



The Raven

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The quarterly magazine for the whole of RAINOW





YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Can you Help?

Community Pride Competition

The Parish Council has entered the Community Pride Competition this year (Best Kept Village). We need lots of HELP!

With preliminary judging taking place from Mid-April, volunteers are urgently needed. Can you HELP with: Co-ordinating, keeping public areas tidy, weeding, planting and litter picking etc? TIME Limited? Don't worry we will work around whatever you can offer. Or help out with the "Community Litter Pick" on Sunday 13th May 10 am – 12 noon (Robin Hood car park). Please join us for the big clean up to kick start our campaign towards entry into the Best Kept Village Competition.

We have had some fantastic volunteers previously whose help resulted in us receiving Joint Runner Up 2016 and runner up for our Community Newsletter 2016.

Please contact the Clerk on Tel 01625 850532 or email: parishclerk@rainow.com if you can help.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Deployment



The Parish Council, Pott Shrigley PC and Adlington PC have now taken over the control and operation two SIDs from the police.

The SID's are to be shared equally between the three Parishes and you should now see the SIDs displayed regularly and hopefully we will see a reduction in speeding.

Responsible Dog Ownership

The Parish Council frequently receives complaints about dog mess. We are concerned for the health of children who are being put at risk by owners not taking their responsibilities seriously.

Please deposit your dog's waste in any bin not just dog waste bins. If you see overflowing bins, please report it as soon as you can to Cheshire East Council or email the Parish Council rainowparish@aol.co



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Please be considerate when parking and ensure that you do not obstruct footpaths or driveways and leave sufficient access for wheelchairs, prams and parents with small children. Ensure parking does not restrict the carriageway for emergency vehicles, gritters and delivery vehicles or cause the need to mount grass verges. This has become an increasing problem around Millers Meadow and other areas of the village. Any cars causing an obstruction should be reported as soon as possible by phoning 101.

Communications in the Event of Disruptive Emergencies or Events

In response to the difficulties of clear communication with parishioners experienced during the emergency closure of the B5470 near Lidgett's Lane earlier last year, the Parish Council (PC) is developing more effective communication channels along with wider consideration of resilience planning for our community. Disruptive emergencies and events are those where there is likely to be a material impact upon the activities and well-being of parishioners. While events are planned activities where advance notice is available, and there is time for alternative arrangements to be publicised, emergencies occur without advance notice and immediate communication is required.

The main channels of communication available to the Council are:

Noticeboards – they are available to all parishioners, unlike electronic communications considered below and each noticeboard will be allocated to a PC 'owner' who will be responsible for ensuring that emergency or event notices are posted as appropriate. Notices will refer to the PC website for more detail and the most up to date information.

PC 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 the emergency or event, providing the current status, additional information and links to third party sites (such as Cheshire East Council).

E-mail – will be distributed through two main channels:

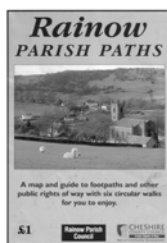
◆ *Village organisations* – to a designated contact who will then disseminate through their own contacts by e-mail or other means;

◆ *Individual e-mail directory* – the PC invite parishioners to provide e-mail addresses to which notices regarding emergencies and events can be distributed. If you would like to be added to this directory, please forward your email address to the PC Clerk (parishclerk@rainow.com). Your email address will only be available to the Parish Clerk and strictly for this purpose only.

Parish Website address - www.rainowvillage.co.uk

Rainow Maps & Walks Booklet

The Rainow walks booklet is now available for only **£1!** If you would like a copy of the booklet or a map, also for **£1**, then please contact Councillor Richard Balment.



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In the last few weeks we have experienced much "weather" in Rainow – especially snow and strong winds! We have had the main road and other side roads closed, lost the power and then water.

However, as always, villagers came together to help each other. Shopping for neighbours, ensuring that everyone was warm and had hot food and drink and pushing vehicles up hills for both locals and visitors passing through. It is heartening to live in a village where people still look out for each other and community spirit is alive and well.

Of course, the snow was not bad news for everyone! With the school closed there were excellent opportunities for sledging and snowman building!

Jane Brett

Editor

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Future Meetings and Dates for your diary

20th March 2018 (7 pm) – followed by the Annual Parish Meeting
17th April 2018
15th May 2018 – Annual General Meeting
19th June 2018

"Community Litter Pick" on Sunday 13th May
10 am – 12 noon

All Meetings commence at 8.00 pm and are advertised on the notice boards and website.



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Woodland Memorial



Those of you who drive down Cesterbridge towards Macclesfield will probably have noticed a new feature which hopefully will be there for many decades. Bridget and Jeremy Gates of Calrofold Farm have given over part of their land called Silver Bank as a Memorial Copse to honour the forty-one men of Rainow who died in the First World War. Bridget and Jeremy first approached the Woodland Trust for help and advice with planning and planting trees in their top field. Doug Edmundson from the Wildlife Trust visited the field after a plan had been drawn. At the same time, Sainsbury's were sponsoring the Woodland Trust to create woodland to mark the centenary of World War One.

The area was fenced and the K.R.I.V. team (of which Bridget is a member) helped to plant 500 native woodland trees. The design incorporates a woodland glade and the wide variety of species include Scots Pine, Hawthorn, Hornbeam, Aspen, Oak and three species of Cherry. The copse will be marked by a Kerridge stone with a suitable inscription.

The K.R.I.V. team are proud to have helped with this project and look forward with the rest of the village to seeing the Silver Bank Memorial Copse flourish over the coming years.

Jane Laughton

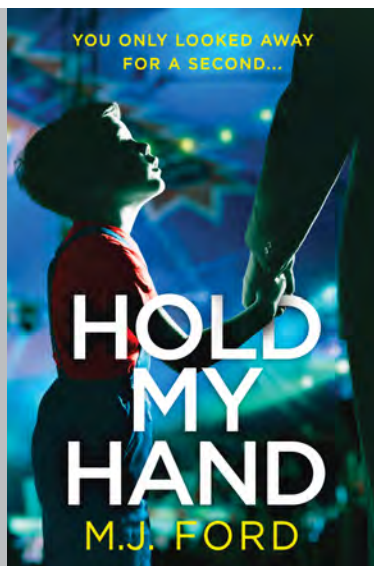
Rainow History Group are sad to note the passing of founder member Jane Laughton. Born in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Jane read Modern Languages at Birmingham University and later went to Manchester University to read for a BA in Ancient History and Archaeology, obtaining a Class 1 degree. Jane then studied for a certificate in Local History at Manchester with a thesis on "The Township of Rainow in the Seventeenth Century", which would provide the material for her first book, "Seventeenth Century Rainow: the story of a Cheshire hill village", published in 1990, two years after moving into the village.

Locally, Jane spoke at meetings of the Macclesfield Historical Society, contributed to The Raven and was a founder member of the Rainow History Group where her medieval expertise was reflected in her articles on Macclesfield Forest and on Hurdsfield in the two volumes of *Patchwork*. Her book published in 2003 on *The Church in the Market Place*, with photographs by Ian Brammer, remains a seminal work on a church history. Her last lecture in Macclesfield was at the Silk Museum when her talk on *John de Macclesfield, c.1351-1422; Local Boy Made Good* made a convincing case for John being closely involved in the medieval poem, 'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'. She suggested that the location of the Green Chapel might be the Bridestones near Congleton, rather than the often quoted Lud's Church in Wincle. Sadly this remains work-in-progress. She will remain best known for her work on medieval Chester and particularly for her book published in 2008; *Life in a Medieval City: Chester 1275-1520*.

Jane was a quiet, modest and charming lady and we were proud to have her in the History Group. People have kindly titled the enthusiastic amateurs in the group 'local historians' but Jane was the real historian among us and gave advice and information freely and copiously. We shall miss her.

Author moves to Rainow!

When she was seven years old, Josie Masters failed to prevent the kidnapping of a boy in a red football shirt at a carnival. Now, thirty years later, Jo's a detective when the remains of a child and a red shirt are discovered on her patch. She sees a chance to make amends by solving the crime, but then another child goes missing in Oxford under similar circumstances and she's drawn into a live investigation. Is it a copycat, or is the original culprit still active and dangerous?



HOLD MY HAND (out 8th March) is a page-turning thriller that will keep you guessing until the end. As the author, I couldn't let the opportunity to plug my debut novel in The Raven pass me by! The book was written last summer, shortly after my family and I moved to Rainow, so if you saw a confused looking 30-something walking two dogs, or talking to himself in the Robin Hood, it was probably me working out the plot. Happy reading!

Michael (MJ) Ford



Rainow 5 Fell Race

The "Rainow 5" fell race will be held on **Wednesday 9th May 2018**, race start 7:30pm. Registration for the race from 6:30pm in the Rainow institute (£5 entry fee - all profits are donated to local Rainow charities). The race is a 5-mile course starting from next to the Robin Hood and using tracks and footpaths taking in White Nancy and the Kerridge Ridge, finishing back by the Robin Hood. All runners age 16+ very welcome to enjoy this friendly local race. Profits from previous races have been donated to local charities: Rainow Pre-School, Rainow Institute (eg new kitchen project), KRIV & Buxton Mountain Rescue Team.

*Local Rainow Resident
Allen Bunyan taking part in the
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Out of School by Jonathan Norris, Headteacher



It has been an incredibly busy start to 2018. For the spring term, we will be focusing specifically on what makes an effective team player and how teamwork can help get the job done!

Whether it is Sarah, our local Police Community Support Officer working with the children on road safety, the Year 3's supporting the RSPB, or our 10 and 11 year olds helping to supervise their 4 and 5 year old buddies on our brilliant new year trip to the theatre, we are always looking for different ways for the children to collaborate with others in a constructive fashion.

Rainow 'Buddy' Programme

For many years our oldest children (y6) have enjoyed being a 'buddy' to our new starters in Reception Class. This system has always worked brilliantly to settle the new starters into school life. Building on the success of our Reception/Year 6 Buddy programme, the Year 1's and Year 5's have now buddied up to work specifically on improving reading skills. At least once a week the children will share stories and texts. Working in this way gives the older children a chance to develop as coaches and mentors, and the younger children an opportunity to hone their reading skills with a friendly and supportive role-model.

RSPB visit Year 3

We were proud to take part in the first Birdwatch of the Macclesfield RSPB Wildlife Explorers' Big School Birdwatch campaign. Members from the RSPB Wildlife Explorers visited school on Monday to carry out their annual bird watch with the help of our budding Year 3 ornithologists. The children were commended for their enthusiasm, curiosity and respect for nature and the environment!

Our thanks as always go to Clair, Mark, Tina and Susan from the RSPB for organising such informative and engaging workshops. A brilliant day.

PCSO Sarah Strengthens our Rainow Team

Sarah visits school regularly to work with our Junior Safety officers, Samson and Lily, and most recently to help educate the children on staying safe online. We greatly appreciate the important work that Sarah and her colleagues do with the children.

Young Voices

The Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena is always a highlight for Rainow School Choir and this year was no exception. They joined thousands of other children to take part in this brilliant event and it is fair to say teamwork was definitely key to making the concert such a success. The teaching staff who accompanied the children described our children's energy, enthusiasm and talents as simply stunning!

Sporting Achievements

Our trophy winning football team made the journey over to Crewe to represent Macclesfield in the county stage of the English Schools Football Competition. On a wet and wild January afternoon, the team played fantastically and remain unbeaten – drawing two and winning one match. We were very unlucky not to progress to the North West stage of the competition.

This really was a memorable experience for the team and to know that we are (at least) among the best 20 teams in Cheshire is a great achievement and a testament to superb teamwork.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to keep up-to-date with school events via our fortnightly newsletter, **The Rainow Round-Up** – which you can find on our website at www.rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk/page/latest-letters/1120 and/or via our Twitter feed, @Rainowprimary



Back: Finlay, Will, Harrison, Josh, Ethan, Aaron
Front: Tommy, Zak, Jamie



Friends of Rainow School

by Juliet Slater

Since the last edition of The Raven, Friends of Rainow School have been very busy.

Our annual Christmas Fair was the best yet in terms of money raised, an astounding £2,650! We introduced pony rides for the first time, which proved very popular, and an auction that raised over £300 alone! We then raised £550 at the Christmas plays, thanks to a raffle and a pop-up bar.

In total, we made a fantastic £6,600 from our fundraising over the festive period, with Mrs Parker and Year Six making a big contribution thanks to their Christmas gift scheme. We also received a very generous donation from an anonymous donor.

Having had such a successful end to 2017, it would have been easy to take our foot off the gas but we have pressed on this year with a fun-packed schedule of money-spinners, some old, some new.

Our first movie night of 2018 – Trolls – raised £390. The children love these events as they get to watch a DVD with friends and have tea together, too.

Then there was a new event: a ladies' fashion and pamper evening. Starting with a fashion show by online shop www.styleofmyown.co.uk, we then got a chance to buy the clothes and visit an express brow bar.

Looking ahead, we have another family walk planned for Sunday 29th April, when we will pray for glorious spring sunshine and lots of rosy-cheeked smiles. A few weeks later, there is a chance to clear out your wardrobes in time for summer, as Bags to School will be collecting on 18th May. Please contact the school if you have any clothes you can donate.

As much as we love organising and putting on events, we only do it to raise funds for our school. All the money goes straight back into buying equipment, subsidising trips and upgrading classrooms. For example, recent funds helped keep costs down for the trip to see Treasure Island at the New Vic Theatre.

One big project we are raising money for is a natural climbing structure in our school grounds. This will include a large clamber net, balance beams, ropewalk and wobbly ladder. A great addition to the school, it will also be an asset for the whole community. If anyone would like more information on this, or if anyone can help, financially or in another way, please contact Nicola Daley at Rainow Primary School.

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 and donate items at all our events.

Rainow Playgroup

We have already had a busy few weeks since the children returned following the Christmas holidays. We have also welcomed some new faces to pre-school.

We ended the year with a Christmas jumper day where everyone entered into the spirit of things, staff and children! We held our Christmas party where we were joined by Rhythm Time and parents and carers were invited to join us at the end of session for a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. All the children were given a Festive Wildlife Detective Sheet to take home with them to help them learn more about their environment at this time of year. We had particularly focused on robins at pre-school and the children made some beautiful cards to take home.

This theme has continued into 2018 and we were thrilled to welcome the RSPB to pre-school to talk to the children and to take them on a bird hunting walk armed with binoculars! Our display at pre-school this term is full of birds – robins, blackbirds and blue tits – which the children have made and we hope to expand our knowledge of wildlife as the weather improves and we can get out and about.

Thanks to all our fundraising efforts we have been able to invest in some new resources and have added to our baby and baby clothes and happy land and we now have a lovely, bright new ladybird rug.

Our next fundraising event is the Spring Fair on 21st April 2018, 11 am to 2pm, at The Institute. Everyone is welcome even if you don't have children at pre-school. These events are a celebration of our local area and to help build a strong relationship within the community. We will be looking for donations of toys, children's clothes and bric a brac if anyone has anything they would like to donate.



NSPCC Spring into Summer Cookery Demonstration

NSPCC event **Thursday 17th May** at the **Rainow Institute**

Start: 7.30pm. Ticket: £10 includes a glass of prosecco and canapés
Raffle, recipes and a fun evening. All proceeds go to the NSPCC.

Tickets available from **Sue Frith 01625 573802** or **Lynn McCarthy 01625 427896** or any committee members.



Rainow Beavers



The last few months have been very busy for Rainow Beavers. In November, a group of older Beavers attended a sleepover in one of the Scout Association purpose built-centres. It was very exciting, with lots of torchlit activities and walks, a glowstick disco, lots of food and drink and a campfire with singing and more dancing. After a 'good' night's sleep, the Beavers prepared a concert for their parents showing off all the new songs they learnt. It was a great experience for us all, and we hope to take part in more District Events this year.

We ended 2017 on a high by having an indoor camping evening and some very special guests over the last few weeks. The Beavers put up tents in the Institute, sang campfire songs and learnt some knots. Our special guests included Dr Louise Evans, a Consultant Anaesthetist who told us all about her work and helped the Beavers learn some First Aid, and the Mayor of Rainow who joined us for a celebration of all the Beavers achievements. He gave out several badges and certificates to the Beavers, and we played lots of very noisy games. The Mayor declined to join in our indoor snowball fight. Can't think why!

2018 has started in the same busy style. We marked the end of Christmas by putting on our own Mummers Plays and then observed Burns Night by celebrating Scottish engineering and making our own self-powered cars out of cotton reels and elastic bands. We got out and about in the hills taking the Beavers for a torchlit walk. Getting 24 children over 6 stiles in the dark was reminiscent of a management training course for the Leaders but we all made it safely back to the Institute for pancakes.

As we move into Spring, Beavers will be gaining their Gardening badges and we'll make some lovely presents for Mother's Day. Term will be rounded off with a badge ceremony and Easter celebrations. We say goodbye to 6 of our older Beavers and welcome 6 new starters after Easter.



Finally, we have one more Beaver achieving their Bronze Chief Scout Award. Congratulations to Fred Slater. Fred has been on an overnight camp, taken part in a District Challenge Competition, undertaken a personal Challenge and completed several activity badges. There will be a District Award Ceremony later in the year.

Please check out our website for even more information: <https://binder-helena.wixsite.com/rainowbeavers>

Rainow Cubs Spring 2018

Rainow Cubs report by Akela Sue Grimes

We finished off the winter term with a treasure hunt (glo sticks) in the dark at School, a visit to Energi Trampoline Centre at Wilmslow, making Christmas crafts and of course a party.

Due to the Parish Council meeting at the Institute we have to find somewhere to take 30-odd Cubs once a month, quite a challenge especially in winter – thus our first night back after Christmas saw us at the Driving Range in Adlington hitting balls into the cold snowy distance; Tiger Woods watch out! We had a smaller group the following week because of the Young Voices school event in Manchester so were able to try Tackwondo at Macclesfield Kickboxing Centre, this often inspires some of the Cubs to take it up.

The next couple of weeks didn't go to plan as I suddenly had to be away but the other Leaders, Stacey,





Steve and Simon put together two evenings at short notice and with very supportive parents did the Artists Badge and Road Safety Badge. Also a thankyou is needed for the invaluable help given by our young helpers, Alice and Freddie.

We were very ambitious but the Cubs rose to the challenge and at our last meeting before half term we had 30 Cubs not only cooking pancakes but also six different Chinese dishes with which we had a banquet, it was all delicious. Six Cubs represented us at the District Handicraft Competition and won the Poster section bringing back a large shield.

The Cubs are very keen and enthusiastic and although a little noisy when excited are a pleasure to take out and plan activities for.



Readers' Letters

Please send any letters or correspondence to The Editor:
www.theraven.com

Tea-drinking readers write...

Dear Raven,

Please may we use the pages of your esteemed magazine to express our sincere thanks to Diane and Billy Moss for our uninterrupted milk deliveries during the recent winter weather?

Their perseverance in the face of the Siberian elements - whilst most of us were tucked up safe in bed - is most admirable; we can only imagine how the snow and ice made what is always hard work even more difficult.

During the white-out we suffered cabin fever and home-made entertainment, but at least we could still make a decent brew!

With gratitude, from your tea, coffee and cereal-loving customers.



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The Rainow Farming Year Part One: Winter to Spring

In Rainow we are very fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, however the hilly terrain and poor soil mean life as a farmer is not easy. Arable farming is not really an option so most farms in our area rely on breeding mostly sheep with a few cattle.

In recent years, Government legislation and disease epidemics with subsequent restrictions on stock movements have made life harder for all farmers. Uncertainties about Brexit and future legislation have stopped many farmers from making any long-term investments. The promised 'Rural-proofing' of the economy hasn't happened and cut backs in the area have made 'Green Miles' a laughing stock. The nearest livestock market at Chelford has been closed – the land sold off for housing development – meaning farmers now have to travel to Leek, Bakewell or Beeston to buy or sell animals.

Geoff and Rona Cooper live at Common Barn Farm, looking after a herd of about 800 sheep and 30 beef cattle. Farmers have been encouraged to 'diversify', make more use of their farms, so several years ago, Geoff and Rona converted three barns into holiday lets and also run a B&B. They have a 9.3/10 rating on booking.com and 4.5/5 on Tripadvisor,

have won several awards and regularly let the cottages in the summer months. However, not many tourists want to stay out here during the

winter months so the cottages stand empty and planning restrictions prevent renting for longer terms. But council tax and business rates still need to be paid, cancelling out much of the summer's profit, not just for Geoff and Rona but for other similar businesses in the area. Local road closures have also added to increased mileages, delays and costs.

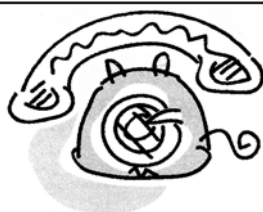
The very wet winter we have been having has meant that although jobs on vehicles and equipment can be done inside a barn, the routine outdoor maintenance normally undertaken during the winter months has been a slog. Much of a farmer's time in winter is spent putting out extra feed in the fields for the sheep and feeding the cattle in the barn.

Now we are coming to the closing stages of the winter and can look forward to the spring. Sheep that were mated in the autumn are well in lamb and many farmers, including Geoff, have already had their sheep scanned to see whether they are carrying none, one, two or even three lambs. This helps with apportioning food to ensure the ones carrying multiple lambs have enough nutrition. Lambs are due about Easter time; hopefully it will be warmer and drier by then.

Geoff would like to re-issue the perennial request to dog walkers to please keep their dogs on leads when they are near sheep, especially those with lambs. Also, if you see a sheep on its back, please try to turn it the right way up or note the location and tell the farmer as quickly as possible. Let's all do what we can to support our local farmers – the village and surrounding countryside would be much less of a community without them.



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DOWNTROD

The programme claimed, "a splendid time is guaranteed for all" and it was quite right! Another tremendous production by the Rainow Quay Playmakers.

We were reminded of many of the issues which were important at the end of the World War One. Aristocratic principles were still entrenched — the theft of a spoon being the most important matter on the mind of Lord Downer. Whilst the political world was changing — suffragettes marched for women's rights, Karl Marx and communism had seized the mind of the masses and women wanted careers. However, all these serious points were made with considerable humour with mention of the "Peoples Popular Front of Rainow" and suffragettes were the "suffering gets". We were promised a "skeleton staff" but I never saw a skeleton!

The comedic talent of the cast was very visible. Who will forget the spoken "curtsy" of Sally Aching and the actual curtsy of Mr Billinge. The character of the Dowager Countess was worthy of Margaret Rutherford! There was a panto interlude with the passing and chopping of potatoes by the trio of servants. Lady Downer and Lady Marjorie were splendid in their upper-class characters.



DEN ABBEY

The confusion over wife and daughter and the well saved line by Lord Downer was improvised comedy which he later expanded.

The pirouettes of Jeremiah Kite were excellent as was the baddie turned goodie — although he looked very comfortable as the villain!

The evening was as much a musical as a play. Many of the cast displayed their musical talents and who could forget the “chamber orchestra” — a quartet of three people! “Joe’s mint balls” was a great hit!

No play would reach performance without all the talent back stage. Set design and changing, lighting, sound, props, costumes, front of house and of course the bar! It was all very smooth.

The mixture of both comedy and seriousness reminded us in this anniversary year of those who went “over the hills and far away”.

Well done and thank you to all the players!

By a very entertained member of the audience.



What's on your (Rainow) bookshelf?

The website www.rainow.org is an excellent introduction to our village, and thanks to those who look after the site for us two of the rarest books on Rainow can be seen online. Printed matter about the village happily appears regularly and

this will update your must-see list!

The first book about Rainow was issued 65 years ago and the most recent in 2017.

1 **The History and Hulley Families of The One House, Rainow, Near Macclesfield, Cheshire: (2001) by Ray Hulley**

Longview Publishing.

Based on an article originally written for the North Cheshire Family Historian and published in two parts in 1991, this 57 page book contains further information on what was Rainow's oldest house and the Hulley family who lived there.

2 **The Church of St. Stephen, Macclesfield Forest: Cheshire County Council in co-operation with the Church of St. Stephen, Macclesfield Forest, 1988.**

An 8 page booklet about the church of St. Stephen in Macclesfield Forest.

3 **The Church of St. John the Baptist, Saltersford (Jenkin Chapel): Unattributed, (1977)**

A 12 page booklet tracing the history of Rainow's lonely outpost chapel.

4 **The Story of the Church in Rainow: Mary Meecham, 1996**

An informative and well illustrated guide to the building and development of our Church. *(Still available)*

5 **News from the Lamp & Candle (Rainow's Lost Inn): Bob Langstaff (2017)**

News from the "Lamp & Candle" has appeared in this publication ever since the reputed existence of Rainow's lost inn was confirmed in 2011. This book is a collection of the articles that have appeared in "The Raven" plus, as they love to say, much, much more. *(Still available: all proceeds to Rainow N.S.P.C.C.)*

6 **Seventeenth Century Rainow: The story of a Cheshire Hill Village: Jane Laughton (1990)**

This packed and informative book covers Rainow in its physical setting and records the houses, outbuildings and farming practices of the village in the 1600s as well as dealing with home and community life and the beginnings of industry in Rainow. *(becoming scarce)*.

7 **Thursbitch: Alan Garner, The Harvill Press, London 2003**

Alan Garner's gritty time-shift novel is set in Thursbitch, a far-flung, lonely and many say creepy (and still accessible) part of the village where the ruined farmsteads, strange crosses and eerie isolation still engender a strange atmosphere. The story embraces Jenkin Chapel, the Old Religion, old language and the most enduring of Rainow legends, John Turner. The opening chapter, Garner's description of John Turner's last and fatal journey from Sowcar to Saltersford in a raging winter blizzard is alone worth the price of the book.

8 **A Village History: Compiled and edited by Helen A. Dutton: Rainow & Higher Hurdfield Women's Institute (1952)**

This 20 page booklet contains historical fragments and anecdotes of Rainow history. Some of the content is identifiable as the work of Wilfred Palmer (ibid.) Long out of print and scarce. Available online at www.rainow.org

9 **The Story of Rainow: Wilfred Palmer. circa 1966**

The first extended work on the village, collated by Rainovian Wilfred Palmer and printed by the Rainow W.I. *(Rare)* Available online at www.rainow.org

10 **Patchwork, - (A patchwork of local history) Volume 1: Rainow History Group (2014)**

This is the first issue of "Patchwork", an occasional serial publication by the Rainow History Group intended to explore a wide range of subjects from any century in Rainow's past. The extended articles cover the earliest days of Rainow – as part of the Forest of Macclesfield – to a snapshot of farming in Rainow at the beginning of the Second World War:
Life in a Medieval Forest: *Jane Laughton*
Withinlow: the story of a Cheshire hill-farm: *Louise Baylis & Mary Meecham*
Dereliction and Disregard, the last days of the Rainow Workhouse: *Robert Langstaff*
Farming in Rainow in the 1940s – The National Farm Survey of England and Wales 1940-1943: *Tessa Heyworth* *(Still available)*.

There are, of course, many articles, some of them extended amongst the County Histories and in library catalogues and private collections. Notable amongst these are a slim volume of the works of the early 19th century Rainow poet and calico weaver Ferdinando Jackson, and an extended series "Rainow in the Olden Time: It's History and Romance" (1932) by Walter Smith. Both these can be seen at Macclesfield Public Library.

Raven Book Reviews

More choices from some of Rainow's book club members

Matt Haig

How to Stop Time



Tom Hazard, the engaging narrator of this novel, is over 400 years old. From Elizabethan times, to Jazz-age Paris, from medieval London to the South Seas, he has seen it all and experienced the deaths of almost everyone he has ever loved and cared for. Although on the face of it, this quasi immortality might appear

enviable, it soon becomes clear that it has become a desolate, terrifying existence within which the search for meaning is an eternal conflict and the suffering of so much loss an inevitability. From the time period encapsulating the beginning of his life, where Tom's family was hounded by witch-hunters, he has been consigned to an isolated and peripatetic existence.

Until the 1890s, Tom drifts through life aimlessly, seeking understanding or remedies to his condition. That is, until he suddenly and brutally is recruited by the Albatross Society, known as the Albas, a covert organisation comprised of people just like Tom. Headed by the enigmatic, bullying, 900-year old Hendrich, who claims to be protecting the Albas from geneticists and biotech companies who want their stem cells, Tom is given a new identity every few years and provided with the funds, safe location, job and entire new life to forge multiple new beginnings. However, in return Hendrich demands 'favours' which are increasingly onerous and oppressive for Tom and which lead to him questioning the purpose of such an existence. Craving an ordinary life, Tom seeks to work as a history teacher in London, a role which means he can use his own experiences to animate the events he is depicting to his pupils. The narrative of the novel flits between the present and the past; historical interludes within which Tom meets Shakespeare, F. Scott Fitzgerald and witnesses momentous occasions which amass in his mind as a multiplicity of memories and encounters which overload and torment him.

From the difficulties in joining Social Media (it is not really possible to put 1582 as your birthdate and anyway, photographs are not allowed by the Albatross Society) to knowing the dreadful and monotonous circularity of history, the novel does not deviate from its central aphorism – the futility and relentless intransigence of time, which has the power to both comfort and terrify us. Although occasionally flippant, ironic and humorous, this hugely imaginative and speculative novel retains its plangent, minor key throughout, preserving the reader's engagement with the credibility and highly sympathetic portrayal of the protagonist, Tom and the sheer fascination engendered by the central theme.

11 Patchwork, - (A patchwork of local history) Volume 2: Rainow History Group (2016)

The second volume of "Patchwork" contains five extended articles ranging from what I believe is the first piece of important historical research produced on neighbouring Hurdsfield. Also covered are two articles concerning the fields and boundaries of Rainow, some early history of Tower Hill and bequests of clothing in the early 18th century. Still available from Rainow History Group.

Notes on Life in Hurdsfield c. 1350–1665: *Jane Laughton*
Hedges and Walls, a History of Rainow Boundaries:

Louise Baylis

Clothing Bequests in early 18th century Wills and Inventories from Rainow: *Tessa Heyworth*

Some Early History of Tower Hill, Rainow: *Mary Meecham*

Great Walls, Kiss and Fitker – the lost Field Names of Rainow: *Robert Langstaff* (Still available).

12 The Gaskells of Ingersley Hall: Bridget J. Franklin (2016)

Bridget Franklin's book traces a coherent path through the interesting and complex past of this large and widespread family as it journeys from tenants to gentry. A well-crafted work. (Still available).

13 Rainow Caught in Time – Images of an Upland Village: Rainow History Group (2006).

No Rainow bookshelf should be without this broad and informative history of the village, containing chapters on everything from weather to Industry and Houses, Church and Chapel to Social Life, and packed with pictures. (Still available).

14 Cruel Shelter – Macclesfield's Workhouses (1836 – 1845): Robert Langstaff (2010)

Using material never before published this book covers the arrival of the workhouse system into Macclesfield in the early 19th century, dealing with the treatment of the poor of the town and its surrounding villages. Includes the story of the Rainow Workhouse. (Still available).

15 Rainow: A short history of the village and some of its Worthies: Joseph Mottram: 1936 (Transcribed by Kay Fussey).

A personal reminiscence of Rainow in the second half of the 19th century as told by its Registrar and owner of one of the village shops.

16 Untold Tales of Rainow: Robert Langstaff (1989). Re-issued including 2 additional pieces

The stories you didn't know about Rainow, including the Cali Gold Mine, Rainow's attempt at international 'twinning', a Rainow Christmas story and the tale of the Rainow Fog-Eater. (Reprint in planning).

Artist in Residence

Jennie Gaywood

I have always enjoyed creating things. One of my earliest memories was making my own puppet theatre out of bits and pieces and taking it proudly to school where I received a much prized 'reward card' presented to me in assembly. This made me realise that making things was the way to go as I wasn't getting much praise for academic efforts!

We lived next door to Mr Fisher, a puppeteer. His front room had hand-made puppets strung all around the picture rail which had been lowered to child level. How I loved visits to this room. It held a world of amazing characters, mostly scary! One Christmas Mr Fisher gave me a puppet, I can see her now, I named her "Winnie" and she replaced my imaginary friend! Sadly I don't remember what became of her.

I now recognise that these memories fuelled a spark for my creativity. Being a child of the '50s and post-war austerity, if I wanted something I had to make it. Most things were too expensive or just not available. I would have loved a camera but that was unthinkable, so I drew or painted instead.

Roll on a few years and I was fortunate to have a lovely Art teacher who encouraged and allowed me to go to her art room whenever I had any free time and develop a love for painting. Sadly this lovely lady, who inspired me so much, committed suicide. I often wonder if she ever realised the positive impact she had on my life. I wanted to go to Art college but my dear Dad said I needed a "proper job" so I trained as a teacher. He wanted me to take an academic subject, so as a compromise I sought a college where I could study two subjects at main level. I chose Biology to satisfy my Dad and Art to satisfy myself. Sadly, I can't say that either courses were inspiring.

During my teaching career I taught all ages, from nursery to



Adult. I ended up in Primary education and loved it! Here I could teach creatively. So often excellent academic work would stem from a creative root, be it dance, drama, art and design or technology. My art lessons were the quietest as my children were fully absorbed in painting. On a few occasions the head teacher would join us where he said he found peace! Sadly today's lot of creativity has been lost and replaced with academic assessment. A tragedy! I find it very sad that so many people say they can't paint, as I believe everyone has that creative spark. It just needs to be ignited, practiced and nurtured!

Very often, whilst teaching, my fingers itched to get painting. I promised myself that when I retired I would pursue my passion. I joined Bollington Art group and

from then on I began to relearn and create.

I enjoy mostly acrylic painting and mixed media work. I love experimenting with texture and colour and I try to convey the atmosphere of the subject and reveal new aspects to the viewer.

Living in such a beautiful area always inspires me. Each month I meet with fellow artists in Rainow and we help each other develop our pictures. It's amazing how a new pair of eyes can shed light on a problem when one is completely stuck.

It's a privilege to exhibit my paintings and very special when someone likes a piece of work enough to buy it! I feel thankful that I was encouraged from an early age and also belong to two excellent art groups where I can develop my passion. Creativity feeds the soul and as I get older I believe it feeds the brain cells too! Think of it as chicken soup for the brain and have a go!

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News from the Lamp and Candle



Hello again,

Well, what a dirty, muddy and dreary winter this has been – we'll be glad to see the back of it here at the Sedge. A lot has happened since I last put pen to paper. Christmas came and went but not without its problems. The Landlady is upping the stakes on the conviviality front, presumably as part of her campaign to turn the Lamp & Candle into some kind of Rainow Women's Social Centre. So instead of spending Christmas Day with my feet up, a mug of tea and a copy of Old Moore's Almanac I had to put up with a visit from my brother Maurice and his wife, Florence. Maurice and I don't really see eye to eye to be honest. He is very opinionated and stingy – he wouldn't give a door a bang. Florence was telling me on the Q.T. that he hates Christmas and if they weren't visiting us he'd have had their Christmas tree out with the bins before the Queen had finished her speech. To be fair, he's quite a bit older than me and slowing down. I've noticed his eyesight is going a bit as he keeps walking into things – pubs mainly.

Talking about pubs, I was hoping to report some good news about the Robin Hood by now. Scott and Jackie are already popular in the village and a visit to the pub is a treat, but the future is not certain yet so keep your fingers crossed. I think the bit in my last article about someone opening a novelty pub in the village struck home. Little Arthur showed me an advert saying White Nancy was up for sale and I thought, 'this is it,' but soon realised that there'd only be room for two people and a barrel in there. That could work, I suppose, but there would be problem about car parking. Mind you, they could get these old KRIV geezers to build one instead of trying to find my pub.

Farmer Geddon from the other side of the Sedge reckons if White Nancy is sold there'll be trouble. He believes the monument is the only reason the Ravens stay round here and if it gets sold off and rebuilt in someone's back garden a plague will fall upon our village. Actually I thought it was a bit of a bargain at £2,990 and was about to see how much was in the cocoa tin till Bickerdike pointed out that I was a couple of noughts short. I've also been wondering if the wooden shed someone put up in Stocks Lane could possibly be the new challenger for the smallest pub in England but it's a bit too close to the Robin.

Anyway, I had a wonderful piece of news the other day. A copy of the nearly-famous book "News from the Lamp & Candle" has found its way to the other side of the world! I received a letter from the landlord of an Australian pub who is in a similar predicament to me – trying to keep his ancient pub away from people who want to make it a novelty venue.

His problem is a bit different to mine though. His pub, "The Swag & Mullock Heap," was once the centrepiece of a thriving gold-mining village but ended up being the only pub left when the miners upped sticks almost everybody else left. Rather than lose his beloved wooden-shack of a pub the landlord and his family trundle round on a horse drawn trailer, trying to find a place to settle. They have to pretend the pub is a just a wayside shop or a polling booth or a railway station waiting room. Apparently it once appeared in some town disguised as the branch of a bank which caused no end of problems when people started depositing money into it, so they had to hitch the horses again and move on. Fascinating stuff! I shall be keeping in touch with my soul-mate in Oz.

Ginger Dave is really taken by the story and is thinking of going out there to help the landlord and his family. Dave says that his granddad went to Australia years ago and it only cost him ten pounds so he's going to check this out at Macclesfield Post Office next week. This is such a scoop I shouldn't wonder if the Editor of the Raven wants to fly out there and get the full story. I'd go myself if it wasn't for the fact that I have my own pub to protect!

I'm still having to keep a close eye on our Grandson Kevin and his forward fiancée Jade. She brought her Mum and Dad to the Lamp last Friday, uninvited I might add. Her Mother has taken against me on account of the lecture I gave her about her girl being seen going into a salon next to Heathcote's in Bollington to have some Russian Lashes. How was I to know it was something to do with eye make-up. Then I got an earful from her Dad about making false accusations and how he could sue me if he wanted to. He's not a lawyer but he reads the Daily Mail which I'm sure is the next best thing. I thought of throwing him out but he was a great lump of a fellow, probably one of those Satsuma Wrestlers or something.

I've noticed there's a lot of wood going into the Institute lately and a lot of hammering and banging. Either this is something to do with the latest effort the Playmakers are putting on, or they're re-introducing public executions. Anyway, I've got myself a ticket and I'll give you what we journalists call 'the lowdown' in the next issue.

All for now,

Landlord.

The Thomas Pownall Story

by Raph Murray

Thomas Pownall was baptised on the 19th July 1818, the son of Ellen Pownall of Rainow. As the son of a single parent, Thomas was born into a life of destitute poverty. However his conviction for stealing boots from George Robinson's coalpit hovel in Rainow and his sentence of transportation for life at just 17 years of age represented an even greater blow to his life chances. This sentence resulted in a unanimous feeling of injustice throughout the Village and John Richards, a teacher at Kerridge End school, organised a petition for clemency among the inhabitants of Rainow. The grounds for clemency were that it was a first offence, that he was very young, that the house had been unoccupied for some time and that the prosecutor (George Robinson) was of bad character. The signatories include the Clergy, Gentry and a number of well known names from Rainow's history.

As residents of Rainow in 2018 you now have an opportunity to read a contemporary report of Thomas Pownall's sentencing, a copy of the petition and John Richards covering letter. You will also be invited to conduct your own case review.

On the 19th April 1836 the Macclesfield Courier reported that Thomas Pownall was tried before Mr Justice Coleridge for stealing various articles the property of George Robinson of Rainow. Our readers will probably recollect the case. The principal evidence was that of a neighbour, who proved that the prosecutor's door had been broken open in the night and other witnesses proved that one of the articles stolen was found in the possession of the prisoner. The indictment was altered to a charge of housebreaking, and the Learned Judge observed, on hearing the evidence, that it was a clear case of burglary, the house having been broken into during the night. Mr Justice Coleridge, in passing sentence of transportation for life on the prisoner observed that the prisoner had been guilty of a crime for which life ought to have been forfeited; for he hoped it would always be the law of the land to punish burglary capitally - an offence which prevented people from sleeping in their beds in peace at night.

John Richard's letter to the judge, Mr Justice Coleridge, on 22nd April 1836 concerning the petition for clemency was:

May it please your Lordship, Certain of the inhabitants of Rainow having been informed thro' the Newspapers that Thomas Pownall had been sentenced to transportation for life on a charge of House Breaking, a knowledge of the bad Character of the Prosecutor and sentiments of humanity and Justice towards the Lad and his mother who are in destitute circumstances, prompted them to investigate further the serious Charge brought against the Prisoner by the Prosecutor. The enquiry has resulted in an unanimous feeling throughout the Village, of the propriety of a Petition which has been forwarded thro' John Ryle Esq MP for Macclesfield, to Lord John Russell, for a mitigation of

Sentence founded principally on the well known predilections of the Prosecutor falsehood, which have, in one instance, been detected, with regard to his evidence of having been a patient at the Manchester Infirmary. I beg leave on behalf of the Petitioners, to assure your Lordship of their respect for the Laws of their Country and for those who administer them and that their only motive in this Petition, for which they beg your Lordship's Support, is to preserve the Prisoner from undue punishment, if awarded, in consequence of the evidence of the Prosecutor whose neighbours consider him unfit to enter a witness box.

I remain with very high respect, Your Lordship's most humble Servant,

John Richards, Teacher, Kerridge End School, Rainow

The petition of Rainow residents to the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, Home Secretary of State was:

The Petition of the Clergy, Gentry and Others, inhabitants of the Township of Rainow near Macclesfield humbly sheweth that Thomas Pownall aged seventeen years of the aforesaid Township was at the last Chester Sessions, held before Mr Justice Coleridge convicted of house-breaking under apparent circumstances which seemed fully to justify the sentence of transportation for life which the learned Judge passed on him, But your Petitioners beg to state some facts which the youth and inexperience of Thomas Pownall and the poverty of his mother prevented him from bringing forward on his trial. These are that the House or Cellar in which the Prosecutor, George Robinson lived and the house over it occupied by Mrs Bennett are detached from any other building and separated from the turnpike by a range of Gardens: that the prosecutor having had his goods distrained for rent, he quitted the neighbourhood and was absent eight or nine months and that on his return he asserted that his house, which had been left uninhabited, during his absence, had been robbed.

Your Petitioners beg leave further to state that the employment of Mrs Bennett and her son occasioned them to be absent from her house until eight or nine o'clock in the evening and at a season of the year when darkness commences about four o'clock and that the Prisoner, as a resident, knew of this absence of the only witnesses who could hear a noise in the cellar under them and your Petitioners sincerely believe that the time of the house breaking, midnight, is a strong presumption evident in favour of the Prisoner as the Court could not have refused its assent to the

probability that if he had intended to break into the Cellar he would have preferred a time when all witnesses were absent and equally under favour of darkness rather than at midnight, the time of the noise as deposed to by the witness Mrs Bennett.

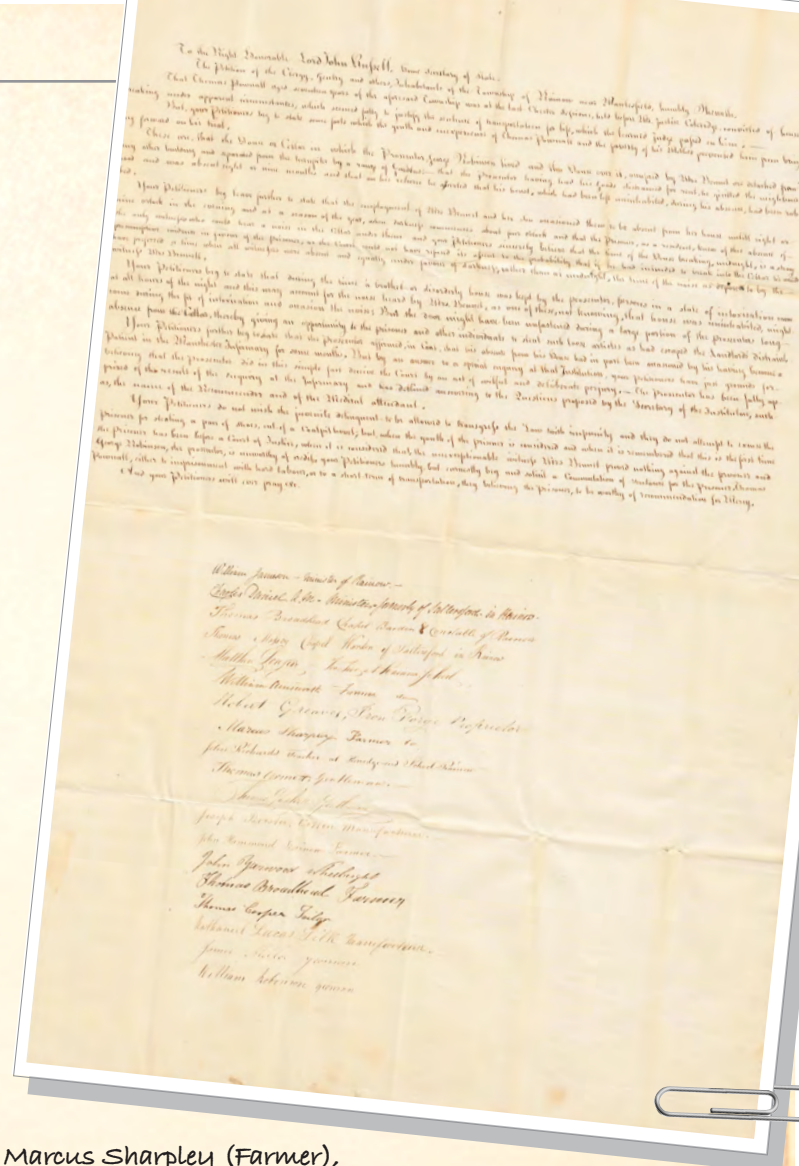
Your Petitioners beg to state that during the time a brothel or disorderly house was kept by the Prosecutor, persons in a state of intoxication came at all hours of the night and this may account for the noise heard by Mrs Bennett, as one of these, not knowing that house was uninhabited might come during the fit of intoxication and occasion the noises But the door might have been unfastened during a large portion of the Prosecutor's long absence from the Cellar thereby giving an opportunity to the Prisoner and other individuals to steal such loose articles as had escaped the Landlord's distraint.

Your Petitioners further beg to state that the Prosecutor affirmed in Court that his absence from his house had in part been occasioned by his having become a Patient in the Manchester Infirmary for some months But by an answer to a special enquiry at that Institution your Petitioners have just grounds for believing that the Prosecutor did in this simple fact deceive the Court by an act of wilful and deliberate Perjury. The Prosecutor has been fully appraised of the result of this enquiry at the Infirmary and has declined answering to the Questions proposed by the Secretary of the Institution, such as, the name of the Recommender and of the Medical attendant.

Your Petitioners do not wish the juvenile delinquent to be allowed to transgress the Law with impunity and they do not attempt to excuse the Prisoner for stealing a pair of shoes, out of a Coalpit novel, but when the youth of the prisoner is considered and when it is remembered that this is the first time the Prisoner has been before a Court of Justice, when it is considered that the unexceptionable witness Mrs Bennett proved nothing against the Prisoner and George Robinson the Prosecutor is unworthy of credit your Petitioners humbly but earnestly beg and solicit a Commutation of sentence for the Prisoner, Thomas Pownall, either to imprisonment with hard labour, or to a short term of transportation, they believing the prisoner to be worthy of recommendation for Mercy.

And your petitioners will ever pray:

William Jameson (Minister of Rainow),
Charles Daniel AM (Minister, formerly of Saltersford in Rainow),
Thomas Broadhead (Chapel Warden & Constable of Rainow), Thomas Massey (Chapel Warden of Saltersford in Rainow), Mathew Longon (Teacher at Rainow School),
William Ainsworth (Farmer),
Robert Greaves (Iron Forge Proprietor),



Marcus Sharpley (Farmer),
John Richards (Teacher at Kerridge End School, Rainow),
Thomas Arnett (Gentleman),
Thomas Pasiell - Gentleman,
Joseph Broster - Cotton Manufacturer,
John Hammond - Rainow Farmer,
John Yarwood - Wheelwright,
Thomas Broadhead - Farmer,
Thomas Cooper - Tailor,
Nathaniel Lucas - Silk Manufacturer,
James Mellor - Yeoman,
William Robinson - Yeoman

Dear Rainow residents of 2018, following the presentation of this petition you now have an opportunity to conduct your own review of this case. You now have to decide: Should Thomas Pownall be considered Guilty of House-breaking? Will you add your name to the Rainow Village petition for Clemency? What is your recommendation for the outcome of the Petition?
(Optional): Vote online at the Raven Magazine website:
www.rainow.com

The outcome of the 1836 Petition for Clemency, and the second part of Thomas Pownall's story, will be presented in the next issue of the Raven.

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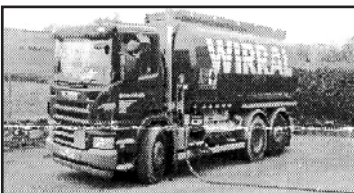
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Oat Bites

Ingredients

100g/4oz Butter
100g/4oz Golden Syrup
100g/4oz Demerara Sugar
175g/6oz Porridge Oats
25g/1oz Pumpkin seeds
75g/3oz Ready to Eat Apricots, snipped into small pieces

Method

1) Grease and line an 8 inch sandwich tin
2) Melt butter, syrup and sugar, stirring until runny
3) Remove from heat, stir in the oats, seeds and apricots. Mix well and put in the tin, smoothing the surface with the back of a spoon
4) Bake at 180° C / Fan 160° C / Gas Mark 4 for about 30 mins until golden and just firm
5) IMPORTANT! Leave to cool for a couple of minutes and cut into wedges while still warm. If you leave them until they are completely cold they will be too brittle.

Rainow Village Bus

Serving your Community



Rainow Village Bus update

It seems to have been a long winter but the regular Friday and Saturday evening bus service has continued throughout. It's understandable that folk are not so keen on venturing beyond the village in the wet and cold but hopefully with spring approaching we will see a greater use of the bus by the Rainow community.

We have kept the same fares and booking format going forward so why not take any concern out of going in to Macclesfield or Bollington on a Friday or Saturday evening by taking the bus. At £3 return this is a serious economic alternative to taxis and we are still maintaining the late return buses of 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm service from Macclesfield. We will also run a return service into Bollington working around the Macc timetable. As with the Macc service this needs to be pre-booked.

Group bookings have continued to be popular with an average booking of one per week and trips for the WI, Rainow school, Buxton Ramblers, Bridgend Centre and Private Parties and several more have been organised, driven by our worthy band of volunteer drivers.

Rainow Village Bus is a registered charity and is run on a non-profit making basis. We have 10 regular drivers all of whom are unpaid volunteers, giving up an evening or sometimes an afternoon for the benefit of the community. Without these we wouldn't have a service. See the bottom of this article for a list of these good people.

We are keen to keep the service going and would appeal to the people of Rainow to make greater use of this facility. There is no doubt that public transport, particularly serving rural areas, is under serious threat of cutbacks and in some areas no service at all.

Starting in the spring we would like to expand the service with organised trips to places of interest such as Chatsworth, Bakewell Market, Tatton Park, Chester Zoo and the many others in our rich and varied area. To do this we need at least 12



passengers per trip (the bus carries 15) so please let us have your suggestions for venue and time of the week for such a trip. You can do this by contacting any of the drivers.

In order to get our message across more broadly we are seeking voluntary help from someone skilled in the use of Social Media and also if possible some understanding of marketing.

As always we are seeking

additional Drivers. Any additional help will give more flexibility for our current group. All that is needed is to be 27 years old or more, with a clean licence with the D1 category (minibus) on it.

Drivers: Alan Brett, Ken Butler, Neil Chapman, Tim Grimes, David Hasler, John Hawthorne, Chris Osborne, Paul Riordan, Mike Tyldesley, Dick Warren and Tony Wilkinson.

The service:

The bus runs every Friday and Saturday with a timetable of;

Rainow to Macclesfield 7.00, 8.00, 9.50 and 10.50 pm

Macclesfield to Rainow 7.10, 8.10, 10.00 and 11.00 pm.

Return trips to Bollington can be arranged to fit in with this timetable.

All trips have to be pre-booked (this is to avoid running an empty bus) and costs **£3 return, £2 single** Rainow to Macclesfield; **£4 return, £3 single** Rainow to Bollington. Group bookings are available (the bus seats 15 people and has a wheelchair facility) and cost £25 per session (morning, afternoon or evening) plus 50p per mile travelled from its base in Rainow. These can be self-drive provided the criteria mentioned above are met, alternatively we can see whether one of our volunteer drivers is available.

Bookings:

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Tony Wilkinson - tonywilkinson1234@gmail.com

01625 614650

John Hawthorne - johnhawthorne58@hotmail.com

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What's On in Rainow and Bollington

APRIL 2018

4	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Murder on the Orient Express	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
9	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Dialects & Sayings – Derek Poulson	Rainow Institute
17	7.30 pm	Rainow Mothers' Union – The Random Apple Company – Sarah Simpson	Rainow Church Centre
29	1.30 pm	Rainow School Spring Walk	Rainow School

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2	7.30 pm	Deanery Coffee Evening	Rainow Church Centre
2	7.30 pm	Pottflix -- Hidden Figures	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
5	2.00 pm	Bollington Festival 3 Peaks Fell Race – 5.7 miles	Bollington Brewery
5	various	Hurdsfield School Circus School – Contact Emma Nadin emmajnadin@gmail.com for ticket options	Hurdsfield School
9	7.30 pm	Rainow 5 – 5 k Fell Race for 16 yrs & over Reg'n in Rainow Institute 6.30 pm, profits to Rainow charities	Rainow Institute & Robin Hood
11 & 12	7.00 pm	Macclesfield Beer Festival	Macc Rugby Club
TBC	TBC	NSPCC – Canapes & Fizz	TBC
14	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – NFWI Resolutions & Social Evening	Rainow Institute
15	TBC	Rainow Mothers' Union Outing	TBC
16	7.15 pm	Shining Torr Race www.crazylegsevents.co.uk	Errwood Sailing Club
18	All day	Bag 2 School Charity Collection	Rainow School

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6	7.30 pm	Pottflix – Paddington 2	Pott Shrigley Village Hall
9	TBC	Rainow School Fundraiser Event	TBC
11	7.30 pm	Rainow WI – Antiques & Collectables, Alf Hughes	Rainow Institute
19	7.30 pm	Rainow Mother's Union – Walking the Breadline, how food banks began – Joan Tanner	Rainow Church Centre
24	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Rainow WI – EquaiTea Afternoon tea & cakes. Short talk about the Representation of the Peoples Act. Dressing up, displays and posters.	Rainow Institute
30 June - 8 July	All day	Bollington Well Dressing Festival – Well Dressing throughout Bollington. Dedication ceremony at 11.30 am 30th June. See website for more details www.welldressing.com	Greg Fountain, Flash Lane (opp Cock & Pheasant)

ADVANCE NOTICE!

Bollington Beer Festival 13th-14th July – tickets will be available on line. Bollington Arts Centre
Rainow School Summer BBQ 2.00 pm 14th July

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

There are currently no events 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 6.30pm, 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



WILCOX LANDSCAPES

by Zach Wilcox

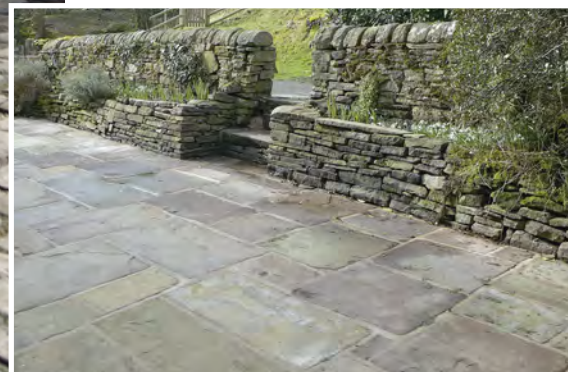
I was born in Macclesfield Hospital and lived in Bollington until I was nine months old, when I moved with my parents and two dogs and cats to Sugar Lane in Rainow. I went to Rainow Primary School, on to Tytherington High School and then Macclesfield College, eventually attending night school at Reaseheath College studying RHS Horticulture.

I set up my own gardening business in 2010, after working part time with Chris Marsh, drystone walling.

In the beginning, I concentrated mainly on garden maintenance and small landscaping projects, but in 2016, my brother Joe joined me, as a full time member of staff, enabling us to expand and take on larger landscaping projects, including:

- Hard & Soft Landscaping
- Hedge Cutting
- Dry Stone Walling
- Tree Felling/Pruning
- Gutter Clearing & Replacement
- Flag Laying, Patios & Pointing
- Fencing
- Turfing & Lawn Care
- Land Drainage

We are very lucky that we can spend most of our working lives at home in Rainow and never get bored of the stunning scenery. And, one of the benefits of working in lots of locations in Rainow is that we see the village from many different vantage points.



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