fund some new goal posts and these should arrive soon. Our regular maintenance of the area continues, and the bark will be topped up before Easter, weather permitting.

The Trim Trail is now several years old, and due to the wood aging it might need replacing in the next couple of years. This is

an expensive undertaking so we will need to look at sources of funding/grants etc. If anyone works for a company that offers matched funding or knows about any other sources of funds then do let us know. We are very open to any ideas from villagers regarding play equipment, so please let Cllr Baker know if there is anything you would like to us to think about.

Alterations to Parish/WCC land
BPC would ask villagers not make changes to land which is not part of their deeds. This includes removing plants and/or trees, planting new plants and/or trees

and changing any part of the land. Land that does not obviously belong to a neighbour or land-owner/farmer belongs to either the Parish or local Council and is likely to be Common land, and that has legal restrictions on its use and alteration.

Public Transport Survey

Thanks to everyone who has responded – we had 46 surveys completed and returned so this is clearly a topic that villagers are interested in. The survey results will enable Parish Councillors to talk to the Council about enhancing the provision for our village. In the meantime, up-to-

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Newsletter Committee

Welcome to the March issue, the first in the 33rd year of the Bubbenhall Newsletter. Many thanks to all those who have contributed articles, and to Bob Cragg and his team for distributing the newsletters.

We are always pleased to have any comments about the content of the Newsletter and hear about any ideas any of you may have for different items. Just e-mail us.

Tony Cox
Catherine Scotcher
Julie Veasey
Rose Walker
Laura Whiteley

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Next issue out July2020

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

date bus timetables can be found on the Bubbenhall.info website at <https://www.bubbenhall.info/bus.php>

Joint Strategic Needs Survey

At the January meeting we welcomed Charles Barlow, the Localities and Partnership Manager at Warwickshire County Council. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This involves a survey to assess the local health and social care needs and influences on health outcomes of residents. It is part of a countywide initiative, and the data from the survey will be used to shape future funding for Health and Social Care services in the area. The survey closed on 29th February 2020, and we will keep villagers up to date with the outcome once known.

Gas Smell

Many residents will have smelt a gas odour that has been noticeable in the village all winter. Many thanks to all the residents who have completed an odour log and sent it to Warwickshire County Council. Cllr Nwachukwu got in touch with FCC at the landfill site who assured her that the smell, although more prevalent than anticipated, was part of the normal process and would subside in a few weeks. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored, but in the meantime if you notice the smell during office hours, please call Warwick District Council on 01926 456725 and they will come out to investigate.

Precept Charge for 2020/21

At this point in the year, the Parish Council have to agree how much precept to charge residents to deliver services such as maintaining the recreation ground, mowing, insurance for our facilities and supporting local initiatives or campaigns. This year it was agreed to fix the

precept charge at £18,000, giving a Band D property a modest rise of 5.87%. The additional funds are needed for the rising costs of contracts and the maintenance of the playground.

Visit from Warwick District Council Chair Cllr George Illingworth

At the meeting on 3rd March, we welcomed Cllr Illingworth who was there to see what work is going on in his area. We will report our discussions with him in the July newsletter.

New Councillor Still Needed!

We are still looking for another Councillor to give us our full complement on the Council. Although not burdensome, we would like another person to join us to help share and enhance the work we do for the village. Many of the councillors have been on board for a number of years, so a new voice and ideas would be very welcome!

Being part of a Parish Council reflects well on a CV, and you don't need any specialist experience to make a contribution. It is not a heavy time commitment with just 10 meetings a year, and occasionally other meetings if relevant to the area you look after and/or an interest you have. Please contact any of the Councillors if you are interested.

VE Day Celebrations

Like many cities, towns and villages, Bubbenhall will mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The Malt Shovel will be hosting VE celebrations on the afternoon of 8th May, and the Parish Council will make a small donation towards providing the music for this occasion. Margaret Robinson is leading a project to install a memorial bench on the Village green (see p 20), and the Parish Council will be contributing to this. We hope many in the village can

join in the celebration and bench project to commemorate such an important occasion in British history.

The Spring Water Pump, Spout



Water Outlet and a Memorial to Geoff Glover – update from Tony Sproul

The water quality from the Village pump has marginally failed a routine quality test recently carried out by Warwick District Council. Davian of Kenilworth, the engineers who carried out the original installation, are currently looking into the pump and will advise us on what action is needed to restore the water potability and ensure ongoing water quality. Meantime we have placed a warning sign at the outlet to advise residents not to drink the water until further notice.

The water flowing permanently from the original Spout has been deemed unsuitable for drinking for many years now. This coming Spring the area around the outlet will be cleaned and the granite sets re-grouted.

In addition, many of you will have noticed that the original trough needs replacing. In a very kind and generous gesture, Geoff Glover's family have pledged to fund the replacement trough as a memorial to him. Geoff, who lived on Spring Hill, was a great character and a popular and very long-standing member of the village (see p14). I am leading the search for a suitable replacement, probably a carved trough with some age or provenance (budget

approx. £600). If anyone can help with the search, please let Tony know - it must be in reasonable travel time from the village and be 112cms (44") long by 56cms (22") wide by 26cms (12") deep.

Highways

We are continuing to work with County Highways to find ways of slowing traffic down in the village. One of the suggestions we made has been acted on, and they have recently painted several 30 mph roundels on Stoneleigh Road, from the start of the 30mph limit through the bends to the top of the hill.

The monitoring of HGV traffic through the village continues - please report any sightings to Jan Lucas. Finally, we are also keeping an eye on developments at Gateway South, including the effect on Bubbenhall Road.

Gateway South

Coventry and Warwickshire Development Partnership (CWDP LLP), which is wholly owned by key client SEGRO, have awarded the contract for the second phase of the major 'Coventry Gateway' scheme to Buckingham Group. Buckingham Group is already the contractor for the Whitley South



infrastructure that includes a new road bridge over the A45 dual carriageway.

Gateway South will be constructed on a 450acre site. The work commenced in January 2020 and will be for three years. The project comprises industrial and logistics uses, on a mix of agricultural land, two existing licensed waste tips, an existing HGV yard, and a former sewage treatment works. The development will provide some 3.7 million ft² of large warehousing that is planned for the site.

In more detail the works include:

- An adoptable access road of some 35,000 m²
- 6,000,000 m³ of Earthworks (Excavation, treatment, segregation and re-placement), plus, Demolition, Remediation and Reclamation
- Screening Bunds
- Site Spine Road
- Access Road to a rugby club
- Emergency Access Road
- Storm drainage system and associated attenuation and out-falls
- Foul drainage system
- Diversion of existing and provision of New Utilities
- Boundary Treatments and Accommodations works
- Provision of new ecological habitats and a new 230acre country park

The Parish Council will be keeping a close eye on the project to see that all contractors stick to the agreed plans and alert local residents and organisations to any changes to the plans to mitigate any inconvenience to villagers.

Upcoming meetings (Village Hall at 7.30pm) – all villagers are welcome to come along to hear what's happening and offer their opinion!

Tuesday 7th April
Tuesday 12th May

Sarah Cooke School of Dance

We are very busy organising our dance show which is on

Sunday June 28th
3.30pm and 5.30pm at
North Leamington
School.

We will be selling tickets from April, £5 each. The proceeds will be going to a lovely charity **The UPS Of Downs** which helps children with Down's Syndrome and provides support for families.

This is a local charity based in Leamington and we really want to raise as much money as we can for them.

Parents and family will be coming to watch the shows but it would be so lovely to see Village friends there too. My dance children are working so hard so it would be lovely to have the theatre full.

Costumes have been bought and my students and Adult Tappers couldn't be working any harder. If you would like tickets please email me

sarah.cooke77@btinternet.com

Tuesday 19th May (extra meeting for the Annual Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 16th June

Cllr Sam Baker

Vice Chair

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Monday

4.15pm – Infant Disco
5pm – Junior Disco
5.45pm – Grade 3 & 4 Ballet
6.45pm – Grade 3 & 4 Tap
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.

Bubbenhall Village Events



The annual village Christmas Carol singing was held on the 19th December in the Village Hall. As usual, the singing was led by the excellent Bilton Silver Band, whose members love visiting Bubbenhall because of the great welcome we give them and the atmosphere created by those attending.

This is a great evening, free to all villagers and their friends, and a chance for everyone to get together and enjoy great company and a good sing song, along with a free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

The number attending was a little down on the previous year's bumper attendance, but never the less, the singing and enjoyment level lived up to expectations. The bar was kept busy lubricating all the voices.

Santa, once again, was able to take time out of his busy schedule to pay us a visit and bring presents for the children attending.

All our favourite carols were played and sung including the much enjoyed Twelve Days of Christmas.

The three kings volunteered to help us out with their carol and this year they were joined by an apprentice king.

All in all it was a great night, which was enjoyed by all. If you missed it make sure you attend next December 17th when this free evening will be held again.

Our next event is the **Village Fete Day on June 13th** so we hope to see you all there.

Don Thomas

Bubbenhall Village Events

Bubbenhall Village Events would like to thank all those who help at our events to make them possible



Chunky Mini Egg Cookies

Makes: 8-10 Cooking: 10 mins

Ingredients:

100g butter,
100g light brown sugar,
1 med egg,
200g self-raising flour
1 pack of mini eggs



Method:

1. Pre heat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 & line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
2. Add all ingredients except mini eggs into a large mixing bowl & mix together with a wooden spoon or clean hands to form a dough.
3. Put half the pack of mini eggs into a small food bag & crush using a rolling pin then add to the dough and knead until they are spread evenly.
4. Roll out golf ball size pieces of dough and place on the baking tray patting down a little to flatten leaving a 2cm gap between each cookie (allows room to grow)
5. Push a few of the remaining whole mini eggs into the top of the dough.
6. Bake for 7-10 mins until golden then leave to cool.

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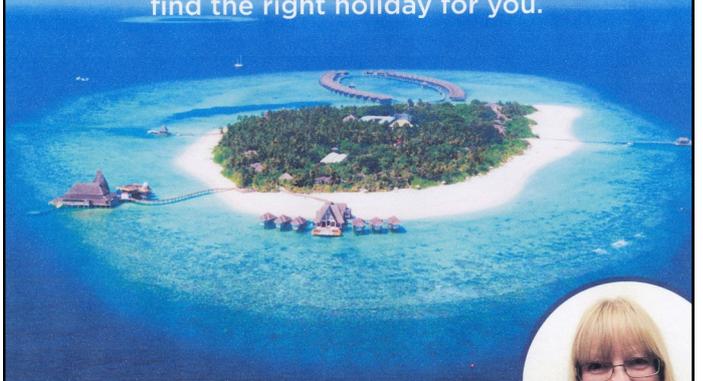
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Bubbenhall Breeze Belles

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The first half of our winter programme went well. We had some good rides and a great Christmas get together/Quiz and mini prize giving at the Malt Shovel on 10 December. Thank you Mark and Claire for a lovely buffet.

Prizes awarded to:

Best turnout on Monday evenings: Luciole Brosse

Best turnout on Sunday morning: Vicky Fletcher



The weather has not been kind to us since the New Year, many rides have had to be postponed due to exceptionally strong winds or rain. I hope that as you read this article, Spring will just be around the corner and we can start looking forward to some improvement in the weather.

It is planned to start our summer programme on Sunday 5 April and our evening rides on Monday 13 April - depending on leaders availability. Watch our Face Book site for details. All rides start and finish at the Malt Shovel car park. On weekend rides, we will have a coffee stop somewhere en-route and on a Monday evening, we will finish with a drink in the Malt Shovel garden or inside if chilly. These rides will vary in length to give everyone the opportunity to join us. Extra rides may be arranged depending on demand, and will be posted on the Bubbenhall Belles FB page.

All ladies of any cycling ability over the age of 18 are welcome to come and join us on our rides, we are a friendly group. Do not be put off, if you think you will be too slow, we never leave anyone behind. We cycle along relatively quiet roads although it is inevitable that we have to use some busier roads for short durations. The accent is on riding for pleasure together with a bit of social fun and suitable for riders of all abilities. So go on, dig your bike out of the shed or garage, dust it off and come and join us. For further information email: rose.cragg59@gmail.com or ☎ 07850 626279 or visit <https://www.letsride.co.uk/breeze> Rose Cragg

Bubbenhall Entertainment Group

Our family matinee "The Snow Dancer" was well attended at the Village Hall just before Christmas and everyone seemed to have a good time. There was a large set, music by Jez Lowe and a lights and sound deck manned by the technical director, all in our hall. The actors entertained our capacity audience well, and truly deserved their refreshments. There was a good appetite for cakes amongst the audience too.

We are part of the Live and Local

subsidised arts network and are hoping to secure an equally enjoyable family matinee show for the Christmas season of 2020 and hopefully a good Saturday night show for early 2021, after a break from the Saturday night format for this season. Maybe we will have news of future shows in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, we thank you for your support as we run these events primarily for our village community but they are open to all, as are Live and Local events in neighbouring villages such as Eathorpe and Weston under Weth-

erley. Check out the Live and Local website to see what's on in the area or look for a programme next time you attend the Village Hall. The performances are subsidised by Warwick District Council, the Arts Council and Lottery enabling rural communities to enjoy professional shows that would not be financially viable otherwise.

We hope to see you at our next show.

Judith and Margaret

Rainbows

This year we have seen the introduction of yet more badges for our Rainbows to earn. We have been working very hard towards our Bronze award, which we are hoping to achieve by Easter. This involves earning 2 theme awards, 2 interest badges, 10 skill builder tasks and 6 hours unit minute activities, since the badge scheme started at the beginning of last year. This term it has involved becoming cheerleaders, making Chinese lanterns and birdfeeders with lots of games thrown in. We will also be celebrating world book day, Mothering Sunday and Easter.

Rainbows is a pre-Brownie group for girls aged 5 – 7 years.

For more information please contact either Margaret Robinson on 02476305931 or Dawn Hands on 02476306073. Alternatively go to girlguiding.org and click on join us



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Crib Service

It was lovely to welcome so many children and their families to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your generous contributions to the collection, as a result of which the Children's Society will benefit from a donation of **£160.42**, including the tax refunded by the Gift-Aid scheme.



Mary, Angel and Joseph

Children at St Leonard's Church We love having children in our church, and there is always provision for them at our 9.30am services. Bubbenhall families with babies and children are sure of a warm welcome whenever they can join us.

2nd Sunday in every month: Village Worship. The most informal of all our services. We start in the Church Centre (warm and welcoming) with workshop activities for children, and coffee, puzzles and chat for grown-ups to get to know one another. At about 10.00 we move into church for a short and child-centred service.

4th Sunday in every month: Family Service. An all-age

service of readings, songs and activities with everybody, young and old, in church together.

Rosemary King

Penguin Post

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of our service of delivering your Christmas cards locally around the village. We were certainly kept busy and we raised £91 for the Village Hall.

Thank you for your support.

Margaret and Gill

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

Rene Beale 02476 301727

Beryl Locke 02476 306246

Breakfast in the Village Hall!

1st Saturday of the month, 9-11am
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Angela Greenway
Gill Green

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There are no catches or hidden charges and Bubbenhall Village Hall will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support

Bubbenhall Community First Responders

Training for Community First Responders provided by the Ambulance Service is currently undergoing some changes. Training programmes for anyone wishing to become a responder will now commence in early 2021. We are always looking for residents who are interested in becoming First Responders and if you would like information on what this involves, please contact Steve Haynes or myself. First Responders are only required to be available for a minimum 20 hours per month and potentially help within Bubbenhall or other villages within a maximum distance of 4 miles.

Also, we have 12 volunteers in the village who have been trained to deal with Cardiac Arrest utilising our two public access defibrillators that are located outside the Malt Shovel and Village Hall. Heartstart

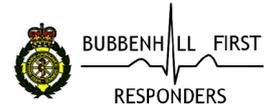
is solely for the village and does not involve any time commitment but being potentially available to assist in an emergency. Again if you would like any further information on how you may be able to help or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

As you may be aware Bubbenhall Community First Responders is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. We currently have five Trustees four of whom have served since the scheme started in 2013. The amount of involvement is minimal and only involves attending one or two short meetings a year. The main commitment is to manage funds, which are set to provide and maintain the village public access defibrillators. If you feel you could help by becoming a Trustee, please speak with Steve Haynes

who can provide you with relevant information.

Finally, Bubbenhall First Responders would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Rose Cragg
07850 6262



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Bubbenhall Litter Pick

Volunteers required

Saturday 4th April 2020 10:30 – 12:30

Meet at the village hall at 10:30am



Continuing on the success of previous years, we are holding another litter pick this year. Volunteers required please - we will provide litter pick sticks and rubbish bags, all we need is pickers to comb the streets and pick up litter!

It's the same day as breakfast in the village hall, so:

**Don't forget to come early
and have your cooked breakfast first!**

We have a supply of hi-vis jackets, but please bring one if you have one



100 Club

Well done to all the recent winners and thanks to all other members for your continuing support. That support remains more important than ever. The past few months have been very expensive for the Village Hall. Much of its equipment has been in use for many years and is coming to the end of its effective life. So there have been some significant recent outlays. These have included a substantial amount of upgrading to the electrical wiring that was installed at various times in the past 34 years since the Hall was first opened. This has been essential to ensure compliance with modern regulations and, the safety of users. The 100 Club has been in a position, thanks to you, to make a significant contribution to these costs. These largely *invisible* improvements are likely to remain on the agenda of the BVH Management team. The 100 Club resources will continue to be put at their disposal as and when further needs arise.

Your ongoing support via your 100 Club membership remains absolutely crucial to maintaining the Village Hall in a good condition going forward.

Can I enter a plea for new members to come forward, only £12 per year. After a number of departures from the village, we have more than the usual quota of numbers available. It is a great time to join because the level of prize money will **increase** beginning with the next draw in April.

Our new levels of monthly prizes increase are as follows:

- 1st Prize: £40 (v £30)
- 2nd Prize £25 (v.£20)
- 3rd Prize £20 (v.£15)

4th Prize £15 (v.£10)

Please email Alan Roe at alan.roe14@gmail.com or Bob Cragg at bobcragg41@gmail.com to reserve numbers for future draws and to raise any questions about the system

Here are the recent winners:

Dec 2019

- 1st Dave Bevan
- 2nd Susan Roe
- 3rd Craig Greenway
- 4th Ashley Simpson

January 2020

- 1st Beryl Locke
- 2nd Graham Miles
- 3rd Lori Slark
- 4th Mark Holt

February 2020

- 1st Barry & Jeanette Tipper
- 2nd Chris Haynes
- 3rd Louise Morris
- 4th Sharon Spencer

March 2020

- 1st Iain Randall
- 2nd Helen Johnston
- 3rd Brian Eady
- 4th Duncan Sibley

Monthly draws are normally held on the first Friday of each month in The Malt Shovel – so please come along at around 9.30 pm if you want to watch any of the draws in person. Results are published regularly in the Bubbenhall Newsletter.

Alan Roe

For the 100 Club committee

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Provost Williams Primary School



It's been such an action-packed few months at Provost Williams that it's difficult to pick out the highlights!

January saw our PWP football team triumph when they travelled to the Alan Higgs Centre for the Danone Small Schools Cup. Representing the Rugby area, the team played brilliantly and didn't concede a goal, coming in first place in the tournament they were playing in.

In February we held a special Study Week where each class threw their normal timetable out of the window and instead engaged in some special learning projects. Reception immersed themselves in all things robotic, Year 1 became eco-warriors, the Year 2 classroom became a dragon workshop, Year 3 looked at volcanoes and earthquakes, Year 4 learned all about Vikings, Year 5 tried flamenco dancing for their studies on Spain, and Year 6 focused on the massive RMS Titanic and its story. Even Nursery got involved, escaping the cold and windy week by taking an imaginary flight to see the sunshine and animals of Africa. Woven into the themes were all the subjects we usually cover, Maths, English, Science and P.E.



It was a fantastic way to end the half term!

No sooner had the children returned to school than they were able to take part in our Design and

Technology (DT) Week. All the pupils throughout the school had the opportunity to be fully immersed in DT and try out a variety of skills. There was great excitement as each class was tasked with doing research and coming up with ideas, making plans, looking at costs and profits in order to design a product that they would then go on to sell to their families at a 'marketplace' event at the end of the week.



In true Dragons' Den style, each class had to pitch for investment in their product in front of Miss Hall and School Governor, Mrs Poolton, showing their prototype product, costs, plans and answering probing questions

about how the Dragons' money would be spent and what potential profits they could make to reinvest in new items for their classrooms. In total, the children made a profit of £434.99 which will now be spent on things that each class has chosen for their classroom.

The week really helped to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of researching and designing products, pitching their ideas for investment, considering profit and costing, advertising and ultimately selling to the public. We are extremely proud of how inventive and resourceful the children have been. We wouldn't be at all surprised if there are some future entrepreneurs among our pupils!

We're now looking forward to the lighter nights and hopefully some better weather so the children can spend more time out and about enjoying our outdoor play equipment and playing field.

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Memories of Geoff Glover

Eulogy Read at Village Hall

23rd November, 2019

Thank you all for coming today to mark the passing of a dear brother, uncle, great-uncle and friend: **Geoffrey Arnold Glover**.

Geoff's wishes were after his death to have a very private funeral and to disappear quietly – with no fuss, pomp or ceremony. But as family, friends and neighbours we could not let his passing go without an acknowledgement of someone who had spent so many years living in Bubbenhall, as his forefathers had done before him.

Geoff was intelligent, articulate and kind. He had a wicked sense of humour, a deep passion for times gone by, and a marvellous recollection of the history of his family and of the history and people of Bubbenhall. He seemed to remember everything – be it that there used to be a Pound beside the Reading Room, or that there was a Dairy at the Shunt House, or that milk was brought to the village by Dolly Kettle? He remembered it all, as if it was yesterday. He could also, let it be said, be waspy and pre-judgemental, particularly if approached the wrong way or on a bad day, but his humour was never far from the surface.

Geoff was born on 19th August 1927 in High Wycombe, the first born of his parents Frank and Ethel. When Geoff was 4 years old, the family moved back to Bubbenhall where his father was employed as a farm hand and also did his own bit of farming. Not long after their move, Geoff's sister Mary was born, and their sister Sheila was born a few years later. Geoff adored his sisters all

his life and they in turn adored him.

When asked of her earliest memories of Geoff, Mary remembered his ginger hair and round clinic glasses. Sheila recollects them all helping their father in the fields at harvest time and their days spent together as a loving and tight knit family.

Geoff saw how hard his father worked and decided to work hard too to better himself. He enjoyed his school years and his studies and he passed all his exams to go to Leamington Boys School. The effort of cycling to Leamington every day brought on a heart condition in Geoff. As a result his family boarded him in Leamington during the week to save him from cycling, and he would return home to Bubbenhall for weekends and holidays.

Geoff's first job was with GEC at Stoke in Coventry, but keen to try other things he became a Bevan Boy, going down the pit at Binley Colliery. Then at 18, and conscripted into the Merchant Navy, Geoff worked as a medic on a ship, the Childers, on one occasion shadowing the SS Exodus as it attempted (illegally) to repatriate Jews to Palestine.

After demob, Geoff found he had a taste for further travel and adventure and, always up for a challenge, he landed a job in a uranium mine in Canada.

In 1956, and enjoying his life in Canada, Geoff suddenly went blind in one eye. He was advised to go home to see his own doctor, and eventually ended up at the London Eye Hospital where a tumour was removed from behind

the eye. He only had vision in one eye from that day on. Being Geoff though, and wishing to protect his Mum and Dad from worry, he kept his operation secret and never told them.

Returning to work, but now in this country, Geoff joined Rootes cars in Ryton where he worked in the offices and also studied Law. Later, before he retired, he was on the staff at Rover Cars where he was Shop Steward in charge of Health and Safety.

Gosh – what a varied life! – but Geoff's greatest love after his family was his garden, and I suspect the seed suppliers, Thompson & Morgan, are badly missing his custom. Family meant everything to Geoff and he was delighted every time another niece or nephew arrived. He never forgot the older members of his family either and would cycle from Bubbenhall to Adstone on the Warwickshire/Northamptonshire border to spend time with his maternal grandparents. His cousins lived next door and he spent many happy days in their company.

In his later life he enjoyed visits from his cousin June on a Saturday and they would enjoy fish and chips together with Mary, recalling old times.

Geoff visited Mary every day – a trip he mischievously referred to as one to the War Office – and had lunch with her every Sunday. He also particularly enjoyed visits from Sheila and her husband Bob from Kirby Muxloe.

Geoff was clever, sharp, witty and always ready with gardening advice and gifts of plant cuttings –

but with a sharp retort too for anyone he thought had crossed the line. He was very kind and generous, and always had a bountiful supply of 2 bar kit-kats to hand.

Geoff took a nasty fall in his kitchen on his 92nd birthday which led to a rapid decline in his health. His popularity was visible to all at Warwick Hospital, whose staff were amazed at the steady stream of visitors he received – witness indeed to how much he was loved by us all: family, friends and neighbours.

It was always a pleasure to be in Geoff's company, and we remember him with love.

Gill Green

With thanks to David Hollway for reading this.

Gentlemen's Christmas Lunch

The Bubbenhall Gentlemen's pre Christmas lunch at the Malt Shovel was another resounding success. The Christmas fayre from Mark & Claire and the team was enjoyed by all and the whole ambience was a pleasure to be part of. The sight of 17 gentlemen in Christmas party hats, supplied by Stewart Sibley, was a sight to behold.

The fun and camaraderie carried on for several hours and at the end of the day £70 was sent to Myton Hospice, via a hamper being raffled, instigated by Colin Locke. A further £600 was donated to Prostate Cancer UK, thanks to the generosity of all present.

We raised a glass to absent friends and we all managed to find our way home. Many thanks to the organiser, Don Thomas. The day was a great occasion and long may it continue.

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Poppy Border

As part of the VE day celebrations we would like to invite children to make poppies to decorate the spout garden for the unveiling of the commemorative bench. This will take place on Friday 8th of May at 10.30 am, at the spout garden. Please bring poppies with you.





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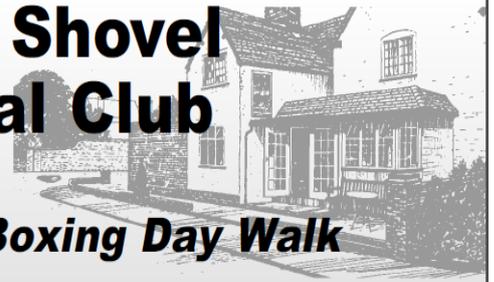
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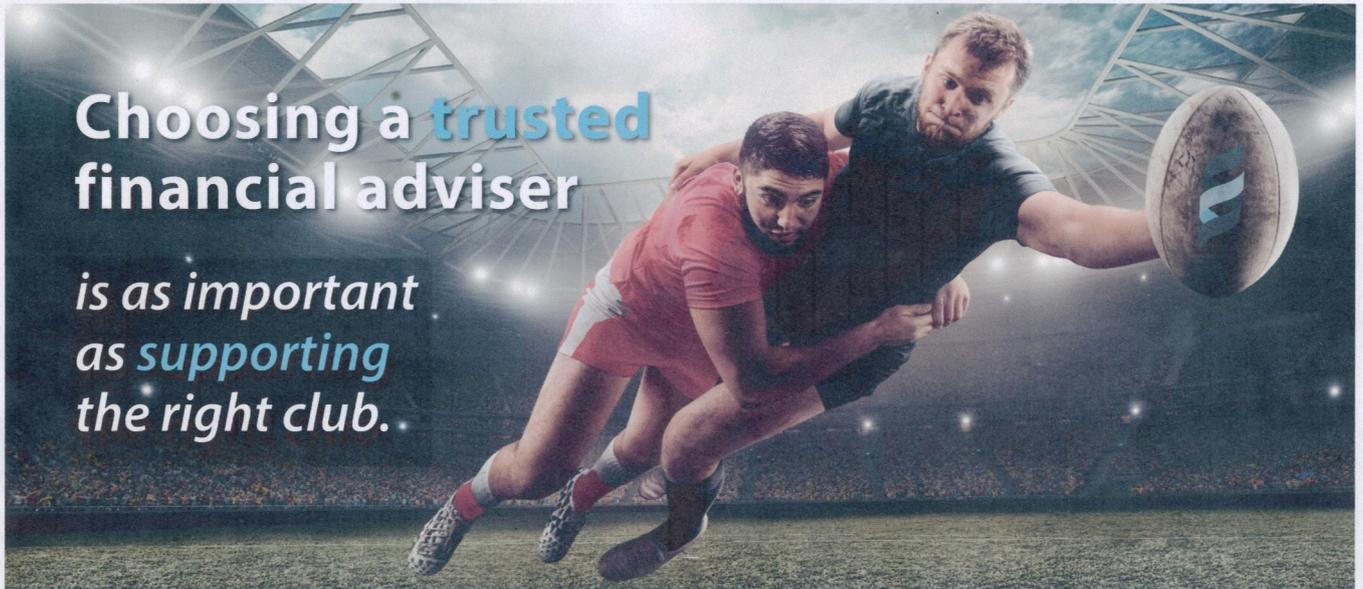
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Grow Your Own

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Runner Beans are a very popular bean to grow but there are plenty more types of bean including ones that are ideal for drying. Dwarf and Climbing French Beans can be productive all summer, with successive sowing; they come in a variety of colours and are so easy to prepare for cooking. Some produce beans that are excellent for drying and storage, and great in stews and

soups. Borlotti have long green and red pods with the beans being speckled. Spagna produce large Butter Beans. Cannellini and Flageolet are dwarf plants which have lots of pods containing the familiar white and green beans. Pods can be left on the plants to dry thoroughly. The beans do need a further period of drying in e.g. the airing cupboard.



Flageolet beans grown at Baginton Mill.

Baginton Mill Allotment, Mill Hill, Baginton has plots available, and

enquiries can be made at the "hut" Saturday and Sunday between 10.00 and 11.30 am. Wolston and Brandon Allotments and Garden Association, Stretton Road, Wolston also has plots (contact Ray French, 02476 544753).

Dog Rescue at Honiley

As normal, a big thank you from Mary Long to everyone who donated dog food and blankets for the Dog Trust Rescue at Honiley.

As always thank you for all your continued support.

Mary Long

It's Spring Soon but Thank You Bubbenhall for Christmas!



We look back at Christmas to remind ourselves of festive times in our village. Christmas 2019 was no exception Yet again we had a wonderful turnout for the welcome party for Father Christmas and to enjoy the Christmas lights switch on. The mulled wine, the mince pies and the hot samosas were consumed with gusto!

Did you notice how much brighter the Village Green lights were shining this year. Our provider - Neil Booth and company from Warwick- changed all of the individual lights for efficient LED's with greater sparkle and intensity.

Special thanks go out to our host of contributors and helpers who give of their time and enthusiasm. Clive Salt, (don't tell!) Tom Stobbart, Cockney Sam, Iain Randall, Cheryl Sibley, Jeff and Jacquie, Sulak, Linda, for the delights of hot samosas and, all of our villagers who cooked and provided mince pies! A special mention to Gayle and her friends for decorating the two growing Christmas trees and the Parish Council for funding the lighting and contributing to the costs of mulled wine.

And finally to you for the atmosphere, joining in and just being there!

Have a super year and see everyone on Sunday **11th December 2020**.

Christmas Lunch for Village Pensioners 70+

The village hall was the venue for the first Village Pensioners Christmas Lunch which it is hoped will become an annual feature of village life in Bubbenhall.

Fifty five 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 Father Christmas who we are grateful too for adding this event to his busy schedule and filling the room with his usual 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 to the Bubbenhall Village Events Committee, the Malt Shovel Public House, Village Hall Committee, Hughie Lemon 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.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Gail Haynes and Margaret Robinson

Village Hall News

**BUBBENHALL
VILLAGE HALL**

Since the last newsletter we have had lots of activity in the Village Hall with the usual groups, parties and events but we have had some upgrades too. You may have noticed the lovely new chairs that have arrived thanks to some funding from Warwick Rural East, a nicely redecorated lobby area, and new notice boards in the hall. There has also been lots of work behind the scenes. We have recently had a new cooker installed in the kitchen which was timed with the electrics upgrade; this was to ensure compliance with regulations and safety of our users. As you can imagine this came at a rather large cost and would not have been possible but for a generous donation from the 100 Club. If you are new to the village and unsure of what the 100 Club is then turn to page 11.

Our 2020 film nights have started well. We have had two very successful film nights the first being Rocketman, followed in February with The Hatton Garden Job. Both had a great attendance and we are sure that they will continue to go from strength to strength. A huge thank you to Genesis Wealth Creation for their continued support. We are delighted to say that once again they will be

supporting our social events for fun. Get your trainers at the ready as the winning team will once again receive the Genesis Cup. The Third and Final event is in response to the brilliant Wine Tasting held last year. To anyone who didn't attend this event, we were informed that the best thing to eat with Champagne was fish and chips. Well we are going to put them to the test, so on Friday **13th November** we welcome you to come along to Fizz and Chips...sounds strange? Hosted by ThirtyFifty, you will get to taste one champagne and 4 sparkling wines whilst enjoying fish and chips. Buy your tickets today from Sharon Spencer and Cate Poolton.



The second event scheduled is the coveted Picnic in the Park. We just hope the weather is on our side this year. On Sunday **6th September** everyone, young and old is invited to take part in the games or just come along for a picnic and lots of laughter. With a new game planned for 2020 we know this year's event will be lots and lots of

fun. Get your trainers at the ready as the winning team will once again receive the Genesis Cup. The Third and Final event is in response to the brilliant Wine Tasting held last year. To anyone who didn't attend this event, we were informed that the best thing to eat with Champagne was fish and chips. Well we are going to put them to the test, so on Friday **13th November** we welcome you to come along to Fizz and Chips...sounds strange? Hosted by ThirtyFifty, you will get to taste one champagne and 4 sparkling wines whilst enjoying fish and chips. Buy your tickets today from Sharon Spencer and Cate Poolton.

If you feel that you could have a positive impact on our village and would like to be part of the village hall committee we would love to hear from you. We meet on a Tuesday evening bi-monthly over the course of the year and are always keen to have new members of our committee.

Don't forget, if you would like to support your Village Hall you can do this easily from the comfort of your own home with Easy Fund-raising, as described on page 9.



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Commemorative Bench

As part of the village V E Day celebrations on 8th May, we are planning to buy a commemorative bench in memory of all the men and boys from Bubbenhall who fought in both World Wars. Some returned, sadly many didn't. This will be situated near the old oak tree on the village green, which is where the heroes left and returned. As many of you know, this was something Pete Wilkins was hoping to achieve before he sadly passed away. We have now taken up the challenge to make Pete's dream a reality. The bench will cost approximately

£1,200. If you would like to make a donation towards this project please contact either **Gill Green** on 07751428097 or **Margaret Robinson** on 07757518861. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and address so we can give you a receipt; make cheques payable to Bubbenhall Parish Council, marked 'Bench Appeal'.

We were going to start the fundraising off on 25th April (see advert) but this has been **postponed**. We would like to thank you for your support in this appeal



Dates for your diary

A musical extravaganza featuring the local ukulele group "Baggy Oak Strugglers" Saturday 25th April 2020 7pm At the Village Hall Bar Available

VE DAY CELEBRATION

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Margaret and Gill

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April

- 4.....Litter Pick 10.30-12.30, Village Hall
- 7.....Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall

May

- 8.....VE Day Celebrations
- 12.....Parish Council Meeting
- 19.....Annual Parish Meeting

June

- 13.....Village Fete
- 16.....Parish Council Meeting
- 19.....Quiz and Curry Night

See bubbenhall.info for any changes

Regular Groups

Group	Meets	Venue	Contact
Friendly Club	2nd Mon of the month	Village Hall	see page 8
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
WCC Wednesday Mobile Library	Every 3 weeks, 9.40-10.00am	Ellesmere, Stoneleigh Road	Mobile Enquiry Line 10.30-11.00am
Sarah Cooke Dance School	Mon & Wed (see advert)	Village Hall	01926 851031... Sarah Cooke - 7651 1387

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