

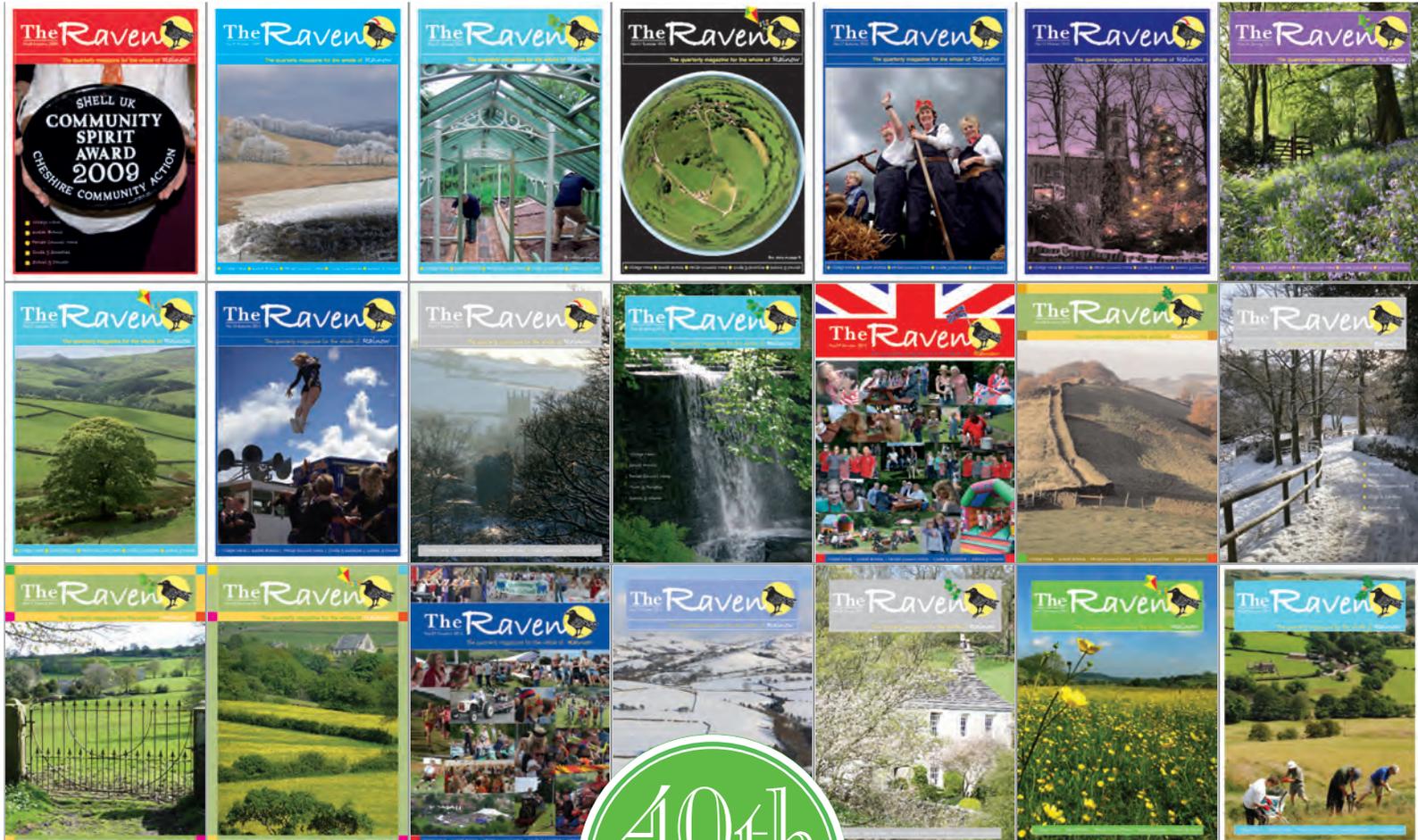


The Raven

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The quarterly magazine for the whole of Rainow



40th
issue

- Village News ● Social Events
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40th Issue of The Raven

It is hard to believe that we are now on our **40th issue** of **The Raven**.

It was in our October 2007 issue that the Parish Council announced that the next Parish Council Newsletter would appear as "**The Raven**". This was to be Rainow's new quarterly magazine. The aim was to produce a colour magazine to give everyone in the village a better idea of what was happening and the opportunity to publicise events and to share ideas. It would also include regular features on Rainow's history, countryside and leisure activities. We hope you agree that we have achieved this.

The very first edition of The Raven was supported and paid for by Cheshire Community Council with a grant. There on support was from our sponsors and advertisers and we thank them for their continued backing. This achievement could not have carried out without our contributors and volunteers who help bring every issue together. *Thank you.*

Trick or Treat Etiquette

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



Edinburgh Rally

Just a reminder that the 2017 MCC Edinburgh Rally will be coming through Saltersford and Rainow on **Saturday 30th September 2017**.

The event will normally have about 230 competitors in total, typically 120 motor cars, 90 motor bikes and 20 three wheelers (most being motorcycles and sidecars). The age of the vehicles will be from 1930 through to fairly modern. The route will start from Tamworth, the first competitor being despatched at 1.01 am on the Saturday morning, other competitors leaving at one minute intervals. The route will cover about 180 miles, taking in about 12 observed sections, one of which will be Jenkins. The competition will finish at the Bull l'th Thorn at Flagg Moor, with first competitor expected there at about 1.30 pm.

Anyone interested in vintage cars and motor vehicles may like to watch them navigate Bank Lane. This has been made possible with help from KRIV volunteers improving the road. The first competitor is expected to arrive at Bank Lane around 7.30 am. Competitors are expected to be passing through the Section for up to 5 hours.

Parish Council Information

If you would like more information about the Parish Council or would like to have a look at Agendas, Minutes or Financial statements, these are all available on the Parish Website www.rainowvillage.co.uk.

Policing

We have had a number of warnings about burglaries, thefts and sheep rustling locally so please be vigilant. Help our community by ensuring that all incidents are reported to the Police.

If you have any information you can phone the police anonymously on their non-emergency number.

Police non-emergency contact number Tel: **101**

Protect yourself this Winter

Have your flu jab and encourage your friends and family.

For most people, flu is an unpleasant illness, but it's not serious. If you are otherwise healthy, you will usually recover from flu within a week. However, for some people having your flu jab could stop you being seriously ill this winter. Flu is much more serious than a cold and it may lead to a hospital stay.

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.

The first of these key messages is to encourage people to have flu jabs to protect themselves.

Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day parade will be on **Sunday 12th 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 24th September 2017

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 pram users who have to be pushed onto the road.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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The Raven

Now we are ten!

Quite a few Rainow residents have a collection of old issues of the Raven and there are one or two people with complete sets. Those lucky few can look back to Issue No 1 Winter 2007 and see how the Raven has changed. That first issue of 12 black and white pages was much slimmer than today's version (perhaps like some of its readers!) and there was not an advertisement to be seen. Grants from Cheshire County Council provided the funds to get the "new quarterly magazine for the whole of Rainow" off the ground. Now the Raven is self-financing and has become today's 24 page all-colour magazine. Not "new" any more – but mature rather than old!

The success of the Raven has been built on the tremendous support from our advertisers and from all the contributors whose work has featured in the first 840 pages. Mel Wilcox's professional expertise continues to set the standards of design and layout but the editorial pioneers (Ian Brammer, Tony Nicol and Bob Langstaff) have moved on or moved with the times and now a team of editors (see below) manages the magazine. The team would like to thank all those who have played their part in the Raven's progress and invite new contributors to follow in their footsteps!

Jane Brett *Ian Brammer, Tony Nicol*
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Future Meetings and Dates for your diary

19th September 2017	17th October 2017
21st November 2017	19th December 2017

Tree Lighting and Carol Service – (usually the first Sunday in December)

All Meetings commence at 8.00 pm unless otherwise stated 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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Rainow WI



The last ten years has seen a healthy increase in total members of Rainow WI, which celebrated its 80th Anniversary last year. We meet in the Institute on the second Monday of each month where we are entertained and educated by a visiting speaker and catch up with friends and neighbours over a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

We have had a variety of speakers including a Mystery Shopper, Street Angels from Macclesfield, an insight into the life of a Lingerie Designer, a talk about 'The women who made Manchester' and a craft session in which we made bespoke bunting. Local people have come along to talk about their produce including Sour Dough, Cheese and Preserves.

Monthly outings are organised to places in and around Cheshire and Manchester. The Portico and The John Rylands libraries were popular venues as were Middleport Pottery in Stoke and the gardens at Dunham Massey.

Local restaurants and pubs are regularly frequented by our Lunch Group which meets once a month for chat and refreshment. The Book Club and Quilting Group are also opportunities for members to get together as are the invigorating walks we organise. Tending Trinity Gardens is a labour of love, although never ending!

Over the years we have contributed to national and local campaigns. To celebrate the WI Centenary, Rainow WI collected items for Macclesfield Foodbank; our target was 100 items. When the Food Bank volunteer came to speak to us and collect our donations we had overfulfilled our target yielding 150 items plus.

The WI teamed up with Rainow school children and festooned parts of the village with green hearts to raise community awareness of the effect of climate change on our environment and how important it is for us to look after it for future generations.

Rainow WI is building on the growth during the past ten years and look forward to our continued contribution to the village community in the future.



Rainow NSPCC

Bob Langstaff, author of the 'News from the Lamp & Candle – Rainow's lost Inn', Rainow NSPCC's Chair Sue Frith and Garden host Delma Barlow, at our recent Open Garden Day at the home of Delma and Vic Barlow. Bob has very generously donated all the proceeds from the sale of his latest book to go to Rainow NSPCC, which we really appreciate.

Many thanks to Delma and Vic Barlow for kindly opening their wonderful garden for the NSPCC and to everyone who supported this event, where **£315** was raised for the NSPCC.

We would also like to thank everyone who supported our recent Strawberry Sparkle Lunch, hosted by Carolyn and David Gittins, with your support this event raised **£1,841** for the NSPCC.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events and appreciate your continued support.



Rainow Preschool

We have returned following the summer holidays with some old faces and some new ones. We said goodbye to 21 confident, happy children in July and have welcomed 8 new little ones this September. We had a very successful leaver's concert last term, the children sang a selection of songs to a very appreciative audience. It was a challenge learning all the words and actions but all the children performed wonderfully. We held our annual Spring Fair earlier in the year which raised necessary funds for our pre-school. It was a lovely family event full of face paint, cakes, games and stalls. This was followed by the Rainow Fête. The children and staff were involved in the procession down to the fête field and our superhero scarecrow was in pride of place outside the Institute.

A highlight for us has been our Owl Babies exhibition on display at Tegg's Nose earlier this year. The children used a number of skills including cutting, painting and writing as well as experimenting with different materials and textures to make the artwork that was on display based on the book Owl Babies. They had the chance to be budding actors when acting out the book to their friends and even made edible owls using bread and fruit. The children also thoroughly enjoyed making our sheep that were on display at the Rainow Rural Life Exhibition in June.

We have had a number of visits from Dance Addicts which sparks the children's imagination and have enjoyed World Book Day, with some wonderful costumes, and also Comic Relief. We always, when the weather permits, make use of our beautiful surroundings, whether it's blackberry picking or simply a walk to talk about what we can see and hear in the countryside.

Thanks to the collaborative effort of our children, parents and staff our latest Ofsted report was outstanding as was the one before that and our pre-school continues to go from strength to strength.



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Out of School

by Jonathon Norris, Headteacher



10 Years of the Raven

10 years and 40 editions of the Raven is a marvellous achievement and a testament to how well our community can work together to produce something worthwhile. I would like to congratulate the team behind the Raven, past and present, on their quality publication and thank them for allowing us our 'Out of School' slot every quarter.

I was asked to comment on my memories of Rainow School over the last 10 years. Coincidentally, 10 years ago is when I was first appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Rainow. Over that time there have been lots of changes and countless fantastic memories, many of which we have communicated via the Raven. I would say, however, that the two most significant changes in the last decade have been the opening of our seventh classroom in 2013 and, more recently, Mr Bertinshaw's retirement as Headteacher.

Up until 2013, the school operated with six, mixed-age classes, and it was always our aspiration to be able to teach in seven, pure year groups. Our biggest reservation was whether or not we could sustain the numbers of children needed to fill another class – at that time there were approximately 160 children on roll. Another classroom meant an additional teacher and, as you can imagine, funding a major project like this was always going to be a challenge for a school of our size. Well, we needn't have

worried, as the school has continued to grow in popularity and is currently the busiest it has ever been with over 180 pupils. The seventh classroom, which was officially opened by British record-breaking paralympian Dame Sarah Storey, has been an important addition to school and still feels fresh and relatively new. Our Year Two children currently enjoy this bright and spacious learning environment.

Mr Bertinshaw's retirement last year is the other significant change to school life I mentioned. For nearly 18 years 'Mr B' made sure that all our pupils maximised their potential and had fun and memorable experiences in a safe, happy and inspirational environment – recognised in December 2015 with an Outstanding grade from OFSTED. His retirement was bittersweet for me; sad to be losing a trusted friend and inspirational colleague, yet happy to be able to fulfil a personal ambition of taking over as Headteacher at our wonderful school.

Aside from the inevitable changes and evolution of our school over 10 years, equally noteworthy is the consistently high standard of education we have managed to maintain, despite any changes that have occurred. I put this down to our dedicated and hardworking staff, the supportive community and of course our inspirational children.

I am confident that we are set for an even more exciting and





successful decade to come,
and I will be sure to use the Raven to tell you all about it!

Summer Term

Typically, a busy, memorable and emotional end to the school year. Determination, resilience and teamwork are some of the core learning values we aim to develop at Rainow, and they were never more evident than during our upper junior residential trip to the Lake District. During the week, the upper juniors were challenged to build and sail rafts on Lake Windermere, rock climb, abseil and take on the notorious 'King Swing' as well as lots of other adventurous activities. We were so proud of the children's excellent behaviour, positive attitude and enthusiasm for every new challenge.

At the end of the year, the older pupils put on a wonderful performance of *My Fair Lady*. Our children are a multi-talented bunch and there were many unforgettable and outstanding individual performances. We also enjoyed a very emotional end of year service at Rainow Church where we said farewell to our fantastic Year 6's. They have been a sheer delight to teach and get to know over the past seven years and they are more than ready for high school. A number of families who have been with us for many years also leave us, but I know that they will continue to feel part of the Rainow School community.

Talking of outstanding performances, this year our children exceeded all expectations in their end of year assessments. My thanks go to the staff and parents for their efforts in achieving these results and congratulations to all the children for their personal progress over the year. No matter what their final results in any year group, all our children work hard, are eager to learn and put in lots of effort and we cannot ask for more than that.

Some of you will also be aware that Mrs Rudall, a fantastic teacher who has taught at Rainow for over 17 years, retired from class teaching this summer. She has been overwhelmed by all the lovely messages and well-wishes, particularly at our brilliant summer BBQ.

September 2017

In September we welcomed a class of 27 new children into our reception class. They have settled into school extremely well and Mrs Daley and her team are working hard to ensure that they are making a positive and happy start to their primary education. The children especially seem to like the wonderful outdoor environment that we offer at Rainow School which we continue to work hard to incorporate into the children's learning experiences.

A look ahead...

The *Rainow Round Up*, our fortnightly school newsletter, is the best way to keep up to date with school goings-on and can be downloaded from our school website or picked up from Rainow Church. Also be sure to follow our Twitter account [@Rainow Primary](#) for lots more information about school activities.



Friends of Rainow School

On Behalf of Rainow Primary School FRS Committee
(Past and Present) Emma Nadin - Chair

When parents and children join Rainow Primary School they are introduced to the many delights and exciting opportunities that will fulfil their daily lives over the forthcoming 7 years of primary education. A major part of this is the involvement with the Friends of Rainow School – or the FRS as it is more commonly known. The FRS is more than a PTA group, it's more than a gathering of busy parents and teachers who routinely run a cake sale or the regular Christmas Fair – it's a community.

I was lucky enough to be introduced to the FRS when my first child joined Rainow Primary School. As a new parent I was nervous about my involvement and the worth I would bring to the organisation as a full time working mum.

I was wrong! As a participating 'Class Rep' for Reception Year, I was set to task alongside my co-pilot to bring the gaggle of Reception Parents into the FRS fold. This was an important role – as new parents to the school the FRS deemed us to be at the top of their priority list because we were the future of the school...WOW – what a privilege! (We soon came to realise the FRS knew that we were vulnerable and desperate to fit into the school community – plus we had a further 6 years of volunteering in us!)

But that's how it is...the FRS is a community – a group that unites and shares collective experiences to make our journey as parents easier. We pitch it as a PTA, a group that helps us raise essential monies for our school, but that happens as a part of this group. That's what makes it fabulous! Raising money is collaborative, helps us make connections and long-term friendships and it is FUN!

Through committee meetings and focus groups, the FRS has raised thousands of pounds for the school including Summer BBQs, Christmas Fairs, Chilli and Quiz Nights, Movie Nights, Raffles, 100 Clubs, Family Walks, Bags to School Collections, School Lotteries to name a few. On average the FRS and supporting community help to raise over £9,000 per annum for the school – a phenomenal amount for a village school of 164 families! This fundraising has created many opportunities for the school from Theatre Visits, Discos, Classroom and Playground Equipment, School Play lighting and Sound equipment, to huge investments such as contributing to the new extension in 2012/13 which allowed the school to expand and create a brand-new classroom for year 2.

All the money raised by the FRS benefits the school, our children, our community. Community is a huge part of the FRS and this flows through parental involvement, countless volunteers and support from those within the village and surrounding areas. Without the support of those volunteers we wouldn't achieve the results we do year on year.

On behalf of Rainow School FRS and as current Chair, I have been nominated to write this article to contribute to the 40th edition of *The Raven*. Within that contribution, I represent many previous Committees and Chairs who have built the FRS to what it is now. Thank you for creating a fabulous environment for our school – it is a privilege to continue your legacy.



Rainow Cubs Summer 2017



Goodness, it is hard to believe that I have been writing these articles about the Cub activities for ten years! Out of interest, I looked back at the first piece I wrote about our meetings. In fact little has changed, we have around the same number (32), try and get outside as much as possible and work towards a wide range of badges with visits to various places and visitors to our meetings. Sadly, due to lack of support, there is less at District level with the football leagues, 5-a-side tournaments, swimming galas and sports day all no longer taking place, just leaving the handicraft competition and quiz.

As for this year, we seemed more affected by bad weather, again cancelling a meeting due to storms making it unsafe to do the kayaking, sailing and abseiling as planned. Fortunately most of the Pack managed to participate in these the following weeks. For the first time we went to Erwood Sailing Club for an introduction to sailing evening, much enjoyed by everyone. We went to Rudyard and Erwood for kayaking with Moorland Adventure and to Tegg's Nose for abseiling.

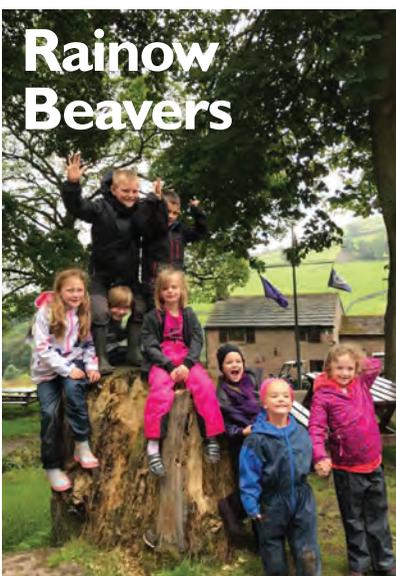
For our Fire Safety Badge, we visited Bollington Fire Station and had a very informative and entertaining evening completed by having a go with the hose – I must admit I 'accidentally' wetted quite a few Cubs!!

Steve, one of our new Leaders, took a small group to Senior Camp at Barnswood which they all enjoyed, participating in a wide range of activities and challenges geared to the older Cubs.

We dressed up as surgeons, doctors and nurses for the Fête and came second, while our Tree Surgeon scarecrow won Best Junior award.

Time seems to go so quickly, I will probably be writing another report on our activities in 10 years' time, hopefully still with a well behaved, enthusiastic, fun-loving Pack and supportive parents as there is now, though I might struggle to keep up with them!!

Rainow Cubs report by Akela Sue Grimes



Rainow Beavers



The Raven magazine has changed my life! A bold statement but having lived in Rainow for 14 years, I remember the first issue of the Raven dropping through our letterbox. I remember being very impressed with all the activities going on in the village, particularly the very adventurous cub pack! When I had my own children I wanted to help with the groups to make sure they would be able to take part in the adventure. This led to helping Akela with Cubs and then eventually taking over the leadership of the Beavers colony. I am not sure I would have thought about Scouting unless I had read about our local groups and been inspired by them.

Reflecting on the last 10 years as Beaver Leader is difficult because I've only been in charge for about three months... The Rainow Beavers Colony owes its existence to Angela Barlow who set it up and led it until Suzanne Tobin and Karen Roberts took over. Kim Gough and I have been in charge since Easter. We have a full colony of 24 boys and girls and a short waiting list. We are inspired by the other youth groups in the village and take the



Rainow Brownies

This time last year we were thinking the Brownie Unit in Rainow would have to close due to a lack of girls, but I am pleased to say this situation has reversed with ten excited little girls attending each week. More girls are anticipated to join from September which will mean we have the minimum number of twelve to be a secure unit. It is enormously satisfying to know that the future of Rainow Brownies is going to continue into the future and that we are a team of leaders who are committed volunteers and supportive of the girl guide aims and objectives in providing a safe but fun environment for activities.

Seven of those girls were enrolled in April and May, making their Promise and completing their hostess badge whilst also entertaining their guests and cooking food on a barbecue.

In March to April, we made pancakes and attempted tossing the pancake races, made African jewellery to wear to get into the spirit for our noisy but rhythmic Kontaani djembe drumming evening, daffodil flowers for Mother's Day and for Easter, chicks, bunnies and chocolate nests with an Easter egg trail. The lovely warm weather in May allowed us to get outside where we held an "Anything" Auction, campfire songs and games, toasting marshmallows, tracking signs and trails around the village. For Father's Day, the Brownies made a tie craft card.

We started our Healthy Heart badge in June with a visit to Tesco on the Farm to Fork trail going onto the shop floor as well as behind the scenes and even into the deep freezer! At another Brownie meeting, Brownies Esme and Kaylah gave very well thought out presentations to the others about heart conditions and asthma and they all designed and carried out exercise programmes involving warm up, main exercise and cool down sessions, taking their pulse at varying times.

At the end of the summer term we had a day out in Buxton on a murder mystery treasure trail to find out who drowned Mr Bubbly Bob Sparkles, the owner of the water bottling factory. The Brownies, all named after famous detectives, set off eagerly armed with a list of suspects and weapons found at the scene along with a number of clues to solve as they went around the streets and parks of Buxton. They put forward numerous suggestions with all kinds of plausible reasons before finally solving the last clue to reveal the true identity of the murderer was..... CASE CLOSED. Well that would be telling wouldn't it!! The Brownies were rewarded with a well-earned ice cream and play in the park.

adventurous theme of the Scouting Association very seriously. We have had several adventures since Easter. The Beavers have made their own kites (this was a serious challenge for the Leaders) and planted peas and sunflowers to grow at home. We had a heroes evening where we designed superheroes and developed and performed plays about them. In the middle of the term we had a different type of adventure, and calmed down by doing some laughter yoga. This was followed by a Rounders tournament and Cycling Badge. The term finished up with a Roman evening where Beavers made their own Roman swords and shields to use in the Fête Procession and we built an aqueduct from recyclable material. It wasn't quite as long as the longest one still surviving, but did reach almost the length of the Institute.

Beavers didn't stop in the summer holidays with a few enterprising parents organising a camping weekend for us all which was a huge adventure! Not phased by the constant summer weather (drizzle interspersed by the occasional heavy downpour) we camped overnight in the Peak District. We put up our own tents and the

Beavers made their beds. We had a long hike through the woods surrounding Gradbach Mill and followed a pirate treasure trail through Lud's Church and found some buried treasure! We rounded off the day by having a campfire, toasting marshmallows and having a sing song. After a night's sleep interspersed by more rain, we learnt about knot tying and all the Beavers mastered a Reef knot. We finished up with an impromptu rounders game. Thanks to all the parents and Beavers who attended and especially to the Coxes for all their hard work and infectious enthusiasm.

Next term we are planning to travel around the world and have four evenings planned where Beavers will get a flavour of four very different countries. We will also explore the world virtually by completing our Digital Citizen badges.

So thanks to the Raven magazine without which I probably wouldn't be spending my Wednesday evenings having a lot of very noisy fun with 24 very enthusiastic and lovely young people.
Helena



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Born in sty. Albans, Hertfordshire, in 1952, Jane Osmond developed a love of art from an early age which would transpire into a career spanning over forty years, much of which was based around her love for the landscapes of the Peak District. Following her foundation year at sty. Albans College of Art, Jane studied printmaking at Camberwell College of Arts where she learnt the techniques of etching, one of the preferred mediums of the Old Masters and that of her favourite artist, Rembrandt. Etching, the method of making prints from a metal plate into which a design has been incised by acid, became the process for which Jane was most renowned when she moved to Macclesfield in 1977.

Having bought a specially-designed etching press in the late seventies, which now belongs to the Macclesfield art collective Incubation Arts, Jane started teaching the process in private lessons and became one of the founding members of the Longden Art Gallery. Alongside etching, Jane also specialised in screen printing, and began adding to her own portfolio of Macclesfield and its surrounding areas. Her eye for architectural detail is evident in her prints of buildings such as Buxton Opera House, Bramall Hall and King Edward sty. Chapel, while her love of the Pennine landscape is encapsulated in her pictures of landmarks such as the Roaches, Cleulow Cross and Windgather Rocks.

In 2001, Jane moved with her two children from Hurdsfield to Kerridge End in Rainow, where her house became a permanent gallery of her work and where she

A tribute to Jane Osmond



Sledging at Kerridge End 18/50 Jane Osmond



Towards Lamaload Road, Rainow 4/50 Jane Osmond



Path through the Meadow 1/50 Jane Osmond

continued teaching students the techniques of etching. An etching of Rainow School surrounded by daffodils had been commissioned in the late 1990s as a leaving present for one of the teachers, and the village would itself become a focal point for Jane in her move there. Tower Hill, Rainow Ridge and scenes of snowy hills were captured and memorialised in Jane's portfolio. Jane contributed on a number of occasions to the Rainow Art Exhibition. A keen wanderer of the world, Jane found further inspiration in the Nordic landscapes of Norway and Iceland, as well as the islands of Scotland, but it was the Peak District to which she always returned. Painting became her preferred medium in later years, her final pictures depicting the gentle slope of her favourite peak, Shutlingsloe.

Jane sadly died at the end of January, but is remembered by her two children, Jim and Pip, and by many people of Rainow, Macclesfield and beyond who keep her timeless pictures on their walls.

Pictures from top to bottom:

Sledging at Kerridge End

Towards Lamaload Road, Rainow

Path Through the Meadow



Our Fête in T

Forty Years of Vil



In this special issue celebrating ten (years) and forty (issues), Bob Langstaff takes an unashamedly affectionate look at Rainow's most enduring and endearing celebration during the forty years he has been a resident.

Nobody knows when Rainow fête first appeared in the village calendar. Like most such events it was probably born out of an amalgamation of seasonal celebrations, sacred and secular, fostered by various groups and individuals. The origins of the fête in its present form may well date from the heyday of the Plough Inn, now "Plowden" in Hawkins Lane, reputedly the scene of much revelry at holiday times, when the strict licensing laws could be 'eased' with a glass or two for the village constable. This was especially so during Rainow's October Wakes Week, when the ascent of greasy poles with a leg of mutton tied to the top would challenge the most agile of village men.

The procession probably had its beginnings in the "Club Walks" of the 19th century when members of the "New Club", the "Old Club" and the "King and Country Club" which existed for a time as curious combinations of political loyalties, social gatherings and a good excuse for the occasional knees-up, would make their annual progression, first to the Methodist Chapel, then from Stocks Lane to Kerridge End and back, led by the Rainow Brass band and no doubt calling at all the licensed houses. Serious drinking and dancing would follow. It was during these celebrations that the Mayor of Rainow, elected for the coming year, would be paraded in his red robes and multi-coloured hat, seated backwards on a donkey.

By 1977 the Fête had become a Church-led event fixed on an appointed Saturday in June, and a fund-raiser for good causes. The Mayor was still appointed for the following year though the greasy poles and the Clubs had long since gone. The intrepid Denis Warrington had reprised the role of the backward-riding Mayor for his term of office in the 1960's but this was a one-off and has never been tried since. The fête still began with a procession and in 1977 this was along Hawkins Lane to its regular venue, which had switched during the 1960's from Hayles Clough to the Lowndes Fold field where Rainow School now stands. Whilst the new school was being built the temporary home of the fête became New Barn Farm. Then it was back to the school grounds before moving to its present home, Billy Moss's field on Sugar Lane.

The serious work would begin the day before the event. Fête equipment is now stored in the village but forty years ago there were chairs and benches to be brought from Rainow Institute, Rainow School and Hurdsfield Chapel and a children's roundabout to be fetched from Lower Bull Hill Farm and erected in the fête field. A newcomer to the village, I was amazed that men, women, lorries, tractors and trailers would appear unbidden, and during the Friday

Their Hands

Village Celebrations

evening/night and Saturday morning the fête field would be made ready to receive all the tried and tested ingredients of an English country fête, be it Punch & Judy, morris-dancers, fancy dress, tug-o'-war and tombola, splat-the-rat; bale-tossing, any number of decorated stalls, the dog show, the sheep-shearing or the Kerridge Climb.

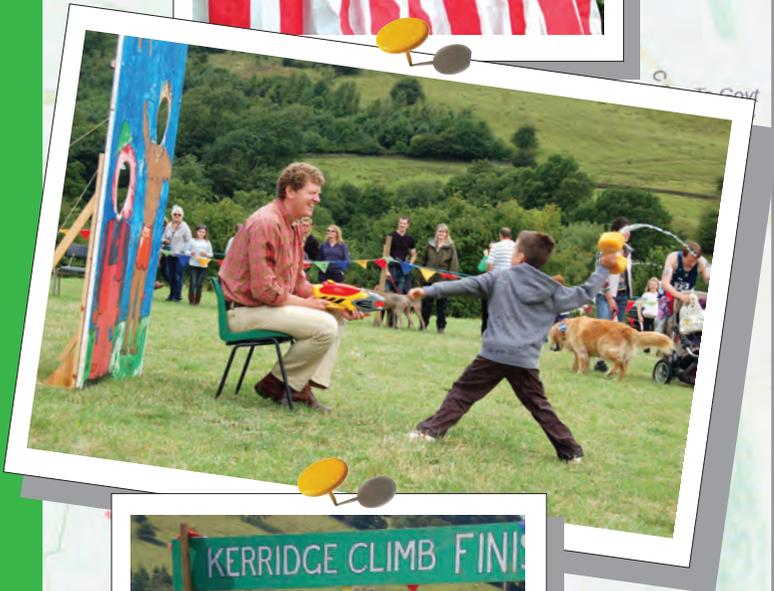
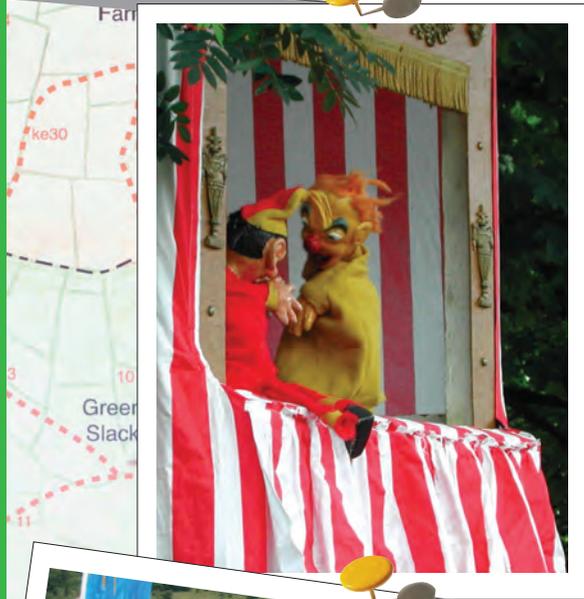
I've loved being part of it all for most of my forty years in the village. There can be few better places than Rainow for a procession, snaking from one of its two last inns (sadly now reduced to one) to the fête field. My favourite memories of the procession are the team of Rising Sun regulars that entertained us for years during the 1990s, gracing the procession as, amongst other things, the Red Sparrows Wheelbarrow Formation Team, The Chippendales, Morris Men (complete with feather dusters), White Water Rowing Team (children's inflatable dinghies around their midribs) and the unforgettably heroic ballroom dancing team who danced their way to the field in top hats and tails, strapped to inflatable lady partners, on the most sweltering fête Saturday in living memory, all of these wonderfully choreographed by the then landlady of the Rising Sun, Lynn Rollinson.

Much work is done throughout the year by the Fête Committee, especially since fête day became the centre of the already-renowned Scarecrow Fortnight in the early 2000's. Fête Committee meetings are lively affairs where decisions are made on which events stay or go, beneficiaries are chosen and the next Mayor is nominated. The committee ensures that facilities improve year on year, the marquee is bigger, there are more stalls, all of them covered, a PA system and toilets!

So, my personal and heartfelt thanks to those who have put on the show over the years, too many to call by name but I will specially praise those leading lights – the Chairmen of the Fête committee down all these years. Arthur Warrington was in the chair when I first became involved. I'm sure he won't mind my referring to him as the 'godfather' of the modern Rainow Fête, keeping a sometimes rowdy committee in order with his sure knowledge of what the village would like, his innate common sense and his gentle encouragement. Arthur was followed into the 'hot-seat' by Peter Cotterill, John Stagg, William Warrington and Peter Nixon. All of these were backed by a small army of helpers – Assistant Chairmen, Treasurers, Gatemen, Traffic Controllers, Procession Organisers, tea brewers, sandwich makers, cake bakers, competition organisers, collectors, ticket sellers, announcers, fixers, menders, stall decorators and float builders. Mayors taking their bows, Rose Queens looking lovely, fancy-dressers looking daft for the day, and the Vicar happily taking a large wet sponge full in the face for the fiftieth time that day all in the name of a good cause.

To name all the heroes would take 20 pages and to show all the wonderful pictures a further 200.

My thanks to you all.





no 74 delicatessen in bollington



It might seem like a slightly strange statement, but over 12 months ago I remember feeling a sense of excitement when I learnt that a delicatessen was going to open very close to my design studio...

This excitement was entirely justified when the ladies of No. 74 opened their doors for the first time.

What a fabulous place!

Twelve months on, I can justifiably say that I feel the same when I am fortunate enough to visit, which I try to do as often as possible. Perhaps I should say that my excitement has turned to enjoyment. I'll tell you why...

Life should be full of small but precious pleasures, and I most certainly believe that this is my experience when I visit No. 74. A vital ingredient of any establishment is the people who work there and greet you. Without fail, I always receive a warm 'virtual hug' and a cheery hello from the ladies, who have all become great friends.

As I say in business, happiness and positivity are infectious, and this is absolutely true with regard to No. 74 – both are provided in ample quantities! This is what makes visiting the delicatessen so special. You enter and are made to feel good, and without doubt you feel great when you leave after having sampled their delights!

I am a self confessed coffee snob, so nothing but the dark elixir prepared with the utmost care and love will do, and No. 74 excel in this respect. Over the last year I have watched the crafting of their coffee reach the heights of any of the fabulous coffee houses in Manchester's Northern Quarter. This is quite an accolade.

Visiting No. 74 has now become part of my weekly routine. My Friday lunchtime flat white and glorious (did I say 'glorious'? Yes, I did!) sandwich is a great way to round off what has often been a rather taxing week, and a way to start looking forward to the weekend.

As well as the amazing local and artisan produce, the delicatessen is presented in an extremely appealing way. It is full of wonderfully warm colours and textures, which simply reinforces No. 74's welcome. The atmosphere is relaxed so you feel as though you are walking into the home of a very good friend, and as such it is rather difficult to leave.

Customers often ask me 'Are you in here again?!' But in fact I wish that I could be at No. 74 much more often... I could ask the same question because clearly others also find the delicatessen irresistible!

All in all, I know that Bollington is undeniably proud of its lovely delicatessen. For a village that puts a sense of community close to its heart, No. 74 has become the epitome of this. It is the perfect focus for purchasing wonderful produce and goods, but also for experiencing and tasting all that's good in life...

Here's to the next 12 months and far beyond!"

A very satisfied customer!

The proprietors of no. 74 are delighted by this glowing review as we pass our first birthday (28th July)!

For all our current and (hopefully!) future customers:

We will be launching our Christmas hampers & hosting an evening on 9th November for you to pre order your Christmas gifts. We will also be offering some late night shopping evenings throughout autumn/winter.

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News from the Lamp and Candle



Hello,

There's been much chatter among the Raven team about this being the edition that celebrates ten years of the magazine, and I've been asked to say a few words in my role as deputy assistant roving correspondent. I can't exactly say I haven't enjoyed writing for the Raven but I still have reservations about having let the cat out of the bag in the first place. I let it be known that the "Lamp & Candle" is still in business with a view to helping the "Rising Sun" and the "Highwayman" in their fight for survival. Despite my best efforts both of those pubs have gone and I'm fighting to keep my own place from being overrun.

Still, I'll carry on. I believe I've done a lot of good for the village, standing up against female domination, red tape and political correctness and helping the careers of good people like my friend, Mrs Gaddum. Anyway, you can read about all that in the gripping new book, "News from the Lamp & Candle", which is selling like warm buns, so be sure and get your copy before they're all gone. Every penny of the measly tenner it costs goes to Rainow NSPCC group and it's a must for the perfect Christmas present. Available through any of the Raven editors.

No news on the Robin Hood yet – let's hope no news is good news and we hear something positive soon. The gloom was lifted for a while by the wonderful Rural Life Exhibition – a real treat and well worth the wait since the last one! David Nixon and his team really pulled out all the stops. If all the exhibits were counted they would number in the thousands. There was even a tasteful nod to the Lamp & Candle – a signpost pointing completely in the wrong direction, so if anyone was thinking it was a hidden clue to our whereabouts they are welcome to search around Prestbury for as long as they like.

The Rainow Fête was as good as ever – and those scarecrows in Ramsbottom Lane – I laughed 'til the tears ran down my legs. The lads were particularly taken with the new Mayor, a friendly guy who they took to immediately. Our grandson, Kevin, wanted to invite him to the shin-kicking preliminaries but rumour has it that the new Mayor is an ex-policeman so I'm afraid there'll be no visits until I've checked this out and had another look at what's still in the big shed. We don't want one copper finding a load more (if you get my meaning). Mrs Kenyon would have kittens if she knew a member of the force was coming round, even a retired one! Mrs K comes from a family that sail a bit close to the wind, legal wise, but she has a heart of gold. She was telling us last week that her youngest, Wayne, has joined the Army and he's doing very well. It appears he'd only been a soldier for a fortnight when they made him a Court-Marshall.

Unfortunately, that's not the only problem the Fête has caused in the Snug. Miserable Bickerdike wanted to know why he shouldn't be Mayor one day. I told him he'd have to cheer up for a kick-off! Well, he took this advice seriously and he's coming in here with a big ghastly grin on his face. We tried to make him miserable again by telling him that we were thinking of installing

a juke box but he thought that was a hilarious joke and it's made him happier than ever! The sooner he cheers down again the better.

Then there was that business about Madame Zelda. Little Arthur was telling the lads that there was a fortune teller with a stall in one of the front gardens on Millers Meadow. This was just what the Landlady wanted to hear and she sent him back to book Madame Zelda for the entertainment at the Tatting Circle annual presentation night. Fortunately, neither Madame Z nor her crystal ball appeared. The Landlady was furious with Arthur and demanded an explanation. Arthur was forced to confess that he went to see Madame Zelda in her garden but she was silent and completely motionless. Thinking she was in some sort of mystical trance he slipped a note under her crystal ball, asking her to turn up at the "Lamp" for the big occasion. Anyway it turned out that Madame Zelda was in fact a very lifelike scarecrow. Arthur's been the butt of cruel jokes ever since and the Ladies' Tatting Circle had to make do with Miserable Bickerdike's new stand-up routine which included forty-two verses of "Eskimo Nell" and did not go down well, I can tell you! Of course the Landlady blames me for all this, as she has done for other catastrophic occasions throughout our married life. I'll never forget the first time I met the Landlady, though God knows I've tried.

And what were all those road closures about? Rainow was virtually cut off for days and when you tried to get into Macclesfield the Silk Road was shut, with barriers on the Cat & Fiddle road and at Lyme Green thrown in for good measure. Kevin and Ginger Dave worked out that if there'd been a blockage at Bollington Cross at eleven o'clock on the Wednesday morning the traffic would have backed up all the way to Liverpool. So I wrote to the Macclesfield Council and suggested they consider the following brilliant plan. They should do the job properly next year and organise a "ROAD CLOSED FESTIVAL". All the other towns around here have some kind of festival or other and this could be a winner. They could put 'ROAD CLOSED' signs all over the place and give out prizes to drivers who could reach a certain place within 24 hours. The Silk Road could be closed to cars and lined with colourful stalls. Families would be able to walk up and down it and get acquainted instead of passing one another at sixty miles an hour. Drivers could swap information about vehicles and exchange road closure stories. A Brass Band would round the proceedings off nicely, and kids could enter a competition to draw the straightest white line down the middle of the road.

Now my regular readers will recognise this idea for what it is, but not the Macclesfield Council who treat this as a serious idea to meet their objectives of reducing air pollution and having more roundabouts for children to play on. They're going to form a committee to ensure it happens! The world's gone mad! All for now, Landlord.



The Story Behind Our Village Bus



The Village Wants an Evening Bus Service

The Village's desire for an evening bus service stemmed from the Parish Plan which was implemented in 2003 and completed in 2006. The Parish Plan was a government initiative taken up by the Parish Council producing an Action Plan consisting of some 30 items of varying priorities.

Two of the more important actions to be realised were the award winning Raven, now in its 10th year and 40th edition and the other – the Rainow Village Bus (RVB) is shortly coming up to its 3rd anniversary of service.

The History of the Bus

The history of the community bus has been a long and sometimes frustrating business. It started with the PC obtaining a grant from Cheshire East of £7,020 with which to set up a community travel scheme. Two public meetings led eventually to a volunteer group of 15 forming the RVB team.

A pilot scheme was arranged for the Barnaby Festival weekend in 2013, hiring a 5 seater MPV. The trial was very successful but it was not financially viable to hire a vehicle for any extended period.

The Village Gets a Bus!

We became aware that Cheshire East were disposing of a number of mini buses (previously used for school transport). Following a successful application we were granted one of these in January 2014, a fully equipped Mercedes Sprinter which was 6 years old and had travelled some 130,000 km.

In December 2014 the group registered as a charity (CIO). It was very exciting times and we purchased extra seats from eBay, and cones, and safety jackets, we scrubbed and cleaned and the Village Bus Service was born!

The Logo

A competition was held at Rainow School to design a suitable logo for the bus and the winning design by Edie

Barstow was adopted and features on the bus to this day.

The Village Gets a Brand New Bus!

In January 2015 there was a new government-sponsored scheme whereby new minibuses would be supplied to those communities that could demonstrate that they had a need and were already running a successful scheme. Following a successful application we were awarded a brand new bus which we took delivery of in November 2016 (the wheels of government turn slowly!).

During this time and due to the generosity of the Fête Committee and the Parish Council who together granted us £600, we were able to meet mounting maintenance costs and continue running the service with the old bus.

The Boring Bit!! Facts & Figures

Following delivery of the new bus, the old bus was put up for auction and luckily sold for £3,400 over that same weekend. This was great news! We were now on a sound financial footing with a brand new bus and sufficient money in the bank to continue the service for at least 3 more years.

Some facts and figures:

Over its life the Rainow Village Bus service has tried various methods of service, both scheduled and "turn up and go". We eventually settled on a Pre-Book system as being the most efficient and cost effective way of running the service.

The old bus carried some 970 passengers over the period from October 2014 to November 2016 (an average of nearly 40 per month) and covered a distance of nearly 11,000 miles. It was hired out on 80 occasions to community groups such as the School, the WI, the Scouts, Guides, the Bollington Air Cadets, Robin Hood Pool and Darts teams and Cinemac group and for private hire including theatres and children's parties, and many more.

The new bus has carried nearly 350 passengers since November 2016 to date (an average of 35 per month) and has covered 2,355 miles. It has also carried 30 groups during this period.

Ruth Hogan

The Keeper of Lost Things



In this charming debut novel, the writer proposes the principle that all “lost things” are inherently valuable and integral pieces of peoples’ lives and that with appropriate care and attention, all will find their rightful place. This fascinating proposition is enchantingly addressed using a dual narrative spanning 40 years. In the present day, the focus is Anthony, an ageing gentleman who has spent his life mourning his deceased fiancée and collecting and cataloguing lost items. In the 1970’s, we are introduced to Eunice, the secretary and best friend of the affable publisher, Bomber, for whom she holds an unrequited love.

Each lost item collected by Anthony represents a fragment of another life, which he depicts in the stories he writes. In doing so, he is attempting to atone for his own loss, one which burns at the heart of the novel and which reflects the underlying stories depicted by

all the different characters. Anthony’s fiancée, Therese, had given him a gift, extracting a promise from him that he would keep it with him always. The day he lost it was the day she died. However, the lost objects epitomise more than Anthony’s salvation, the process of finding them, capturing their meaning, restoring them is one that is healing to the book’s characters and which demonstrates the simple and unassailable power of kindness and compassion.

The stories of Anthony and Eunice intertwine and eventually converge as the past catches up with the present, in a beautiful story of friendship, grief and redemption. Along the way, intermittent stories which represent the tales created by Anthony about the “lost things” are elegantly and captivatingly presented, typifying one of the fundamental themes of the book – that of interconnection and meaning. Although implausible at times, “The Keeper of Lost Things” is a gentle, quiet and intricately crafted novel, whose characters are pleasantly and lovingly depicted and whose simple and innocent message is one of hope and redemption.

It is interesting to note that there have been book reviews in “The Raven” since issue 16 in the Autumn of 2011. The books reviewed and recommended then were “Blue Eyed Boy” by Joanne Harris, “One Day” by David Nicholls and “Shantaram” by Gregory David Roberts. Perhaps time to read or revisit these initial recommendations from Rainow Book Club members!

If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can improve the service and ultimately the revenue we would be delighted to hear them. Please email kenbut@btinternet.com

We would also be delighted to welcome additional people on to the team either as a driver or marketing adviser.

What would you like from the bus?

Would you like trips to Handforth Dean or The Trafford Centre in December for Christmas shopping? Would you like to go to Buxton anytime of the year or in December for the children’s pantomimes which are fantastic for parties (we went last year 5 adults and one child! It was terrific fun!!). Would you like to – join a Magical Mystery Tour to a pub for dinner? Let the team know what you would like and we can arrange it. The bus belongs to you all but sadly when the funds run out we will be unable to run the service so if you don’t use it unfortunately we will lose it.

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Thanks also to Mel Wilcox for work on the logo and Greig Nicol for his help with the website.

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- 2lb Rhubarb 5lb Sugar
- ? Pint water

Method

1. Cut the rhubarb into 1 inch lengths.
2. Put all the fruit and water into a preserving pan and bring to the boil, stirring continuously until the fruit has fallen.
3. Add sugar, stir until dissolved, simmer for 1 hour, bottle and label.

Nowadays, the Raven is a regular source of recipes but even before our village magazine was thought of, Rainow had its sources of recipes. Over the last twenty five years cookery books have appeared based on recipes provided by Rainow people and in recent years Rainow NSPCC has produced several recipe booklets. One of the earliest Rainow books – perhaps even the first to appear in print – was "Rainow Receipts", collated by Judith Heyworth and containing over 100 recipes, which many households in Rainow first saw as a Christmas present in 1989!

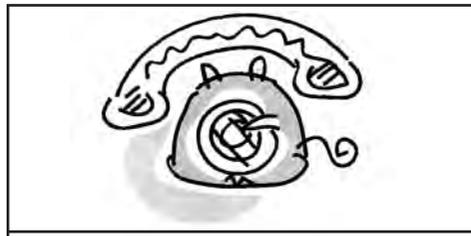
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After months of hard work the exhibition, which was held at the One House Lodge and walled garden, was upon us.

We were very privileged to have Mable Lomas to cut the ribbon and officially open the event.

We could never have imagined just how well attended the whole event would be, it exceeded all our expectations with visitors returning time and time again.

The centre piece of the exhibition was focused on the Rowbothams' wheelwright workshop which was originally at Gin Clough.

The youth club and tug of war photograph display from the 70's and early 80's certainly gave everyone something to talk about, with a lot of laughing at past fashion and hair styles.

The Vintage motor cycle evening brought out bike enthusiasts in there droves and with the added perfect weather it was a very busy evening.

Visitors who took the short walk down to the historic walled garden were able to see how much hard work goes into



Rural Life Exhibition



the upkeep of the gardens, bothy and Victorian greenhouse.

Traditional hay making demonstrations using scythes and rakes ran throughout the week. This proved to be very popular.

Saturday evening's ploughman's supper, live music and guest speaker Peter Slack was a night to remember, we were again able to host the evening event under the night sky due to the perfect weather conditions.

The final day, under the soaring temperatures, again fetched so many visitors. The tea and cake marquees were alive with people seeking shade and awaiting to see firsthand how hay was gathered using one of the Rowbothams' carts – who would have thought that this would draw such interest, even the youngsters got involved.

David and Sue would like to thank everyone who helped, contributed and of course came and supported us to make this event so successful.



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The Hack Writer

by Jim Kennelly



The Raven has come of age with this issue, number 40, as we complete 10 years of publication. The editors felt we should review Life, Rainow and the Raven over this period. We can hence look forward to our difficult and hormonal teenage years to come.

I have not inflicted my scribbles on the readership during the whole 10 year period; I was merely a reader of the magazine for the first 5 years. People frequently ask how they get into writing and hope this will inevitably lead to lucrative celebrity. Personally, thanks to the Raven, I managed the first in a small way, but am still clueless how to accomplish the second.

I have no formal training in writing; my first experience of general writing outside of "O" level English was in a previous job. During a staff meeting in 2004, Alan, the European Director (my boss's boss), was chuntering for England. The annual industry awards were imminent and he was in full whinge mode; "At last year's dinner it was a procession of Titanco staff hoovering up the Prizes – I was trapped on a table with their directors with their smug commentary...industry leading teams...flexible and innovative... goto contractors... Blah, Blah, Blah. Nearly put me off my pudding – 3 hours of my life that I shan't have again. Not this time – no more mister nice guy – you lot are going to win me some gongs, shut up Titanco and save my digestion!" Volunteers were requested for the various sections but when we came to the Line Manager of the Year; no takers. Alan then had a singular coughing fit "Gerrumphjim, Gerrumphjim". A more astute colleague buried her elbow into my ribs and hissed; "volunteer, you cretin!" "Please Sir – May I enter the Line manager competition?" This required an essay describing organising a team to address a resourcing shortfall. Not much scope for a Booker Prize or much entertainment. However, I decided to set my answer in an imaginary company that might be a workplace heaven or an air freshened Corporate hell – headquartered at "Utopia Heights". I would love to say that it resulted in a podium finish, but it did get a highly commended mention. The rest of the team came through, although we did not completely vanquish Titanco, we put a serious dent in their delusions of superiority and Alan enjoyed his dinner that year. A colleague on the judging panel for the (anonymous) entries, asked me afterwards – "Which was your entry? Was it the Utopia Heights effort? I was going through people I knew with the sort of warped personality that might fit." – Positive feedback - of a sort.

I had few writing opportunities afterwards, that is, until I was inveigled into writing for the Raven Magazine by the treachery and intrigue of alleged friends. The Raven editorial team keep their ears to the ground, on the lookout for village events worth including in the magazine. If so, they write an article, conduct an interview or best still persuade, flatter or schmooze an impressionable civilian to write. A friend on the editorial team suggested that an article on the Robin Hood quiz team would be welcome. In a suggestible state (we were celebrating a quiz league win in the pub) I agreed to write a piece. I thought I had signed up to a single article, whereas I had unknowingly entered into a Faustian bargain with the Raven – and they knew where I lived. I was then asked to write about being one of Rainow's many home workers and then my experiences of the village fête. Henceforth, I was encouraged to write articles based on my own experiences, provided they had some passing relevance to Rainow residents. To simplify the process, I was invited onto the editorial team. For any contributions which might be too personal and embarrassing, the Raven obliged by publishing under a pseudonym.

The editorial team identifies topics of interest in Rainow for articles. The first priority are items that are contemporary with that issue – Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter, space permitting. More generic articles might be held over (for up to a year, but I am not bitter). Ideas emerge at the editorial meetings; sometimes one member of the team might suggest a topic and another will be delegated to write it up. Consequently editorial meetings are well attended, as absentees find that tasks are delegated to them as a punishment for their non-attendance.

Harking back to my days as a reader back in 2007, I was impressed by the Raven's high standards of content and presentation; certainly the best community/village magazine I had encountered hitherto. In my opinion these standards have been maintained and improved over the last 10 years; something to aim at during the Raven's second decade.

Thanks to the Unsung Heroes!

The delivering and collection of **CHRISTIAN AID** envelopes in Rainow is to be discontinued. Whilst not signalling the end of Christian Aid contributing in the village, this method of fund-raising will no longer be used. Dozens of willing collectors have braved the sun, the rain, the hail and all types of gates, steps and doors with brave smiles on their faces. It is not an exaggeration to say that over the years tens of thousands of pounds have been collected. For many of these years the difficult job of co-ordinator was taken on by the late and much-missed, Jo Rogers. When Jo became unwell, Ann Bennett and Ann Williams continued this work. Hats off to all who have helped over many years and in particular to those who gave us their money and their good wishes.

There will be a single annual event to support Christian Aid in future years and we hope you will support this worthy cause. *Thanks again*

Favourite Rainow Walks



We feature a **Rainow walk** in each issue of "The Raven" and would be delighted to hear from anyone with a favourite walk which they think others would enjoy.

If you are willing to share your gems, please send full directions with, if possible,

a map and photos to theraven@rainow.com

Look forward to discovering new places!

What's On in Rainow and Bollington

OCTOBER 2017

1	3.00 pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Forest Chapel
4	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Viceroy's House	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
8	10.00am	Family Service and Harvest Thanksgiving	Rainow Church
8	11.00am	David Gibb – Climb that Tree - Children's Singer/Songwriter - £4	Bollington Arts Centre
9	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Beeswax & Candle Making; Susan Chapman	Rainow Institute
15	11.00 am	*Fell race - 14m	Windgather, Buxton
17	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – 'Macclesfield memories', illustrated talk by Ian Storer	Rainow Church Rainow Church
27	7.30 pm	Legends of Soul - Live music, soul classics – Tickets £15 including cold buffet	Bollington Arts Centre

NOVEMBER 2017

1	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Their Finest	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
11	7.30 pm	Edwina Hayes - singer/songwriter – Tickets £10	Bollington Arts Centre
12	10.30 am	*Fell race - 15m	Roches, Meerbrook
13	7.30 pm	Rainow WI Annual Meeting plus 'Gift wrapping unusual shapes', Serenity Crafts	Rainow Institute
21	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – In the Bleak Midwinter, Christmas customs and carols	Rainow Church Centre

DECEMBER 2017

3	10.00 am	Rainow Mothers' Union Advent Service	Rainow Church
3	7.30 pm	Bollington Festival Choir's Christmas Concert – Tickets £10 Adult, £3 concessions	Bollington Arts Centre
6	7.30 pm	Pottflix – My Cousin Rachel	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
11	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Christmas Party	Rainow Institute
15	10.00 am	** NSPCC Punch and mince pies at the home of Carolyn Gittins	The Rowans, 24 Manchester Rd SK10 5HA
23	10.00 am	*Fell race - 7m	Higher Poynton Boar's Head

ADVANCE NOTICE!

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

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

There are no events currently organised for friends of Rainow School, for info on upcoming events please contact Emma Nadin emmajnadin@gmail.com

Pottflix, Flix in the Stix, Bar opens 6.30 pm, performances 7.30 pm. Tickets are £4 in advance from Anthea Wilkinson 01625 573538 or Sue Ralston 01625 573210 or £5 on the door. No details yet on future films, please see the website <https://sites.google.com/site/pottflix/>

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. For notification of 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'S
FESTIVAL

This is the first walk that appeared in *The Raven* in issue 5, now in glorious technicolour.

Walk 1 - Waggonshaw Loop

by Plodder

- Map: OS Explorer OL24 White Peak and OL1 Dark Peak
- Distance: 2.5 – 3 miles
- Height climbed: 150m
- Time: Allow 1.5 – 2 hours.
- Going: Good to firm tracks, fields and road, a bit muddy occasionally, wear boots or wellies in winter/spring
- Start/Finish: Robin Hood, Rainow



If you don't have a copy of the Ordnance Survey Map OL24 don't worry you won't get lost. If you like the comfort of a map though, buy the excellent Rainow Parish Paths Map for a quid from the village pub.



Looking towards Gin Clough from Hazeltrees

Set off up the main road past the Chapel towards Whaley Bridge. About 100m after the Chapel turn right up a track (Yearns Low Track) with a cattle grid at the bottom – take great care crossing the road.

This is a Public Footpath (number 77 actually) which means you have the Right of Way. Landowners around Rainow are very good at maintaining paths and stiles and co-operating with the Highways Authority who are legally responsible for the Rights of Way. So have no worries about access.

The track rises moderately steeply with good going underfoot. Look back occasionally for the view to Rainow, White Nancy and beyond to Alderley Edge, the Cheshire Plain and Jodrell Bank in the distance (look out for it moving).

Pass the quaintly named Slack O' Th' Moor farm on the left and pass beneath Yearns Low tumulus at the top of the track. You can't see it from the track and there's not much to see of this iron-age burial site if you ever do get the chance to visit.

Shortly after the track passes the entrance to Cutlers Farm and after crossing another cattle grid the path leaves the track, bearing left and heading across the field over a stone stile (don't turn left at the fork at the stile) and heads up towards Common Barn Farm ahead of you at the top of the next field.

Continue through the farmyard and out between the farm cottages to another stone stile and across a field.

At the field corner cross another stone

stile into some rising rough ground. Head slightly left towards a stake. At the top you are on Waggonshaw Brow – well done! And will soon be heading home. Now you can see Lamaload Reservoir slightly to your right and beyond to Shining Tor (at 559m Cheshire's highest peak). Further to your right you can see the pointed peak of Shuttlingsloe.

Head through the kissing gate and behind Waggonshaw Farm and on up the track to Ewrin Lane. Stop for a moment as you reach the lane and imagine John Turner and his pack horses labouring up the hill towards Buxter Stoops (you can see it to your right at the top of the lane) through the blizzard in 1755 not knowing at this point that he would get little further than Buxter Stoops...

If you'd like to read more about John Turner get hold of Alan Garner's wonderful novel *Thursbitch*.

Now turn left on the lane and begin your journey home. At the top of the lane in about 100m look to your right and see Kinder Scout in the distance beyond Windgather Rocks.

After passing Blue Boar Farm, bear left onto Smith Lane and about halfway down the lane, before the entrance to Hazeltrees Farm, take a stile on your left and follow the footpath (number 80) down across the farm track and on through the fields until you reach the back of Gin Clough Farm.

Through the farmyard and back to the main road. Turn left and take great care until you reach the pavement after Washpool Cottages before heading on down the road to a well-earned pint.