



The Raven

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The quarterly magazine for the whole of Rainow



Your update on Council Activities

Mount Pleasant – Telephone Kiosk

If you are passing Mount Pleasant please admire the newly renovated telephone kiosk. Our thanks to Brian Foreman for volunteering and doing such an excellent job and for looking after the planters.



Trick or Treat Etiquette

Can we ask that you make sure that young children and teenagers are fully aware of the "Trick or Treat Etiquette" this year. Many thanks.



Responses to Disruptive Emergencies and Events

The Parish Council (PC) has put in place a number of communication channels to ensure rapid and effective information is available in the event of a significant threat to the activities and well-being of parishioners.

Notice boards – Each of our 5 notice boards is now "owned" by two of our Councillors, who will place **red (major)** or **yellow (concern)** notices to warn of current or impending threats.

Village organisations and groups – A comprehensive list has now been compiled with contact details of key individuals (email, telephone), who will be contacted directly by the Parish Clerk in the event of an emergency. In turn they will cascade information by email, telephone or word to the members of their group.

If you would like to be added to this list as an individual, to receive early warnings or notice of emergencies, please forward your email address to the Parish Clerk (parishclerk@rainow.com). **Your email address will only be available to the Parish Clerk and strictly for this purpose only.**

We are currently working with Rainow Primary School to ensure that our work in this area is integrated with their own "Critical Incidence Planning". The school, along with the Institute and Church Centre, is clearly an important potential refuge in the case of a major emergency.

Parish Council website (www.rainowvillage.co.uk) – Most, but not all, parishioners have access to our PC website, which will be the central source of information regarding an emergency or major disruptive event. We have worked with the webmaster to produce a red scrolling alert message along with a dedicated page for essential information. This will be regularly updated to provide current status and additional information including links to other key information sites such as Cheshire East Council.

Directory of useful addresses/emails and telephone numbers – We are currently compiling a directory of agencies who can provide us individually with information/help in an emergency (e.g. tree fault helpline, power failure hotline, highways problems both normal and out of hours). This directory will provide the key contacts for us to individually help ourselves when problems arise.

Protect yourself this Winter

Protect yourself by making sure that you get your flu jab. If you are over 65 years old or have a long-term health condition, this is FREE. Call your local GP surgery to ensure you get yours. Throughout this winter there are a number of key actions which can help people to keep well and we hope that all of you will help to spread the messages amongst your neighbours, friends and families.

Rural Crime Team - PC Richard Walker

Livestock attacks still remains a local and a national issue. We have continued to educate walkers and dog owners about the requirement to have dogs on leads, and making yourself aware of the surroundings to which you are in. In conjunction with Cheshire East and Peak District National Park, we will continue to publicise the issue through varying means. We have dealt with incidents where witnesses have come forward to provide evidence against individuals who have been irresponsible.

A local trend of stone thefts, including coping and York stone was occurring. We highlighted two teams who were committing thefts. Those were arrested, with vehicles seized and stone recovered. They are currently being processed through the courts.

Fly tipping is a historic issue and unfortunately becoming more prevalent in our rural areas. We have successfully identified households and companies that have been responsible and have worked with Cheshire East to combat this issue.

We have worked closely with Natural England and the Peak District National Park, to prosecute multiple offenders who ignore guidance where the use of

off-road vehicles can be used. This is not only disrupting/worrying livestock but damaging land and protected SSSI sites. Our unmarked off-road motorcycle unit help us target those who continue to ignore our requests.

Theft of vehicle/plant and quads are down, but inquisitive occurrences at farms still occur with locks/chains and outbuildings being tampered with. We hope that this is due to advice on how to protect farm buildings and equipment effectively. We are receiving good intelligence from our community about activity and this is helping us greatly combat this subject, with stolen trailers being recovered in our area.

Special Constable or a Police Support Volunteer

The Rural Crime Team would like to ask for people to get in touch if they would be interested in becoming a Special Constable or a Police Support Volunteer, to help police some of the most remote and vulnerable areas of the county. This is an exciting opportunity for those that care deeply about their communities and about our countryside. Any enquiries please contact PCSO Sarah Wilson on:

Sarah.Wilson@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or
Robert.Simpson@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Further News

The Parish Council, along with two other parishes, have contributed to the supply of specialised equipment/training for the Rural & Wildlife Crime Team. This will be for the benefit of all parishioners and help support our rural crime team in a very difficult job.

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day parade will be on Sunday 11th November this year. The procession leaves the Church at approximately 10.40 am and returns after a short service at the War Memorial. Traffic will be stopped during the two minutes silence at 11.00 am.

Civic Service 30th September 2018

The Civic Service will have taken place by the time of publication of this newsletter. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Photographs will be available in time for the next issue of the Raven and on the website. You may also see some pictures from the service in the Macclesfield Express.

Dangerous Parking

Please be responsible when parking and try not to use the pavements as this makes it dangerous for disabled/pram users who have to be pushed onto the road. Thank you.

Future Meetings and Dates for your diary

16th October 20th November 18th December
Tree Lighting and Carol Service – (usually the first Sunday in December)

All Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and are advertised on the notice boards and website.
If you have any issues that need raising then you can either contact the Clerk, any member of the Parish Council or just turn up at one of our meetings.

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We will all have had the opportunity of enjoying our unexpectedly lovely summer weather. Perhaps a little too warm at times, but day after day of sunshine makes us all feel better. Part of the pleasure of living in such a wonderful landscape is the opportunity to walk the many highways and byways of the parish and this summer has been an excellent opportunity to do so. This is enabled in large part by the excellent work undertaken by the volunteers of KRIV (Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale) who work tirelessly throughout the year maintaining paths, walls and many other features. So a very big thank you to everyone at KRIV – it is much appreciated!

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Rainow NSPCC

The Church House Bollington held their annual Beer Festival at the end of June and beginning of July 2018. The pub kindly raised funds for RAINOW NSPCC.

Enjoying the beer and sunshine are regular customers Anthony and Micheline Jackson and Carlo and Louise Eves.

RAINOW NSPCC enjoyed sunshine and Pimms at their Strawberry Sparkle event on 4th July held at Lower House Farm Rainow, the home of Lulu Holland. The ladies were served a beautiful luncheon by members of the committee.

£1,259.40 was raised and our thanks go to Lulu and the many RAINOW ladies who supported this event.



WI Equaliteas

Rainow WI celebrates 90 years of the Representation of the People Act

Rainow Women's Institute celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Representation of People Act 1928 with an Equaliteas Party at the village Institute. This act expanded on the act of 1918 which had given women over 30 who owned property the right to vote by giving all women over 21 the right to vote.

At the well-attended event they were joined by local MP David Rutley and by Dr Ruth Colton from the University of Manchester who gave a short talk on the suffragette movement and in

particular spoke about the women of Cheshire whose work and achievements were not recognised because they were women.

Many members got into the spirit of the occasion and dressed in suffragette colours and costumes. Tea and cakes were served. There were displays about the suffragette movement and also a celebration of 100 years of WI resolutions being taken to conference. Many of the resolutions are as relevant today as they were all those years ago.



Time for Change at Our Village Church



Over the past three years the PCC (Parochial Church Council) has had to consider very carefully various options to improve our church; keeping the building open and regularly used provides a significant asset in our village.

The aim is not only to make it more comfortable for regular worship but also adaptable for wider use, enabling the space to be rearranged and used in a flexible way.

To this end we propose to:

- ◆ put in chairs – necessitating the removal of some of the uncomfortable pews,
- ◆ install efficient and effective heating for all seasons,
- ◆ level the floor throughout making it safer, and improve access for all.

The aspirations are to maintain a peaceful ambience by opting for a sensitive redevelopment of the interior of the church and also enabling versatile usage that will sustain its future.

The PCC are answerable to the Church of England and there was a rigorous process of examination of the application by the Diocese. Approval was finally granted in December 2017. In the archaic language of the Church of England this translates as issuing “a faculty to re-order the church.”

A survey of local people indicated they would welcome the church being available for wider community activities, complementing and extending facilities in Rainow. These might include concerts, fitness activities and talks. Current regular events such as the Christmas Market, Art Exhibition, and Plant Sale are not easily accommodated. The improvements will make the building suitable for these events, for our school to use the space more frequently and accommodate a variety of new activities. All ideas are welcome.

Visitors to Rainow often remark on the community spirit and enhancing our church building will nurture this and be an important step towards reducing social isolation in our rural village. It will bring new opportunities.

Substantial funds are needed for this exciting project. The receipt of a generous legacy made it feasible to contemplate such an endeavour. We have applied for various grants from relevant bodies, some of these have been successful whilst we await the outcome of others. We have received local donations and of course would welcome more. Fund raising continues; we need to raise £220,000 in total. The PCC consider that 80% of the funds must be secured before the work can commence, hopefully in November 2018.

To date we have raised or secured £108,873 and are currently awaiting the results of two vital grant applications. Further financial details can be seen on the display in church together with the Diocesan architect's plans.

Please contact The Treasurer, Chris Sloan (01625 422901) if you can offer any help or support with the fundraising.

Written on behalf of Rainow PCC



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Out of School by Jonathan Norris, Headteacher

The final term in school was typically busy and exciting; school trips and end of term celebrations dominated proceedings.

School Trips

Overnight stays and visits always score highly on everyone's strongest and fondest memories from school. Providing children with rich, relevant and memorable learning experiences is something we place considerable importance on here at Rainow School, and this

year has been busier than ever with the introduction of our first overnight stay for our infant children. The Year 2 children (6/7 year olds) visited The Catalyst Science Discovery Centre in Widnes and were lucky enough to spend a 'Night at the Museum'.

Our Year 3 / 4 children (7-9 year olds) also enjoyed their annual residential trip to York to support learning in their topics of 'The Vikings' and 'Chocolate'. They visited the brilliant Jorvik Centre and had a chance to be an archaeologist. New for this year was exploring 'The Chocolate Story' in York Centre, complete with chocolate making and, of course, tasting!

The Reception children (4-5 year olds) enjoyed a brilliant day trip on the train into Manchester to sample city life and enjoy the art gallery! A well planned trip can bring topics alive, not to mention the benefits in building character skills such as teamwork, independence and resilience.

Sporting Achievements

This is becoming a bit of a recurring theme, but I have to mention the extraordinary success of our school football team who completed 'the treble' in June – 2 Cups and the League! An unbelievable achievement for a school our size. Our athletics team came 2nd place overall in Macclesfield, and once again we



boasted the fastest 11 year old male cross country runner in the area. There must be something in the country air!

Emotional Endings and New Beginnings

The children who left us over the summer have now begun to attend a variety of secondary schools. They have left us with some wonderful memories. The highlight of their last few weeks was their outstanding performance in our version

of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', ably supported by the Year 5 pupils.

The Year 6 leavers finally bade farewell to us at the traditional end of year service at Rainow Church. We also said an emotional goodbye to a number of families who have been with us for many years, and I know that they will continue to feel as if they are part of the Rainow School community. We have welcomed a new group of twenty six young pupils into our Reception Class. They have had a great start at Rainow School under the care of Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Tobin, and we are delighted that they and their families will be joining our school community.

A Look Ahead...

We are excited about the imminent installation of a brand new Woodland Playground, which I will tell you all about in the next edition of The Raven.

Be sure to follow our Twitter account @Rainowprimary for lots more information about school activities. The Round Up, our fortnightly school newsletter, is also a great way to keep up to date with school goings-on and can be downloaded from our school website or picked up from Rainow Church.



School Leaving *Best Wishes*

September is a time of new beginnings and new challenges for all our young people who are moving on or out of education. Whether it be from primary school to secondary or secondary into further education, work or adventures in the wider world! The Editorial team at the Raven would like to wish all our young people all the very best with their future ventures – and adventures!

Ellen Beswick, Emma Worth, Wilf Mellings and Zak Leigh leave Rainow after seven happy years. **Joe Leigh** moves on to the new challenges of A levels. There will be many more and we wish them all great times.



Friends of Rainow School

by Juliet Slater

Another school year has started in Rainow, which obviously means lots of fun-filled fundraising to look forward to, but I wanted to take this chance to look back on the successes of last year and give a view as to why things went so well.

Our main goal last year was a new woodland play area – an amazing community asset and the brainchild of deputy head Nicola Daley. Helped by some of our parents, she applied to the National Lottery for a grant to get us started and our numbers came up! That, however, was just the start and it was now over to FRS to find the rest of the project's costs. Challenge accepted!

We shared some of the year's highlights in the last issue of the Raven, but since then we have had our best ever summer BBQ. In fact, it raised more money than any previous school event. Our vision was a bigger and better event and we believe that is what we cooked up.

There were old favourites – the bar, burgers and cakes – and new ideas like a silent auction, World Cup tournament, ice cream and painted rocks. Another innovation was the glorious sunshine. The worms might not have been charmed by it but Rainow's heatwave did wonders for ticket sales.

Overall, we made an astonishing £4,600, of which £1,300 came from the silent auction, nearly double what we usually make for the BBQ.

Part of that came from something else we tried for the first time: a village-wide leaflet drop. That brought in £300 in donations and we were blown away by the community's generosity. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and came along to support the event.

One thing that has been very obvious to me over this past year is how the FRS pulls together when there is a focus, and I believe this is a major reason why 2018 has been so successful. It has been amazing to play a part in this fundraising challenge and I think I can speak on behalf of all the volunteers and say it's been motivating, satisfying and above all fun! Raising the phenomenal sum of £18,550 is no mean feat and it has been a huge team effort.

The FRS is such a fundamental part of school life. We are volunteers with busy lives, who want to make our school a better place for our children. All the money we raise is put back into the school and it's incredible how much money we make for a village school of only 142 families.

The building of the new play area has also meant the whole community are benefiting from the work of these volunteers, so each and every person who has baked, run a stall, had a good idea, rallied support, sold and bought tickets should be thanked.

If anyone would like to join the Friends of Rainow School team, please contact the school for more information. We are always looking for fresh faces and they don't need to be parents of pupils.

We are very lucky at Rainow School to have such generous parents, grandparents and friends. Many thanks go to all those who contribute as part of the FRS team, and those who help out, donate items and attend our events.

Rainow Pre-school

We had a very busy summer term on the run up to the holidays, culminating in a Celebration of the Year.

PCSO Sarah visited us again to talk about road safety. She talked about how to cross the road safely and even had traffic lights and a road so we could all practice. We had a visit from Lucinda Hodges, a Waste Education Officer to talk about recycling and food waste. She had lots of fun activities for the children to do, who already had a fantastic knowledge of what we can and can't recycle. Even the staff learnt something!



We were excited to be involved in the art exhibition held at Rainow Primary School. All the children did their unique piece of artwork which were put on display. Parents were invited to visit the gallery and had the option to buy the artwork.

We have enjoyed having our mystery readers join us to read to the children and our leavers had weekly visits to the school library. Mrs Daley, the reception teacher, and Mrs Tobin, the teaching assistant, visited us in session and chatted to our leavers who were also invited to visit their new reception classroom.

We all enjoyed having a student join us for work experience. Emma used to attend our pre-school and the children were confident and chatty with her and were sad to see her go.

An audit from Cheshire East looked at our policy structure and fees – no actions were required and staff attended SENCO training.

Thanks to the wonderful donation we received from the Rainow 5 fell race we have invested in new micro scooters, a tepee and a new sand tray. Our pre-school committee were there to greet the runners with cakes and drinks, thank you to Jill Hasler and Guides for their help and advice as they have organised this in the past.

The Rainow Fête was a big success this year. Our scarecrow was on display which was based on "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Thanks to Kate Potts for this. The children enjoyed dressing up in the parade on the day and we won third place! We had our usual pre-loved toy stall at the fête which is always popular. Thanks to everyone who helped set this up and man the stall on the day.

Our committee organised a picnic in the park during the heatwave and invited all family members to join them for food and a play.

We held our Celebration of the Year on the last day of term and invited all parents/grandparents/siblings to join us for prosecco and strawberries. We had craft, games and entertainment and the children performed a medley of songs, with the leavers singing their special leavers song. We are very sad to see them go but wish them lots of luck. The children were then treated to a visit from the balloon man who kept the children entertained.

We were involved in the big institute tidy up making a big difference to our space, and during the summer the Institute has been painted.

We very much looking forward to starting our autumn term and will be welcoming 5 new starters. Looking ahead we have our Halloween party on 27th October, our Handmade Christmas event on 9th November and a Christmas clear out jumble on 17th November. There will also be our usual cake stall at the Rainow Christmas Fair and the opportunity to book a slot with Joanna Bryant Photography on the run up to Christmas.

Rainow Beavers Summer 2018



As part of the Scout Association's ethos is to make sure we are having fun and adventure, we spent most of the Summer Term outside. All meetings were loosely themed around Water and we learnt about Mill Ponds (thanks to Bob and Adele Langstaff), Canals, (we visited Bosley Locks with the Canal and Rivers Trust), Rivers and Reservoirs.

The warm weather coincided with our Rivers and Reservoirs sessions and we spent a busy evening in the Institute making paper boats and building bridges. The following week we raced the boats on a river. At this point in the summer the water levels were rather higher than they are now, which meant all the children going home drenched and happy.

England's final game in the World Cup coincided with us having our own adventures on Tittesworth Reservoir. We took to the water on 'rafted kayaks'. This was two Canadian Kayaks (ones for three people) lashed together to make a catamaran for 6 Beavers. It was incredibly stable and easy to paddle and a wonderful experience for the children. We also completed an orienteering challenge around the reservoir and finally all the children jumped in.

Our final evening was spent messing about next to a river, with our termly badge and achievement ceremony. Several Beavers had achieved multiple badges and we try and congratulate those children who have particularly impressed us with their achievements over the term.

We had a good turn out in the Rainow Fête procession, coming second as 'Daydream Beavers'.

Term starts again for us on 12th September. We are continuing the 'Water' theme for one more week with some Pond Dipping, then setting some trails for the Beavers to follow around Rainow. The rest of the half term will be spent looking at the Silk Route, including a private tour of the Macclesfield Silk Museum.

If you would like any more information about Rainow Beavers, please look at our website at <https://binderhelena.wixsite.com/rainowbeavers>



Rainow Brownies

Susan Norman, Brown Owl

The first half of this year's Brownie programme has been absolutely packed with activities held both in The Institute and further afield.

A number of Brownies have completed their Healthy Heart badge which we had started last year, where we looked at various aspects from food, exercise and some common health problems.

We have also completed the Friend to Animals badge after visiting Pets at Home to learn about caring for pets and the Brownies each made their own mini videos of how they cared for their pets, creating a storyboard and directing the filming which they played to each other on subsequent weeks. We also learnt about camouflage and endangered animals and made animal masks and visited Lower Moss Wood including the Wildlife Animal Hospital. This was a special treat as a visit to the hospital is not always allowed. There are some advantages to being a small Brownie Unit and we were allowed to see the wide range of wildlife being cared for either through abandonment or injury and, in some cases, nurtured back to health ready to be released back into the wild. The Brownies were so impressed with the trip they wrote a personal letter to Ray to thank him.

We have had a number of themed activity evenings starting in January with a New Years Custom Quiz, made Chinese lanterns for Chinese New Year and learnt about the story of the animals chosen for each Chinese New Year. For Valentines Day we made a Heart shaped Owl fridge magnet and towards the end of February just before "The Beast from the East" hit we had a Winter Olympics themed evening. The Brownies donned roller boots and roller skates, some for the first time and attempted to stay upright whilst those more experienced completed some speed skating races! For Mother's Day the Brownies made pretty flower arrangements and for St Patrick's Day we played a number of Irish Leprechaun themed games. St George's Day we had a lovely evening on the school playing field playing themed games and races and acted out the St George story. The Brownies helped set up part of the hall for the NSPCC cake demonstration evening and for Royal Ascot we played horse and jockey themed races and made fancy designer hats.

At Easter we said farewell to Grace, Snowy Owl, as she went on maternity leave and I'm pleased to say she gave birth to a healthy little girl on a Thursday (Brownie evening). The Brownies are looking forward to seeing her once their family life has settled down.

Throughout the spring and summer term we have had the



help of Anna Mellings and Ellie Pollard who have worked hard carrying out their Service section of the Bronze D of E Award Scheme. They kept the Brownies occupied at the start of meetings with games and researched and prepared some activities, one being a Thinking Day activity with "hands to help the World" in preparation for attending the Division Thinking Day Event as well as an Easter Egg hunt and Easter themed games, Recycling game, Father's Day chocolate football truffles and Wimbledon themed activities.

The Division Thinking Day Event postponed in February due to the aforementioned weather went ahead successfully towards the end of March. The Brownies joined other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Cheshire where they made Mexican craft, chocolate-based activities to represent Switzerland, African drumming, traditional English games and finally finished with Bollywood dancing from India, followed by a parade of unit flags and campfire singing.

Currently the Brownies are about to complete their Seasons (Spring) badge and Environment Badge where they have so far created plays about energy saving, learnt about types of recycling, made a rain gauge, bird feeders, carried out a detective trail to identify wild flowers and trees locally around the village and made leaf rubbings.

At the beginning of July, the Brownies attended their first Splash Day having missed out on getting places last year due to popularity. Despite some early reservations and lack of confidence the Brownies had a great time getting wet and learnt a lot of boating skills as they tried out various sailing boats, canoes etc.

Brownie parents have been fantastically supportive throughout. The following week due to work commitments I had to cancel a Brownie meeting but rather than not meet up parents arranged to meet at Manda Moss' home with the Brownies and other siblings where they had a fantastic hot summers evening making a scarecrow for the Rainow Fête. The overall design "Message in a Bottle," was by parent Anna Riordan and it had a strong message about the worlds use of plastic and its impact on the environment which fitted perfectly with the Environment badge the Brownies are working on as well as the song title. The Brownies were delighted to win First prize in the youth entries after all their hard work putting it together. Who says a 7-8-year-old girl can't help influence the world? I'm extremely proud of them – As one of the Guiding slogans say "Brownies Can Do Anything".

Rainow Cubs Summer 2018

Rainow Cubs report
by Akela Sue Grimes



With the Summer Holidays we haven't had many meetings since the last issue of the Raven, but have still managed to fit quite a lot in!

After learning about how to care for our bikes we went for a 5 mile bike ride along the Middlewood Way (most going further than this) on a beautiful evening. Only one crash occurred so once they had made a poster each on an aspect of bike safety nearly all 36 gained their Cyclist Badge.

We then did our usual three week rota of activities so the Cubs get a better experience rather than waiting for a turn! This year we did kayaking and raft building at Rudyard Lake and air rifle shooting in Rainow. The evenings were lovely making it all even more enjoyable.

Macclesfield Harriers (big thank you to Barbara Murray and Rachel Lawrence) organised an Athletic taster evening which gave the Cubs an opportunity to gain their Athletic or Athletic Plus badge. I was impressed by how they threw themselves into all the activities finishing off with a 1,000 metre run, nobody gave up and encouraged each other. The evening was made complete for me with the District Commissioner turning up to give me a medal – a bar to the Silver Merit for services to Scouting and an Award for Growth to the Pack.

By now we were expecting the good weather and were not disappointed when we went to Harpur Hill near Buxton to try Go Karting, they were set against others of similar size and many were determined to win, I must admit I was quite relieved when the session finished with them all in one piece!

Our last meeting as has become customary was spent at Eddisbury Hall enjoying the assault course and astro turf.

A large group went to Senior Camp at Barnswood and thoroughly enjoyed all the activities on offer on land and water. They were very good and even went to sleep relatively early.

The Cubs took a vote to decide what to dress up as for the fête procession and I must admit was surprised when 'I'm a Barbie Girl' won. They all, including the Leaders, looked amazing and we won first prize! A good way to finish the term.



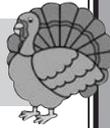


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The Rainow Farming Year Part Three: Summer to Autumn



Philip Taylor has been farming at Marsh Farm all his life, as did his father and grandfather before him. His daughter Sarah currently helps him and his 7 year old grandson is bursting to join in at any opportunity. Marsh farm comprises about 50 acres off Calrofold Lane with another 50 acres around the village used as and when needed. He agrees with the other farmers we have spoken with for this series, that the profitability of farming has been going steadily down for many years and wonders what will happen after Brexit.

Most of the farms in our Parish rear sheep but the Taylors have always bred and reared cattle, mostly for their milk, with a few beef cattle. Philip told me that his grandfather used to take his churns of milk down to the railway station every day, sending his milk for sale in Manchester, can you imagine that happening today? However, one of the problems facing Philip these days is cars parked in Calrofold Lane which have, on several occasions, restricted the width of the road so much that the milk tanker can't get through. One week he had to throw away six days production because of this – meaning no income that week from milk. His other worry is that, if there was a fire or a medical emergency in any of the properties on the lane, the fire engine or ambulance would be unable to get

through. Yellow lines have been promised for years but never been done.

One other big expenditure for farmers is TB testing as cattle cannot be sold on unless they have a clean TB test certificate.

As we hear on the news, the price of milk paid to farmers has dropped dramatically in recent years – thank you Mr Tesco – but reduced availability due to the dry spell has increased the price slightly in recent weeks, one small bit of good news for the dairy industry.

The long, hot summer months have played havoc with the growing season this year and no-one knows that better than our farmers. Like many others, with the grass not growing due to lack of water, Philip has had to use some of his feed put aside for the winter to keep his cattle going through the dry spell – not a normal situation in this damp climate of ours. He is hoping to be able to cut more grass in late autumn, to help feed his animals through the winter. He uses his tractor, cutters and baler to help several other farmers in the area with their fodder harvests, so it looks like he could be very busy in October.

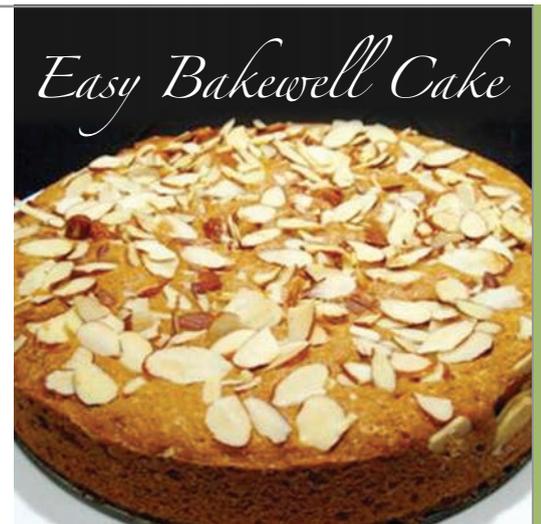
Serves 6-8

Ingredients

150g (5¹/₂oz) butter, softened
 150g (5¹/₂ oz) golden caster sugar
 150g (5¹/₂ oz) self-raising flour
 150g (5¹/₂ oz) ground almonds
 2 large free-range eggs
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 6 tsp raspberry or blackcurrant jam
 1 x 150g punnet raspberries or blackberries
 50g (1¹/₂ oz) flaked almonds

Method

- 1) Preheat the oven to 180°C fan/160°/gas 4.
- 2) Line a 22-24cm (8¹/₂ - 9¹/₂ in) springform cake tin with baking parchment.
- 3) Using a food processor or electric whisk, mix the butter, sugar, flour, ground almonds, eggs and vanilla extract together.
- 4) Place half the mix into the lined cake tin and smooth it over.
- 5) Dot the jam, half a teaspoon at a time, all over and scatter with the fruit.
- 6) Drop the remainder of the cake mix over the fruit and spread it about but don't worry about a few gaps. Scatter the almonds over and bake for 45 - 50 minutes until golden brown.





A Tribute to
Eric Moss

Eric came to Rainow in August 1990 with his wife May, 3 cats, and, Josie the dog with a view to retire. Unfortunately, May died suddenly in December of the same year. Not knowing many people in the village he started to go out with “the girls” (Pam, Liz, Lorraine, Pam and Val) on a Tuesday night either to the Robin Hood or to one of their homes. Eric quickly became an absolute asset to the village by not only helping set up After School Club but also doing the accounts for free for numerous village groups including Pre-School.

Having known Eric for many years in his capacity as Pre-School accounts auditor, it has been a pleasure and delight in getting to know him properly over the last few years at After School Club. He worked tirelessly to keep ASC running smoothly and was very thorough in his invoice calculations!

Towards the end of last year his health started to deteriorate with various ailments and he spent many weeks in and out of hospital. However, he kept his spirits up and would never say no to a tempting plate of cake-sale goodies.

A well-travelled and thoughtful man, Eric took a keen interest in my setting up the Forest Schools groups and, after a rather random conversation regarding shoe sizes, he turned up with a fantastic pair of walking boots that had taken him from New Zealand to South America and everywhere in between. As in Cinderella, they fitted me perfectly, and I have worn them for every Forest Schools session since with all the wonderful history that is attached to them.

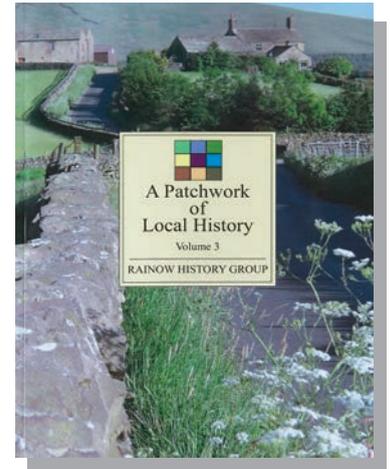
Eric had the most infectious laugh which, although not often heard, was a delight to hear. He could also be a curmudgeonly old grump. Ask any parent who dared be late with paying their invoice!

No matter how busy he was with paperwork, Eric always had time for the children. From helping with their maths homework to cutting through many layers of wool for pompoms, he would help with skill and a very dry sense of humour. In fact, last summer, whilst My Fair Lady rehearsals were going on in the background, he got so engrossed with helping one of the children cast on some knitting that he sat completely oblivious to his surroundings knitting away and singing along to, ‘I Could Have Danced All Night’. An image that we will remember with great fondness.

Current staff, past staff along with the ASC children, friends and neighbours are proud to have called him their friend.

A Patchwork of Local History - Volume 3

Raven readers who are interested in local history will be pleased to know that a further addition to your Rainow bookshelf is available in the form of Volume 3 of the series of publications comprising illustrated articles written by members of the Rainow History Group.



The first article, written by **Louise Baylis**, describes life in the terraced cottages of early industrial

Rainow and is based on Louise’s research into the descendants of Thomas Wood. Thomas, a farmer’s son from the village of Flash, set up in Rainow in about 1840 as a wheelwright, his many children and grandchildren worked in the quarries and mills in the area and many of his descendants are still living in the parish.

Next is **Raph Murray’s** portrayal of agricultural life on the farms of Lord Courtown’s estate in Saltersford in the mid-19th century. Saltersford Hall was built in the late 16th century by the Earls of Derby whose coat of arms still appears in Jenkin Chapel. The article describes the lives of several of the tenant farmers on the estate quoting extracts from the reports of the Land Managers.

Tessa Heyworth’s article ‘*The Marsh*’ describes the history of her home from its first record in 1611 when it was built as a cottage in the land between Bull Hill, Calrofold Lane and Cliff Lane. The story follows the history of the house where Tessa and her husband Robert have lived for the last 50 years.

Rowena Moore’s article is from the diary of Tryall Holcroft, Mill Manager of Brocklehurst’s silk mill in Hurdsfield from 1862 until 1876, telling of his turbulent life and his relationship with the Brocklehurst family.

Even those not interested in local history can’t fail to be fascinated by **David Atkinson’s** article about the Rainow Parish Boundary Stones, some of which have only recently been rediscovered.

The last two articles ‘*A Harvest Too Soon*’ by **Bob Langstaff** and ‘*Remember*’ by **Harry Carlisle** tell us the heart-breaking stories of the young men of Rainow lost in the First World War. Many of you will remember some of the stories from the memorial display put together by Bob and Harry for the centenary of WW1.

Volume 3 can be obtained from members of the group or by telephoning **01625 573761**. Price **£6** per copy.

Visitors to Millers Meadow

by Bridget J Franklin

For the past few years, some house guests have arrived in April and settled in for a prolonged stay. Initially there were just the two of them, but then as time went on they brought their adult offspring too, thus doubling the number in need of appropriate accommodation. In appearance they all look much the same, dapper but not showy, dressed in a navy that is almost black, with white shirts and underclothing. They are chatty but not obtrusive, and go about their business in a brisk and determined manner, yet allowing time for some cavorting and display.

When they first arrive, they inspect the quarters they vacated last year and have a rummage round. Dust and detritus are removed, and some patching up occurs to make all weather tight, suitably cosy, and safe from unwanted intruders. Once satisfied everything is in order they go off for a few days' break, even a week or two, causing some anxiety on my part that they have abandoned me for good. But no, they are back, and then the serious duties must begin. In both the little shelters one occupant stays at home whilst the other ventures out to accumulate the means of survival, covering some little distance as it goes. This can become problematic in driving rain and wind, when even recourse to the shelter afforded under avenues of trees can yield little of satisfying sustenance. But, eventually and with luck, the awaited event occurs, and is heralded by much excited twittering and frenzied to-ing and fro-ing. This joyous expressiveness is however short-lived, as the reality of providing for the new arrivals takes an unquestioned and consuming urgency.

The weeks pass, and small heads appear above the parapet, noisily and impatiently demanding more, and yet more. As the infants grow, space comes at a premium and leads to squabbles, irritable pecking, and bad-tempered jockeying for position. Soon they are peering more inquisitively over the edge, eventually leaning over to the extent it would appear that they must fall. Passing flies catch their eye, and their necks twist and turn to follow the gyrations; a lesson being learned. Then one, bolder than the rest, takes that first dive out of the cramped confines into the uplifting air, finally free to do what it was born to do. Soon it is joined by the others, exercising unaccustomed muscles and maintaining contact with their two tone chirping calls. Usually one, smaller and less bold, stays behind, uncertain, fearful, and has to be encouraged by frequent fly-past demonstrations reinforced by urgent cries. Being in flight is liberating but there is much to learn, not least the tricky and often botched negotiation of the return to rest. The swoop up has to be precisely gauged, claws out to grip the rim; a miss requires quick recalculation and curving back to start again. Then, too soon, they learn that home is no longer to be home; a parent guards the entrance and will not let them in. They swirl around and try again, twittering for attention, but meet the same rebuff. Occasionally, one manages to sneak past and tilt itself in, tail tipped up, wriggling to get its whole body safely in. Soon, the reason becomes clear. A new brood is on the way, the tiny precious eggs must not be trampled or disturbed, and the cycle must repeat itself.

And then inevitably the season changes to bring its shorter days, its cooler nights and frosty dawns. A certain restlessness stirs the air; a new sense of purpose, a resolve, and a decision.

My visitors have responded to the call and are gone away to southern climes. I miss them and their cheerful chirruping and hope they will be back again next year.



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www.wildanimalsonline.com (nest)



Pic by me Aug 2016

Sue Copeland lived in Rainow for many years and loved the village and the surrounding countryside. She wrote many poems and prose pieces which reflected this love. Sadly, Sue died some years ago but her husband Jeff, who still lives in the village, would like to share some of her work with our readers. The following poem "Kerridge" puts into words what many of us feel about the beauty of our "neighbour". Other poems by Sue will follow in future issues. Enjoy!

Kerridge

Hawthorne and
furze ablaze,
marching across the sky line,
Dignified, Marking the ridge
That divides the urban from
the rural
To one side industrial
disease spreads
Its low white buildings
polluting
The once pristine land
Yet the old order persists
On the other side of the ridge
Timeless landscape,
sheep posed
For the postcard of memories
The eye is drawn along
the ridge
To the crab apple tree, alone
Sheltering the ashes of life.
I will rest here too,
when my time comes.

Sue Copeland
31st October 2006



Burness Atlantic challenge - Part 2

Blog entry 27th November

Sun rise over Morocco - We were both grateful to see the sunrise this morning, it was a long night. We spent most of it on deck. First the furler motor packed in so we are now having to do furling by hand and later the spare Genna jammed which was painfully slow to release. very little sleep for both of us. Getting out and across the Straits of Gibraltar was interesting; it was like the M6 at rush hour with some very big ships. Craig picked his spot and we shot across.



I remember the conversation with Craig that morning. He asked me how I was feeling and did I still want to complete the trip? I said yes but why was he asking?

He answered, "Last night was quite brutal and I thought you might want to pack it in."

We dropped anchor in Morocco at 4:00 am on the 28th. We had a great welcome from a school of dolphins all the way in, leaving trails in the water as they charged the boat. We had sailed 187 miles.

We were rudely awoken at 8:00 am as a large freighter blasted its horn when passing followed by a visit from the harbour pilot. We had anchored at the edge of the shipping lane! After docking we then had visits from, marina staff, 2 Customs Officers, Port Authority, Coastguard and finally Port Police. Craig, being able to speak Arabic, was a great help. We had a laugh as each group wanted to talk to me and I had to re-direct them to Craig.

We slipped the mooring at 4:30 pm on 30th November but were stopped almost immediately by an old line caught in the bow thruster. We flipped a coin; thankfully Craig lost and had to dive in to cut us free.

We had expected a swell but not as

much and not as confused, it appeared to be coming from every direction. The overall result was a terrible corkscrewing motion on the boat, which gave me my first bout of seasickness.

Our watches were 3 hours on and 3 hours off and we soon got into our routine.

We had some great news on 2nd December; Katie had decided to join the crew. After 5 days the watches had been tiring, however with Katie joining us we would get a 6-hour break. This would make all the difference. We arrived in Gran Canaria at 11:30 pm on 4th December after covering a total of 828 miles from Gibraltar.

After Janet and Katie joined us we sailed down to the bottom of the island. Janet managed the trip with the help of Stugeron, (other sea sickness tablets are available!). We tried but there was no way Janet would become our 4th crew member.

Sunday 17th December came round very quickly. After stocking up on fresh fruit and vegetables for our passage to Cape Verde we had to say goodbye to Janet. The next time we would see her was in Barbados towards the end of January. It was very sad to wave her goodbye. We could only imagine what must be have been going through

Janet's mind as she waved her family goodbye knowing they had to sail nearly 3,000 miles before she would see them again. I also reflected on the responsibility Craig was taking on with 2 novice sailors. The 3 Musketeers were off to Cape Verde.

Katie settled in very quickly and after a day she had found her sea legs. The same could not be said for me. I was sick for nearly 3 days; I managed all my watches but was of limited use for anything else. Katie and Craig pulled together and kept things ship shape and cooked all the meals.

We had a number of major spillages when cooking. I had mentioned in Spain that we should get a pressure cooker but Craig said we had enough pots so no need to bother. By Cape Verde Craig had changed his mind and we cleaned out a small store of its last 2 pressure cookers. What a difference they made.

We arrived in Cape Verde at 04:00 hrs on 23rd December after covering 850 miles from Gran Canaria.

Christmas and New Year in Cape Verde was good fun. The sailing community pulls together and we had a lovely Christmas lunch at the Marina. Everyone brought something to the party, in our case some of Allyson Lynch's fruitcake that went down very

well. I was a little selfish and kept a quarter for us. Most of the people we met were in transit either to Brazil, Suriname, St. Lucia or Barbados. We met a father and son from just outside Wilmslow. They were planning the same crossing and left a few days before us.

In Barbados Janet told us about a crew that were rescued by helicopter and dropped off on a Russian trawler. The crew were friends of a lady Janet works with, what a very small world.

I think if Craig had had his own way we would probably still be in Cape Verde as it is a mecca for spear fishing and kite surfing. However, Janet had booked her flight to Barbados and our returns. So the pressure was on to get to there. We decided to leave on 4th December, spend a day or two on Santo Antao, another Cape Verde island, before heading across the Atlantic.

Katie and I finished provisioning the boat. The fruit hammock was full to overflowing and we had enough vegetables to open our own store. For Craig we had enough beans etc to feed an army.

7th January 2018, 08:15

“Woah, we’re going to Barbados”

For those who remember, not with Captain Tobias Wilcock and Coconut Airways but Skipper Craig and Daal II.

Next stop Barbados approximately 2,100 miles to the west.

The water temperature when we left Cape Verde was 23.3°C, perfect for swimming, and during the crossing it just increased the whole way across. When we dropped anchor in Barbados the sea temperature was 27.4°C.

Wanting to go for a swim was like an itch we could not scratch the whole way across because we were never stationary. We averaged over 5 knots for the whole crossing and even when we had no wind the North Equatorial current was taking us along at about 1 knot.

We established our routines. Instead of afternoon tea we had afternoon fruit. We did a daily inspection of the fruit hammock, any signs of hammock rash, and selected the ripest (on the turn) fruit to have. We all made a point of being around for the fruit session. We would also always try and prepare, eat and tidy up after our main meal of the day together.

We were almost pescatarian by the end of the trip. We caught fish nearly every day mainly Mahi Mahi but also some tuna and Wahoo. Craig and Katie knocked together some fantastic meals; I was the rice and pasta chef. When we caught the Wahoo we had it as sashimi with wasabi and soya sauce. It tasted great, what a difference when fresh, just 20 minutes old.

With the successful fishing and stock of vegetables we hardly touched the tinned and packet meals we had provisioned in Gibraltar. Craig used them later when sailing around the Caribbean. I did sneak in a M&S chicken curry packet meal, instead of fish, Mmmmm.

Overnight on 14th January Katie took us through 1,000 miles to go.

The predicted bigger swell had arrived but also the silver lining. Since Cape Verde we had experienced a period of 6 seconds between the wave peaks. Something Craig knew from the forecast before we left but decided we would be better not knowing. The silver lining was an increase to 9 seconds, what a difference 3 seconds made.

As we approached Barbados it was time for the Burness Atlantic Challenge Awards.

The Victor Meldrew Yachtmaster (how many times have we said the gas lighters go in the third drawer down) Award – Cameron.

The “Get Away!!” (If you told me I would be doing this 3 months ago) Award.

The clear winner here was Katie.

Fantastic job and a huge thank you from Craig and I as having three and doing this together made all the difference.

An extra award this year the combined Excess Gas & Great Job Pooping Award won by a huge margin by Craig.

Last but not least we have the Patience of a Saint Award, this also went to Craig for putting up with 2 sailing rookies, our endless questions, popping out of his bunk or passing instructions to us via his window into the cockpit at all hours when the boat was not doing what Katie or I wanted it to do or thought it should be doing.

Joking apart, Craig was amazing and the trip was something we definitely could not have done without him.

At 07:17 am on day 15 Craig spotted Barbados through the clouds and we all burst into song,

“Woah – We’ve got to Barbados” and gave each other a big hug.

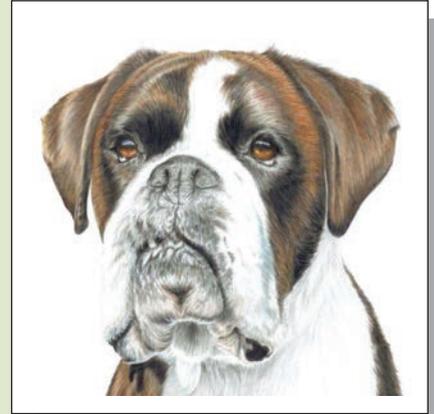
We had made good time on the crossing completing the 2,100 miles in only 15 days. We finally dropped anchor at 11:30 am on 21st January. We all dived in and were swimming by 11:31 am. I cannot describe how wonderful it felt.

I want to finish by saying thank you to Craig and Katie for a fantastic family adventure. Something I will remember and cherish forever.

If you are interested the Blog will still be available until 23rd November. Access via Sailblogs.com search for Daal II or Burness Atlantic Challenge and you will find our adventure as it happened.



Artist in Residence Karen Torr



I've always loved drawing and art from a very young age. Horses and skeletons were a speciality of mine when I was five!

When I left school I went to Stockport art college and then managed to secure a job as a graphic designer/illustrator for ten years before I decided to go back packing around the world.

I then got married, got divorced, became a single parent and my life took a very different road.

I had a variety of jobs. From selling Jaguar cars, working for Fired Earth, car showroom receptionist, and even pub landlady! (Most of you know me from my Robin Hood landlady days).

Then, after thirty or so years when I had my 50th, two years ago, I had a light bulb moment and decided to rekindle my artistic roots.

I was was a receptionist at a care home at the time. So had plenty of staff to try my pet portrait skills out on.

And the rest, as they say.... is history.

I now have a waiting list until May next year and I'm leading my best life. I have a flock of Jacob sheep, three dogs and a new husband. I'm very lucky to be able to have this as my job.

Rainow is such a lovely area to live and I constantly draw inspiration from the flora and fauna surrounding it.

Recently I've started to draw more of my own pieces. I'm concentrating on British wildlife at the moment and getting the utmost joy from that.

Drawing is my passion. Long may I be lucky enough to have it in my life.



News from the *Lamp and Candle*



Hello again, Well would you believe it? The summer was as hot as the winter was cold but ten times more welcome, except to the local farmers of course. They have my sympathy, what with Kerridge Side the colour of a biscuit and Hough Green changed to Hough Yellow. (note the clever and poetic descriptions, worthy of the cutting-edge journalism in this publication). And talking of Hough Yellow, congratulations to all the residents on another brilliant entry in the Scarecrow Competition. I did have one problem with this year's theme though – the names of some of the songs. I'd never heard of half of them. We don't really want people travelling from as far away as Hurdsfield expecting to find titles like "Dancing Queen" and "The Birdie Song" and scratching their heads at "Vicar in a Tutu" and "Mars Express". I think I might get myself on this scarecrow committee to give them a few proper ideas. It's a good fund-raiser and I did think of doing one myself this year but nobody ever comes out this way. Then I thought of making a scarecrow and putting it in the village stocks with a notice around its neck, "Please Release Me." I didn't do it in the end as there would be problems in getting the first prize money sent to the "Lamp" but I hope this goes to show what high quality my input would be.

And talking of high quality, what a great choice of Mayor at the ever-brilliant Rainow Fête! I hope she will carry on the tradition of new Mayors paying a visit to my little establishment. Mind you I wouldn't suggest she brings her cubs with her. The Landlady isn't fond of boys – or men for that matter. Before anyone writes to me I know that little lasses can join the cubs these days. What is the world coming to? Girls in the cubs and STILL not a single male in Rainow's four book clubs!

I was recently talking to one of the ladies in the "Lamp & Candle" Stitch & Bitch Society, Linda McKenna, who is very good at reading people's horoscopes. She tells me that we Aquarians are unconventional but original and can be inventive and brilliantly clever although we can be spectacular in such a strange way that no one knows what we are talking about. I was so impressed – I think she's got me down to a T! Mrs M. told me that the stars say that I should devote more time to spiritual matters so I had a word with the Vicar about all the changes that are going to happen at Rainow Church in the near future. Not that I'm a particularly religious person. I was taught that all roads lead to heaven but I've always thought of the Church of England as the M1. So I told the Rev. about me being an Aquarian and that I could come up with dozens of ideas if he could get me a place on the Committee. He said he would pull out all the stops but I told him I didn't think the organist would want the changes to go that far.

Life's been fairly quiet here at the Sedge – at least the good

weather has stopped the Landlady going on about the leak in the roof over the second bedroom. I suppose when the rain finally arrives she'll carry on complaining.

It only needs three or four hours up on the roof with a hammer, some nails and a few stone tiles but I can't seem to get her interested.

I've been keeping a watchful eye on a new group that's sprung up in the village – the Raven Motor Bike Group. Those of you who have read the Bucket Prize-winning book, "News from the Lamp & Candle," will know about my harrowing experience after I received a note from someone called "The Creeper" who tried to set up a chapter of the Hades Messengers at the "Lamp". Not a pleasant chapter in the long history of Rainow's oldest inn I can tell you. If you want to read the full story the book is still available from the Robin Hood – £10 a copy with every penny going to Rainow NSPCC.

Anyway, the upshot was I sent Little Arthur to one of their meetings and he assures me that they are a regular bunch of guys with not a pony tail between them. They sit in the Robin of a Tuesday night talking about Air Fuel Ratios and Bash Plates and generally put the world to rights over a couple of gills which is fine by me. Little Arthur was so impressed he is, as I write, trying to fix a lawn mower engine to his sit-up-and-beg Raleigh Roadster in the hope of joining the group. I keep telling him that an old colander covered by a black bin bag wouldn't make a suitable crash helmet and wouldn't fool anyone in the group, but you can't fault his enthusiasm.

I am also keeping an eye on the amount of building work going on in Rainow at the moment. There are gardens being dug up, roofs being replaced and places being extended or rebuilt at every twist and turn. Someone has spent a King's ransom making the old Horse and Jockey into two houses and there's a new one going up just a few yards up the lane! The one that's most puzzling is the old Smithy (as I have always known it) at the top of the village which is being rebuilt at the rate of one brick per month. Why this is I don't know except to say that even laying one brick on top of another up there is a risky business the way the traffic comes round the Gin Clough bend. All this doing up property makes me think that someone knows something I don't about the future value of property in Rainow. Miserable Bickerdike told me about an Estate Agent in Macclesfield who is sniffing around Rainow inviting householders to ask for a quote on what their property is worth. I think I'll get him to the "Lamp" to make sure I don't miss out, but only after the Landlady has fixed the roof.

All for now, Landlord.

The Peterloo Massacre and Macclesfield

by Raph Murray

In the period around 1815 - 1820 there were increasing demands for reform of parliament. In response to unemployment, poverty, scarcity of food, social and economic injustice the Radical Reformers of the day demanded universal suffrage, no taxation without representation, local parliamentary representation and annual parliaments. The government of the day however considered such demands amounted to sedition and treason. On 31st July 1819 the Macclesfield Radical Reformers including John Richards of Rainow held a Reform meeting near Christ Church in Macclesfield. The main change sought by the reformers was a Parliamentary seat for Macclesfield. They proposed to achieve this by electing a Macclesfield representative, who if not recognised by the Houses of Parliament, would be a member of a National Convention. Two weeks later, on the 15th August 1819, Henry Hunt, the National Leader of the Reform movement arrived at Park Green, Macclesfield where he addressed a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters. The following day Hunt was the chief speaker at the Parliamentary Reform Meeting in St Peter's Field, Manchester. A group of Macclesfield reformers then accompanied Hunt on his journey to Stockport – some of whom are believed to have attended the meeting at St Peter's Field.

The mass protest meeting at St Peter's Fields in Manchester on the 16th August 1819 attracted a crowd of 50,000 - 60,000 gathered from all around Manchester. Although the organisers were careful to ensure that the protest was peaceful and within the law the local magistrates determined to disrupt the meeting and orders were given to the Manchester and Salford Yeomanry to arrest the lead speaker Henry Hunt. In making their way through the crowd, however the Yeomanry knocked down a woman carrying her two year-old child in her arms. The child was thrown several yards, fell on its head, and was killed. This was the first casualty. This provoked a furious response from the demonstrators who surrounded the Yeomanry. This in turn provoked a panic response from the Yeomanry and a company of the regular cavalry, the 15th Hussars, were sent in to try and extricate them. They did so with sabres unsheathed, slicing a path through the tight packed crowd. At least eleven people were killed, more than 400 were seriously wounded, many with sabre cuts and including many women and children. There were undoubtedly many protesters from Macclesfield among the crowd however as far as is known none of the killed or injured were from Macclesfield. A contingent of the Macclesfield Yeomanry was in Manchester in support of the authorities on the day although they do not appear to have been involved in the massacre. The day after Peterloo, while the Yeomanry were still in Manchester, a messenger arrived from Macclesfield to say that the town was in uproar. Rioters in Macclesfield had taken advantage of the absence of the Yeomanry in Manchester to cause much damage in the town – including breaking the windows of the offices of the Macclesfield Courier newspaper and the house of one of the Yeomanry officers, a local lawyer, Thomas Grimsditch, who was probably still with his troop in Manchester. In turn the authorities took their revenge by arresting the leaders of the Radical Reform movement in Macclesfield, including John Richards from Rainow.

The National Premiere of the film Peterloo is on 17th October at Manchester's Home, followed by a Q&A with the director Mike Leigh and cast, including Rory Kinnear, Maxine Peake

and Neil Bell. This will be simulcast to cinemas around the UK and the film will be on general release from 2nd November.



A depiction of the Peterloo massacre, which took place on 16 August 1819. Photograph: Rischgitz/Getty Images

Kerridge Climb 2018 Race Report

This is a small village fell race held at the annual Fête in the village of Rainow, on the Western edge of the Peak District. It is classified as an AS race – due to the 95m of ascent & descent in only 1.6km. It provides a great spectacular for the Fête attendees as the runners race down the steep decent and then into finish in the Fête field. **Jack Ross** took the winner's spot this year in a time of 9 minutes and 1 second. The first lady home was junior **Amy Whelan** (U15G). Over half of the field (30/58) were juniors so great to see so many having a go at a fell race! Perpetual trophies were presented as well as medals for first in classes including U11 and the U16 age groups, and also trophies for Rainow parish locals. Thanks to all the helpers both in advance and on the day.

First Under 11 Girl: **Lucy Whelan**
First Under 11 Boy: **Jake Ireland**
First junior (11-15) Girl: **Elin Davies**
First junior (11-15) Boy: **Finlay Pettie**

Overall Winner – Jubilee Trophy – **Jack Ross**
1st Veteran – Forbes Trophy – **John Stockdale**
1st Local – Oldfield Trophy – **Grant Mitchell**
1st Lady – WI Cup – **Amy Whelan** (U15G)
1st Local Lady – Spearing Trophy – **Jessica Chadwick** (U11G)

Rachael Lawrance, Jul 2018



From Salford to Salterford – All the World's a Stage!

VAL MOSS tells the story of how a group of thespians based in Salford, brought plays back to Rainow



Val Taylor 'on stage'.

In 2002, a group of would-be thespians were otherwise employed at BUPA in their offices at Salford Quays. A community initiative, supported by BUPA, was launched after the management team of a local dilapidated theatre, the Salford Playhouse, asked for help to do basic repairs and clean-up tasks so that the theatre could be used by the local community again.

The response from the workforce was significant. We were permitted to take paid time

to help renovate and spruce up the theatre. As a thank-you gesture, the theatre management team offered an opportunity to the BUPA team to undertake a foundation course in Drama, accredited through Salford College, and to 'put on a show!' The title of the company was agreed – **The Quay Players!**

The first show performed was *"Aladdin"*, a sell-out at the Salford Playhouse both to local audiences as well as BUPA employees who were invited to come along and support their work colleagues.

Riding the crest of success (and fun!) future performances were planned. Within the group, it emerged that two of the cast, Paul Tunnaly and Carl Bewley, were skilled play writers, BUPA continued to support the Quay Players, enabling paid time off work for rehearsals and the funding for costume hire (from the wardrobe of the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester). Following the demise of the Salford Playhouse due to reasons that BUPA was unable to support, funding for the hire of the Studio Theatre at The Lowry was provided to allow annual shows to continue.

One member of the Quay Players was a Rainow resident – Val Taylor. An idea emerged when the group were discussing how much effort went into the annual shows, for just three show dates and Val had the idea of bringing the shows to the Rainow Institute (the Rainow players had folded about twenty years earlier). The first show was Carl Bewley's *"Aladdin"* (2003) followed by two Paul Tunnaly plays – *"Treasure"* (2004) and *"The X Factor"* (2005). Then came *"Stand and Deliver"* (Carl Bewley, 2006) and

"The Final Bang Goodnight" (Paul Tunnaly, 2009).

A few years passed when some of the original Quay Players were no longer available (and by this stage all but a couple were still working at BUPA). Val asked for interest from people in Rainow and a full cast of actors, comprising original Quay Players and Rainow residents was assembled. Subsequent performances were staged in the Rainow Institute to sell-out audiences on each occasion.

"Desperadoes" (Carl Bewley, 2013)

"Keep Smiling Through" (Carl Bewley, 2014)

"The Calling Card" (Carl Bewley, 2015)

In 2016 Rainow resident Bob Langstaff penned *"Dark Days at the Lamp & Candle"* following on from his entertaining column in "The Raven".

In 2017 the cast managed to force Carl Bewley's pen to complete the script of a play that he had held on the back-burner for a few years and *"Downtrodden Abbey"* was performed with the now standard sell-out of tickets that has resulted in the commitment of the cast to play for three nights for future performances.

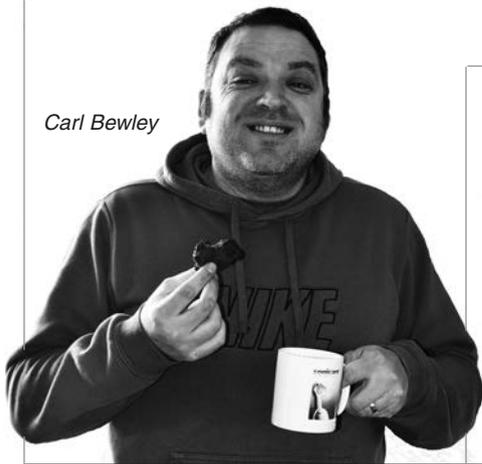
Over the years, although the cast has changed it still consists of a small number of the original Quay Players together with the Rainow contingent. The name of our troupe has naturally evolved to become **Rainow Quay Playmakers**.

We look forward to entertaining the residents of Rainow and beyond in our next production, planned for February 2019!

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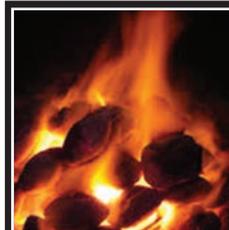
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We continue to receive great support from groups within the village and surrounding areas. In June, July and August we had bookings from 24 groups carrying approx. 300 people with destinations ranging from Blackpool, Liverpool, Tarporley, Chatsworth and many others.

The bus also played its part at the village fête being used as the PA centre for the afternoon.



Nevertheless the use of the bus on the regular Friday and Saturday evenings remains disappointing with many evenings going completely unused.

At a meeting of the Group in June we discussed whether or not to continue with the Friday/Saturday service and it was agreed unanimously that we should. We all agree that with public transport services generally suffering a lack of funding and potential closure that we should continue with this Community service for as long as possible.

The current system of pre-booking with a cut off of 5.00 pm on the day of travel seems to be working reasonably well. The reason for the cut off is so that drivers can be released for the evening if there are no bookings and allows them to plan their own evenings. Please don't leave it until the last minute as electronic communication is not always as fast as some would think.

Although we still have our loyal group of 11 volunteer drivers to whom we offer our most sincere thank you, we feel we need help from someone experienced in the Social Media in order to get our message across more successfully.

If there is anyone able to give a bit of time to this aspect of our operation please get in touch with one of the contacts below.

Booking the bus - the bus can be booked for individual or Group trips by contacting:

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John Hawthorne -
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Costs to hire the bus: £25 per session (a session being morning, afternoon or evening) plus 50p per mile travelled. The cost of fuel is included.

Regular service fares are £3 return to Macclesfield, £2 single and £4 return to Bollington, £3 single.

The service is completely non-profit making and there are no paid employees, any money charged is put towards the running of the bus.

Facebook **rainow village bus** :
website www.rainowvillagebus.com



Please give the bus space!

Everyone will have seen our splendid community bus parked in the church car park (by kind permission of the PCC).

It has its own designated space and most car park users are considerate and allow sufficient room for the bus to get out and back in.

However, there have been a number of occasions recently when it was almost impossible to get the bus out because people have parked very close, either in front or to the side. On one occasion a community trip almost had to be cancelled for this reason.

An increasing number of trips are being made by the bus for local groups, including the school, which can be at any time during the day and on a variety of days. It would cause great disappointment and inconvenience if a trip had to be cancelled, not to mention the loss of revenue which is vital to keep the service running.

So – please think about how and where you park, even if it is only for a brief period. The bus is for the benefit of all.

Thank you!

What's On in Rainow and Bollington

OCTOBER 2018

3	7.30 pm	Pottflix – The Post	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
6	ca 7.30 am	MCC Edinburgh Classic Trial	Corkscrew, Ewrin Lane
6	7.30 pm	Pedigree Jazz Band	Bollington Arts Centre
8	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – The Story of Hypnotism	Rainow Institute
13	7.00 pm	Harvest Supper	Rainow Church
14	11.00 am	Windgather Fell Race – 13.5 miles	Burbage Institute
16	7.30pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – Aromatherapy talk & demo by Gill Black	Rainow Church Centre
24	11.30 am	Rainow NSPCC Ladies Lunch & Fashion show – Delia Metcalf & Clarins. Tickets from Sue Frith £26	Tytherington Club

NOVEMBER 2018

3	2.00 pm	Langley Road Race (7 miles) – Macclesfield Harriers	-
3	7.30 pm	Washington Whirlygig	Bollington Arts Centre
7	7.30 pm	Pottflix – The Greatest Showman	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
11	10.30 am	Remembrance Service and procession to War Memorial	Rainow Church
11	10.30 pm	The Roaches Fell Race (15 miles)	Meerbrook Village Hall
12	10.00 pm	Rainow WI – Annual General Meeting	Rainow Institute
18	1.00 pm	Senior Residents Party	Rainow Church Centre
20	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – Vintage domestic items display & talk by John Hambleton	Rainow Church Centre

DECEMBER 2018

1	7.30 pm	T J Johnson Band	Bollington Arts Centre
2	10.00 am	Rainow Mothers' Union – Advent Service	Rainow Church Centre
2	6.00 pm	Lighting Christmas Tree & Carols	Trinity Gardens
4	10.30 am	Rainow NSPCC Punch & Mince pies Tickets from Sue Frith	The Rowans, 24 Manchester Road SK10 2HA
5	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Finding your Feet	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
10	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Christmas Party	Rainow Institute
12	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Mama Mia, Here we go again	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
16	3.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight	Jenkin Chapel
24/25	11.00/10.00 am	Christmas Communion	Rainow Church

USEFUL INFORMATION

For more information on Fell races etc. please contact Raph Murray raphmurray@hotmail.com

For more info on NSPCC events please contact Sue Frith suefrithxx@aol.com or Lyn McCarthy lynmccarthy@live.co.uk or Lulu Holland 572377

Pottflix, Flix in the Stix, Bar opens 6.30pm, performances 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 in advance from Anthea Wilkinson 01625 573538 or Sue Ralston 01625 573210 or £5 on the door.

For other performances at the **Bollington Arts Centre**, see website www.bollingtonartscentre.co.uk/events page.

The Rainow Village Bus is used to visit Cinemac some Monday evenings, dependent upon films screened. Cost is £2 for return bus travel and £3.50 for Cinemac entry. To put your name on the circulation list for future outings contact Sue Grimes suecgrimes@hotmail.com

We have made this list as comprehensive as space permits and it is necessarily a selection of the events we know about. If you have anything planned that you would like us to list in the next issue, please call 01625 574523 or email pat.mellish@uwclub.net

NOVEMBER

Moorland Adventure



If you live in Rainow, the chances are you will have seen Moorland Adventure's van around the village. Originally based in the Staffordshire moorlands, it was a part time organisation formed in 1988 by Peter Parker and his wife, Ruth, with the intention of introducing as many people as possible to the pleasure of outdoor activities.

It took a serious accident to make Peter realise that life was too short not to do what you most enjoy as much as you can. He gave up his work as a design and project engineer and committed himself full-time to developing his work in the outdoors. The family moved to Rainow in 1992 which provided an ideal base for the business, centred as it is on the beautiful Peak District.

Over the years, Moorland Adventure has developed from Peter working mostly as a freelance instructor for other activity companies, to themselves providing bespoke activities for all kinds of events and occasions: Hen and Stag dos, Birthday Parties, Holiday Clubs and Corporate Events.

A whole range of activities are covered, in all weathers. These include abseiling, archery, bushcraft, canoeing, caving, climbing, first aid, kayaking, navigation, raft building, orienteering, winter mountaineering, mountain biking... Many of the skills taught have a wider application: personal development, problem-solving and team-building. Moorland Adventure also works outside the local area running winter mountain skills courses in Scottish and Welsh mountains, or supporting swimmers and organising mountain biking, canoeing and walking challenge events in the Lake district.

Schools come to the Peak District for residential weeks and, although we don't have an accommodation centre of our own, we work with a number of accommodation providers to facilitate activity weeks for schools and colleges. Not having a permanent centre allows us to be more flexible on where we can provide the activities, we often go into schools to provide archery, bushcraft, problem solving exercises, orienteering and navigation courses. We also take the mobile climbing wall into local schools for whole school activities, or for charity fund-raising events.

The company has come on a long way since the early days when experience and enthusiasm were the requirements of a good instructor. They certainly still need those but a long list of qualifications are now required too as (quite rightly) the business has become more and more regulated.

Moorland Adventure is an accredited provider for the National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS), evening, half day and day navigation sessions, Mountain Training Association (MTA) Hill and Mountain skills weekends and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme (DofE) training, practice and qualifying expeditions. Ruth and Peter both believe that enjoying your job so much that it doesn't really feel like work is a gift, and they hope to continue the business long after many would consider retirement. So, hopefully, the van will still be a familiar sight around the village for a few years yet.

You can find out more about Moorland Adventure at www.moorlandadventure.co.uk