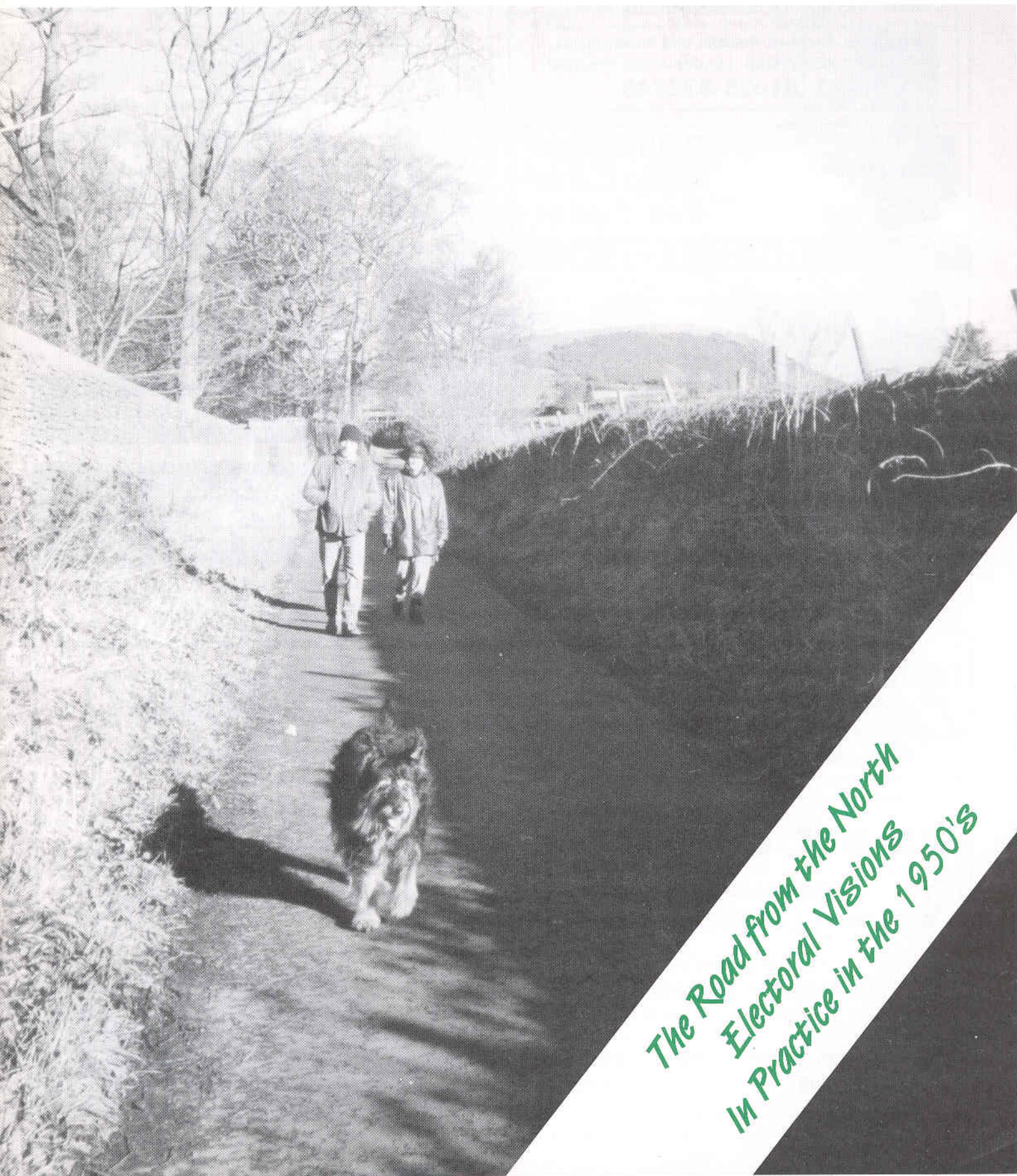


# BOLLINGTON

# Live!

Number Fifteen

March 1999



*The Road from the North  
Electoral Visions  
In Practice in the 1950's*



**Bollington Cross Stores**  
**Post Office & Off-Licence**

Ovenhouse Lane, Bollington Cross. Tel. 572083

Store's Extended Opening Hours:

Mon-Sat: 9am-8pm Sun: 10am-1pm & 5pm-8pm

Shop locally with no parking problems Free delivery for larger orders



**PRESTBURY NURSERIES**

Orders taken NOW for SUMMER HANGING BASKETS

Choose from our huge selection of seedlings and young plants, including:-

**Geraniums, Fuchsias, Petunias and Basket Plants**

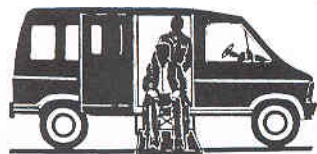
PRESTBURY NURSERIES, London Road, Prestbury

**Tel. 01625 828748**



**Bollington  
Radio Cars  
and Taxis**

★ **8 SEATER MINI BUS** ★



High back seats with diagonal seat belts  
Wheelchair facilities available 24 hrs  
Contract Work Welcome  
Distance No Object  
**Ring for quotes!!**



Your LOCAL Taxi

**Tel. 01625 572540 / 572209**

*Burn British*

**J. Kirk & Co.**

Coal & Smokeless Fuel Merchants

**Tel. 01625 573131**

Showroom: 1 Palmerston Street, Bollington

Cookers □ Room Heaters □ Dog Grates □ Accessories

*Buy British!*



*Kath & Edwin Green*

invite you to come and enjoy

**LUNCH or HIGH TEA**

at the Country Café in Spuley Lane

12.30 - 2.00pm or 3.30 - 6.00pm Tues. to Sun

**Tel. 01625 573357**

**P.N. & M. CHADWICK**



**NEWSAGENTS &  
LOCAL LOTTERY AGENTS**



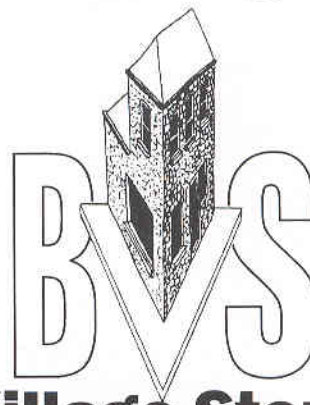
Home delivery of  
Newspapers & Magazines  
Seven days a week

**70 Palmerston Street  
Tel: 572306**

**2A Crossfield Road  
Tel: 573113**

***IT'S BACK!***

**The Bollington**



Grocery

Dairy Produce

Cigarettes

Fruit & Veg.

Off Licence

Bread / Cakes

**Village Store**

*High Street, Bollington*

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**

**8am - 9.30pm**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STORE**

**Palmerston Travel**

Independent travel advice on a vast variety  
of travel arrangements

**A wide choice of  
MAJOR TOUR OPERATORS  
and  
SPECIALIST COMPANIES**

**TAILOR-MADE arrangements**

**DISCOUNTED worldwide AIR TICKETS**

**BUSINESS TRAVEL**



Fully ABTA bonded

**Palmerston Travel**

15 High Street, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5PH

**Tel. 01625 574448 Fax. 01625 575926**





*Bollington Live! is published 3 times a year on a non-profitmaking basis, with free distribution to households in the town. Under the editorial banner of "Bollington a town in its own right!" we aim to promote local concerns. Contributions are welcome to the Editor c/o Bollington Medical Centre, Wellington Road, Bollington.*

*Bollington Live! is published by Bollington Arts Centre & Bollington Civic Society, Wellington Road, Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5JL. Registered Charity No. 515096*

*Cover: Long Lane, pictured here at the Bollington end, was once a Roman highway - see page 5*

**Editor...**

John Liley

**Editorial Team:**

Graham Barrow, John Coope, Penny Liley, Walter Menzies, Tim Neale, Joanna Sciortino, Andy Skelhorn, Andrea Storey, Fiona Swailes, Emily White

**Advertising...**

Dennis Caulfield (01625 572538)  
Mark Stedman (01625 575227)

**Printed by...**

Bollington Printshop (01625 574828)

## Traffic Calming - Can We Make a Proper Job of It?

The main road through the heart of Bollington provides the artery of our town. It carries lorries to the factories, cars and vans to people's places of work, mothers and children to school, shoppers to our dwindling retail stores and pedestrians to and from homes, schools, shops and work. I suppose we are lucky that it is not a main through route because then things would be intolerable!

As well as all that, Bollington Road, Henshall Road, Wellington Road and Palmerston Street have many private dwellings with accesses and doorways onto the street. There are some 20-plus shops, seven pubs, the Library, the Town Hall, the Arts Centre, four churches and a recreation ground all abutting the road. It is in all respects the lifeline of Bollington, as crucial to its character and function as Mill Street was - and in its redesigned version still is - to Macclesfield..

Much has been talked about traffic calming in Bollington in recent years, and we have seen the first schemes being implemented. But is the approach being taken radical or forward-looking enough? Have the residents and shopkeepers been consulted? The recent reactions of those who live and work alongside indicate that - to the degree required - they have not.

There has been, in the Garden Street area, for example, considerable disquiet at the parking limitations imposed, which could have serious implications for the shopkeepers in the area. What could still be done here? Something more sophisticated, I suspect, than the pedestrian refuge and protected parking proposed. Has realignment of the highway been considered? Angled parking?



Changing the surface? Reducing traffic to a single file? In the face of the recent protests, some modifications may well be made; but are these not just compromises?

Those who live and work here deserve a more comprehensive approach.

There is much experience nationally with a whole variety of approaches to the redesign and functioning of roads where there are issues involving shops, dwellings, pedestrians, traffic and car parking. Where applied successfully they make a huge contribution to the quality of life of a community. I fear that here in Bollington we are getting a piecemeal, low-cost approach which is missing all sorts of opportunities and not taking a long-term view. If you start with the premise of "what can we get for £x," and design to this limited budget, you get one approach. If you carry out a full, wide-ranging study to a properly prepared brief, which involves consultation with local people who will be affected by the proposals, you will almost certainly get another.

To all those involved, please consider:

(a) Having a full study of the whole corridor, from Bollington Cross to the Shrigley Road/Ingersley Road junction carried out by a combination of traffic engineers, urban design specialists and landscape architects in an integrated report which we can all see and study. If this costs money then it will still be well spent.

(b) Getting a brief for this study agreed before any more piecemeal, so-called traffic calming "improvements" are made.

(c) Making sure there is a proper public consultation process established and followed.

This is too important an issue to be tackled half-heartedly - I suspect that, if this were the middle of Macclesfield, things would be happening in a very different way.

GB



*Monday, May 24th sees the start of Walk to School Week. Could this provide a clue to solving Bollington's problems? -Ed*





## Bollington Roots

### *How long have you been here?*

The Town Council plans to collect and display Family Trees which give evidence of four generations or more of living and working in Bollington.

These will form part of the Town's Millennium celebrations, with the intention of putting the information on display in September, 1999. The longest Family Tree will be placed in a "Time Capsule" to be buried in January, year 2000.

Bollingtonians wishing their families to be considered are invited to collect an entry form from the Town Hall, where help can be provided and the project can be explained in further detail, in order to prepare for the "Bollington Roots" display.



*It came from Planet X. This extraordinary fungal growth first appeared in a Bollington garden in January last. Alas, before a preservation order could be imposed, it began to fade away. Can any reader identify the species?*

## FOOLISHNESS

*To go is her delight when skies are bright and clouds are white; but there she stays on greyer days, indeed, always.*

*See how this busty bride, standing in pride, her age may hide. For she is old, her tale is told, her touch is cold.*

*Many a panting lad has turned back sad; her door brick clad. Yet, he would note upon her throat some lover's quote.*

*This rising snowy breast, prize of many quest, is solid jest; ornamental fancy, Bollington's White Nancy.*

C A Barton

## SMALL ADS

£2 per line, min 3 lines.

Tel Dennis Caulfield, 572538.

Deadline: 15th May, 1999

### CORNER HOUSE ANTIQUES:

Antique Furniture, Architectural Items & Decorative Furnishings; Knobs, Handles & Fittings available to order. Also new and reclaimed PINE FURNITURE. 59/61 High Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576362

**HAVE A GANDER** - Open for business at 39 Palmerston Street: Bric-a-Brac, Antiques & Collectables; also House Clearances. 'Phone Terry at 01625 560725

**CHAMONIX VALLEY.** Private chalet run by highly-experienced 'chalet girl'. Superb cooking, 5 minutes from Grands Montets, with airport transfers from Geneva (1 hour), full accommodation. Minibus, guides, instruction and nanny care also available. To April 30. Tel: Ski Dream 08 02 98 98 25.

### HOBSON + SON : Toymaker

Highest quality handcrafted wooden toys made to order, for 3yrs. onwards. Workshop & Showroom open Wed to Mon, 9am - 5pm. Canalside at Bollington's Clarence Mill. Tel: 01625 576605

**HEYDAY PLAYGROUP.** Water Street, requires a part-time caretaker, hours to suit. Please call Lucinda Taylor, 574432.

### LOWTHER STREET HALL

is available for hire. Parties, Jumble Sales, Meetings etc.. For details, please ring 575428

**JUST BORN** Christening wear & Accessories, Gifts, Cards and Babywear. Everything at 1a Crossfield Road (off Ovenhouse lane) Tel. 573575

**ARCHITECTURAL & GARDEN DESIGN: J.E.C. Menzies** for inspired plans or sympathetic extensions. Telephone: 572192

### Michael Dale

Gas Installation  
& Servicing

- ★ Central Heating Boilers
- ★ Cookers & Water Heaters
- ★ Plumbing Kitchens & Bathrooms
- ★ Landlords' Gas Safety Certificates

**CORGI Registered Gas Installer**  
Registered No. 165270

**Telephone: 01625-574435**



## Beasdales

RESTAURANT

THE BISTRO ON THE GREEN

Brilliant Worldwide Wines  
Superb Food at Sensible Prices

Telephone: 01625 575058  
for reservations

22 Old Market Place High Street Bollington

## Performing Arts MANAGEMENT

**MUSIC from the Movies**  
with fireworks

**TATTON PARK,**  
**Knutsford**

**Sunday 13 June 1999**

**TICKET HOTLINE**  
**01625 56 00 00**



# The Road from the North

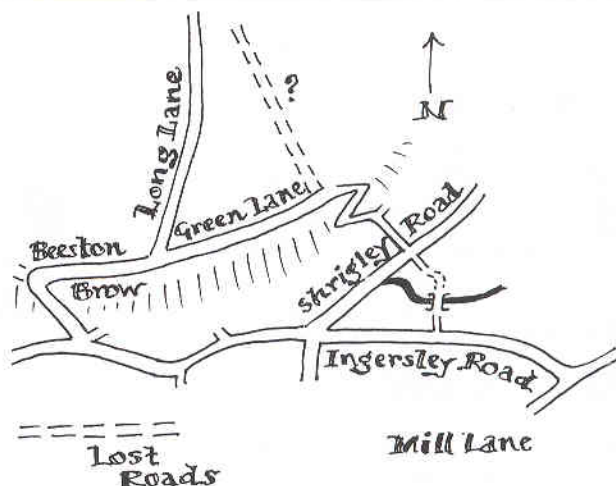
## Lost Routes of Bollington - Part 2

In a previous article I suggested that a principal route through Bollington in Roman times - and perhaps even earlier - might have used Flash Lane to approach Bollington Cross. From there it could have passed below White Nancy by Grimshaw Lane, Chancery Lane, Cow Lane and what is now a footpath to Rainow Mill. It then could have continued along Mill Lane before climbing to Billinge by Blaze Hill.

In this article I wish to draw attention to another suggested Roman route, this one coming from the north and flanking the southern side of the Nab before joining the course described above - probably at the site of The Poacher's Inn. From there it could have headed for Buxton by way of The Blue Boar, Saltersford, and along The Street into the Goyt Valley.

The idea that a Roman road from Manchester and Stockport took a southerly, lowland line as far as the gap at Bollington seems to have taken root in the late 18th Century. As elaborated by O'Dwyer in 1935 (in 'Roman Roads of Cheshire'), this conception involved the route coming south-east from Bramhall, where several Roman roads met, from there making a bee-line for the Nab, visible on the horizon.

The route as described by O'Dwyer eventually passed through Booth's Green towards Styperson Park, before approaching Bollington by Long Lane. There are several indications that



Long Lane may be a very old road: the name is commonly borne by ancient ways: the township boundary follows part of its length; while O'Dwyer noted that "there is still some 'on end' paving to be seen in this lane, and at one side the original sunk track is visible in the first part of its course."

At the Bollington end of Long Lane, the alignment of this suggested way shifted to a more easterly direction. But by what means could it have traversed the Bollington valley?"

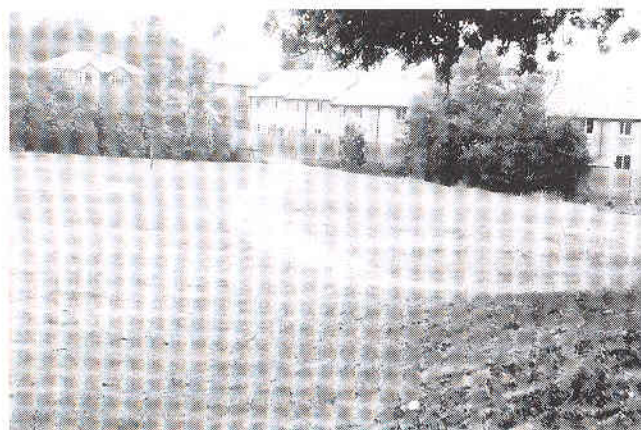
It is likely that this route, if its use continued into the Middle Ages or later, will still be traceable in the form of roads, tracks or footpaths. If the suggested Roman way continued to the present Bollington end of Long Lane, it would almost certainly have swung left along the edge of Beeston by what is now Green Lane, which leads to a zig-zag track descending what used to be called Salt Pie to Beeston Mount. (However, a field path leaving Long Lane below Long Lane Farm and passing by Beeston Farm makes directly for the top of this descent, so this may represent the original route.)

Beeston Mount leads down to Shrigley Road. My guess is that the old route would have continued straight on down the hill to Sowcar Brook. Today, a footpath passes between the houses, straight down the bank and across the field to the stone cart bridge over the brook. The original way would probably have twisted down the bank. I was interested to notice in the dry summer of 1995 the parched grass outline of a metalled track below the surface leading across the field to the site of the bridge. I have no idea how old this might be: it could, of course, be a relatively modern farm track.

The bridge over Sowcar Brook was probably built around 1800 when a small cotton mill was constructed upstream. An ancient way would probably have used a ford. Beyond the stream, the route then would probably have followed the line of Ingersley Road to 'The Poacher's.'

**George Longden**

(George Longden now also writes on local history each month in our contemporary magazine 'LivingEDGE', which covers Cheshire, the Staffordshire Moorlands and The Peak)

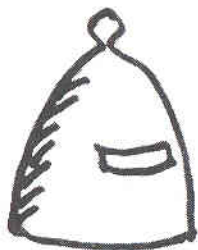


*The outline of an old track as it appeared in the summer of 1995, top, looking south towards Sowcar Bridge.*

*The lower photo shows it again, viewed in the opposite direction.*







## Letters ... Our Youth

**Sir, - It would appear from the November issue that some residents of Bollington have no understanding of how Bollington's youth club runs, or the facilities it offers.**

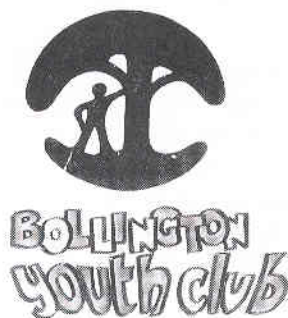
As young people who attend the youth club twice weekly we know that it is a valuable part of our community. Due to the efforts of supporters and the team of adults who run the club we are provided with a safe venue where we can take part in organised activities, such as art work, cooking, football, pool, and general knowledge quizzes. We also hold discussion evenings where we cover subjects including physical and mental health, sex education, advice on drug and alcohol abuse, and women's issues. As a group we are deeply involved with organising our own events - for instance, a local "rave" involving other youth clubs in the area. More recently, we held a fund-raising car wash. All members helped to design and make costumes, organise equipment and music, as well as wash over 50 cars. After a tiring day we raised over £100 towards the redecoration of the youth club.

As members, we pride ourselves in the fact that the club is well organised, with a programme planned often months in advance.

The majority of club regulars are local to Bollington and those from other areas attend with their Bollington friends. All those who attend register, and consent forms are held for each young person involved in an activity. Entry to the club is free to prevent discrimination against those not able to afford an entrance fee.

Because we are proud of our club we try to "police" it ourselves. If a problem does arise, it is dealt with quickly, and may even mean a member being excluded, which is the last thing any member would want to risk.

**The Members**  
*Bollington Youth Club*



**Sir - I refer to an article published in the last edition of *Bollington Live!* under the heading "No Youth Club?" I was surprised and disappointed by what I read.**

I can assure you that the vast majority of people attending the club are from Bollington (and not Poynton or Macclesfield, as reported). Furthermore, the suggestion of a £5 membership fee would be entirely inappropriate - similar schemes have been tried in the past and failed. The net result is empty premises.

The suggestion that the Club be closed down then reopened with different structures is insulting to those involved with its running. It also shows a fundamental lack of understanding of what is going on at the Water Street premises.

As a community, we should be proud of our Youth Club. It was started over 25 years ago by a group of locals who perceived the need. Over recent years the Club has evolved with the help of trained youth workers provided by Cheshire County Council. All those associated are sick and tired of the negative publicity over recent months. The premises have been portrayed as some kind of thug's playground, or drug-dealer's paradise. This is entirely unfair. All I can say is: come down, see what's going on, and form your own opinions. You may well be surprised.

The young people involved are proud of their club. They are therefore puzzled, saddened and angered by what they read in the media about themselves. The Youth Club in Water Street is a great asset to our community. Let's start by giving it a fair crack of the whip.

**Richard Paterson**  
*Chairman, Bollington Youth Club  
Management Committee*

**Sir, - I suppose facilities (or lack of them) for teenagers will always be a contentious issue in any community. The Youth Club in Water Street has certainly polarised opinion on this subject! However, love them or hate them, the "youth of today" will always be with us. What is important is that the community caters for them to the advantage of all.**

In the November *Bollington Live!* we saw one person's views. Whilst I agree with a few points in the article I feel moved to give another perspective.

I lead the Venture Scout unit of the 2nd Bollington Scout Group on Albert Road. In common with most Venture Scout groups we cater for both male and female members in the 15½ to 20 age group, from both scouting and non-scouting backgrounds.

I mention that I *lead* it - I do not *run* it and I certainly do not *control* it. Given a fair and reasonable framework, these activities can for the most part be delegated to the members themselves. The issue is one of responsibility and trust. It is not about membership fees. The ability to pay is not a guarantee of responsibility. Similarly, proof of identity or age shows only a lack of initial trust in the individual.

Responsibility and trust are attributes we all need to show on this issue. If we can all work together to perhaps bring more of both to bear I am sure progress will follow.

One last point - of agreement with the November article. It certainly is time we stopped moaning about a teenage problem and did something about it. Any further ideas?

**Alan Hodgson**

*Venue Scout Leader, 2nd Bollington  
Scout Group.*



*Venture Scouts on the canal by the Adelphi Mill. Meeting regularly at 8 pm on Thursdays at the scout hut in Albert Road, membership of the group is open to both male and female members, who do not need to have previous scouting experience. Tel: 575756.*



## HOLMES ~ NADEN

INDEPENDENT ESTATE AGENTS

A professional and personal service, from open market appraisal to completion of property sales

- ★ Open 7 days a week
- ★ Free open market appraisal
- ★ Independent Financial Advice available

Bollington Office: 78 Palmerston Street, Bollington SK10 5PW

Telephone: 01625 560535

Prestbury Office: The Village, Prestbury SK10 4DS

Telephone: 01625 828254



## BOLLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE



FULLY EQUIPPED GYM & FITNESS CENTRE

20M SWIMMING POOL

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR 3 YEAR OLDS TO ADULTS

HEALTH CENTRE WITH SAUNA AND HIGH PRESSURE SUNBED

BEAUTY TREATMENTS, MASSAGE, REFLEXOLOGY & CHIROPODY

AEROBICS AND OTHER FITNESS CLASSES

2 HIGH QUALITY, COMPETITION SQUASH COURTS

CHILDRENS SOFTCENTRE

FULLY LICENSED BAR AND FUNCTION ROOMS



## OLDBURY & CRUICKSHANK OPTICIANS

69 Pickford Street  
Macclesfield, SK11 6JD  
Tel: 01625 615002

10 Congleton Road  
Sandbach, CW11 0DA  
Tel: 01270 766870

## THORNEYCROFT

*Co*

S O L I C I T O R S

CONVEYANCING DIRECT

Fixed Price

Home Conveyancing

NO SALE - NO FEE

**FREEPHONE: 0500-344220**

## Marie Ann HAIRDRESSER

9, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington

Tel. Bollington 572495

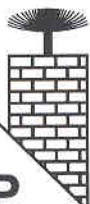
## In Need of a Chimney Sweep?

For a prompt, clean and reliable service at competitive rates, ring:

**01625 573529 or 07970 934126**

For survey and advice

**PHIL'S SWEEP**



## JAMES BARCOE - ANTIQUE RESTORATION

All types of Traditional & Modern Wood Finishing

French Polishing & Antique Restoration

Upholstery, Caning & Rushing

House Clearances undertaken



Unit 6, Clarence Mill, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5JZ

Tel. 01625 501932 / 01625 574144 Mobile: 0976 762625

## Yesterdays

CHINA, GLASS,  
FURNITURE, ANTIQUES  
BOUGHT AND SOLD

John and  
Olive Kershaw

Store Street and  
68 Palmerston Street,  
Bollington

Tel. 01625 573222

## EAST CHESHIRE PROPERTIES



RESIDENTIAL  
MANAGED  
LETTINGS

68 Palmerston Street,  
Bollington,  
Macclesfield,  
Cheshire SK10 5PW

Tel. 01625 576287

Pauline Jones - Olive Kershaw

## WEST BOLLINGTON POST OFFICE

on Wellington Road - your local car tax office

### NEW OPENING HOURS

9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday

9.00am to 12.30pm Saturday

Greetings Cards & Stationery Toys & Gifts for all occasions

Children's Books and Local Maps

\* MAJOR STORES' GIFT TOKENS \*

\* Fax Bureau \* Cash's Name Tapes \*

\* Dry Cleaning \* 'Sweet Choice' home made desserts \*

\* Tickets for Buxton Opera House \*

65 Wellington Road Bollington SK10 5HT

Tel/Fax 01625 572378

## Glee, Tarcy & Co.

Chartered Accountants

YOUR LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS  
PROVIDING A PERSONAL SERVICE  
TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

Brookbank House, Wellington Road, Bollington  
Telephone 01625 575535





# BOLLINGTON *Live!*

## MARCH

*Wednesday, 10th*

### **BOLLINGTON FLOWER CLUB MEETING**

at the Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, 7:30pm - 9:00pm  
£6.50 Annual fee. Guests £1 per meeting.  
Contact Blanche Royall 422835

*Monday 15th*

### **LOOKING BACK ON THE FLOODS**

The Civic Society opens a display of videos and photographs taken on 27th October last year, while an Environmental Agency Officer explores the possible causes and explains preventive action for the future. At Bollington Arts Centre, Wellington Road, 8pm

*Tuesday, 16th*

### **BOLLINGTON TOWN MEETING**

An opportunity to give our Councillors your views. All welcome. At the Civic Hall, Palmerston Street, 7:30pm

*Thursday, 18th*

### **BOLLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING**

At the Dog & Partridge (Upstairs room), 8:00pm - 9:30pm. Membership Fee £3.50. Guests free. Contact Mrs Royall on 422835

*Saturday, 20th*

### **BELCEA STRING QUARTET**

Bollington Chamber Concerts presents the Belcea String Quartet performing Haydn's Opus 20, Delius's 'Late Swallows' and Tchaikovsky's No 1 in D Major. At Bollington Arts Centre, 8pm. Tickets £9.00 (Unwaged/Students £3) Tel 560000 (daytime) 560355 (evenings)

*Wednesday, 24th - Saturday 27th March*  
**"MURDER BY THE BOOK"**

A thriller by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King, performed by the Festival Players. Bollington Arts Centre, 7:45pm. Tickets £4.50, concessions £2.50. Contact Mrs D Young on 572527

*Thursday, 25th*

### **PRAISE AND PLAY TODDLER SERVICE**

with singing, stories, activities and refreshments, at St Oswald's Church, Bollington Cross, 2 pm

*Saturday, 27th*

### **MAELGWN MALE VOICE CHOIR & BOLLINGTON BRASS BAND**

At Bollington Methodist Church, Wellington Road, 7:30pm. Admission by ticket only (£7.00). Contact Pat Burgess on 875322



*Sunday, 28th MARCH*

### **"ALL THE KINGS MEN"**

with a Special Guest Appearance By Humpty Dumpty. Performed by the Bollington Children's Music Theatre. This Richard Rodney Bennett play tells the light-hearted story of an incident in the English Civil War which gave Lewis Carroll the inspiration for his famous Humpty Dumpty rhyme. The show is brimming with lively music and action and accompanied by a orchestra. At Bollington Art Centre, 4:30pm and 7:30pm. £3.50 for adults, £2 concessions. Ticket bookings on 0161 427 2870

## APRIL

*Monday, 12th*

### **"SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY"**

A talk by a N.W.W representative at the Women's Institute Meeting, Bollington Methodist Church, Wellington Road, 7:30pm. Contact Mary Foster on 573571

*Wednesday, 14th*

### **VISIT BY CHESTER BELLMAN**

Talk by Mr David Mitchell on behalf of Bollington Wives Group. At the Civic Hall, 8:00pm. Admission £1

*Wednesday, 14th*

### **BOLLINGTON FLOWER CLUB MEETING**

Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Contact Blanche Royall, 422835

*Thursday, 15th*

### **BOLLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING**

Dog & Partridge (Upstairs room), 8:00pm - 9:30pm

*Thursday, 22nd*

### **METHODIST WESLEY GUILD RALLY**

at Bollington Methodist Church, Wellington Road, 7:00pm

*Saturday, 24th*

### **CHARITY CONCERT**

Bollington Brass Band perform in aid of the Royal British Legion (Prestbury Branch), at Bollingrove School, Prestbury, 8:00pm. Tickets £4.50 (to be confirmed). Contact Mr R. H Church on 829790

*Sunday, 25th*

### **BOBBINS AROUND BOLLINGTON**

A four-mile walk with a local history theme, looking at the effects on landscape and lifestyles of the Industrial Revolution, led by Ranger Trish Furse. Steep in places, so stout footwear needed. 2 to 4 pm, meet at Clough Bank Car Park, off Grimshaw Lane (GR 929773). Tel 573998.

*Thursday, 29th*

### **PRAISE AND PLAY TODDLER SERVICE**

"Sowing and growing", with singing, stories, activities, refreshments. St Oswald's, Bollington Cross, 2 pm.



# EVENTS

## MAY

*Wednesday, 5th*

### "HOW TO MAKE THE BEST HANGING BASKET IN BOLLINGTON"

A talk by Martin Hall of the Brookside Garden Centre at the Bollington Wives AGM. Civic Hall, 8:00pm. Admission £1

*Monday, 10th*

### "AMSTERDAM CALENDAR"

Guest Speaker Miss F Blain at the Women's Institute Resolutions Meeting, Bollington Methodist Church, Wellington Road, 7:30pm. Contact Mary Foster on 573571

*Wednesday, 12th*

### BOLLINGTON FLOWER CLUB MEETING

Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, 7:30pm - 9:00pm Contact Blanche Royall 422835

*Tuesday, 18th to Saturday, 22nd*

### FIDLER ON THE ROOF

The much-loved musical, presented by the Bollington Light Opera Group, at the Civic Hall, Palmerston Street (above the Library, at the foot of Hurst Lane). 7.30 pm. Tickets £6 with concessions at £4. Two for the price of one on Tuesday! Tel 875326.

*Wednesday, 19th*

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRING & BUY/COFFEE EVENING

At "Hillside" Hurst Lane, Bollington, from 7:00pm. Tickets 50p. Contact Mary Foster, 573571

*Thursday, 20th*

### BOLLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Dog & Partridge (Upstairs room), 8:00pm - 9:30pm. Contact Blanche Royall 422835

*Friday, 21st*

### TONGUE AND GROOVE

A fabulous 5-piece band, mixing jazz, classical, rock, theatre and folk music at the Arts Centre, Wellington Rd, 8 pm. £3.50, concessions £2.50, £10 for family tickets. Tel 560000, daytime, or 576250 evenings.

*Sunday, 23rd*

### ELIJAH

Mendelssohn's famous oratorio performed by Bollington Festival Choir and Orchestra and conducted by John Coope. At Bollington Methodist Church, 8:00pm. Tickets £6 (£4 students, children & unwaged) from the Waterhouse Medical Centre, or tel 573494

*Tuesday 25th, Sat 29th, Sun 30th*

### BOLLINGTON ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION

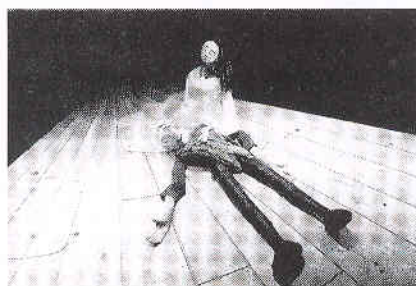
Civic Hall, 11:00am - 4:00pm (25th), 10:00am - 6:00pm (29th), 11:00am - 6:00pm (30th). Free Admission

*Friday, 28th*

### "TRISTAN AND ISOLDE"

"A clever blend of art and craft" - The Guardian. Based on a Celtic myth, this Puppet Craft show enacts one of the greatest love and jealousy stories of all times. Using a variety of mediums, an entertaining family show is created.

Effects include large sculptural puppets, projected images, shadows, story-telling.



live music and song. Lasting 1 hr 15 mins, the show is suitable for 8-year-olds and onwards. At Bollington Arts Centre, Wellington Road. 7:00pm. Ticket Hotline 560000 (office hours) 576250 (evenings)

*Monday, 31st*

### SIX-A-SIDE JUNIOR CRICKET FESTIVAL AND CAR BOOT SALE

hosted by Pott Shrigley Cricket Club. The club will also be running Junior Teams from 11+ and "Kwik Cricket" for younger boys and girls. For details contact the Secretary, Mr H D Brook, on 572371.

## JUNE

*Wednesday, 2nd*

### VISIT TO WELL-DRESSING AT ASHFORD-ON-THE-WATER

with a buffet supper in Ashford. Organised by the Bollington Wives Group. Contact Mrs Gosling on 574208.

*Wednesday, 9th*

### BOLLINGTON FLOWER CLUB

at the Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, 7:30 - 9:00pm. Tel: 422835

*Monday, 14th*

### "BESS OF HARDWICK"

An illustrated talk by P Skyner at the Women's Institute Meeting, Bollington Methodist Church, 7:30pm. Contact Mary Foster on 573571

*Thursday, 17th*

### BOLLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Dog & Partridge (Upstairs room), 8:00pm

*Saturday, 19th*

### SUMMER SCHOOL FAIR

at Dean Valley Primary School, 12:00 - 4:00pm

*Wednesday, 23rd*

### W.I. SPECIAL 75TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OUTING

Venue and time to be arranged. Contact Mary Foster on 573571

## JULY

*Sunday, 4th*

### WELL, I NEVER KNEW THAT!

An 8-mile circular ramble, looking at the history of the landscape with Ranger Andrew Watson. Suitable boots, and packed lunch required. Meet at Adlington Road Car Park, Middlewood Way, 10.30 am.

*Wednesday, 7th*

### "MY KIND OF HOLIDAY"

A talk by Mrs Kathleen Potts for Bollington Wives Group at Civic Hall, Palmerston Street, 8 pm Admission £1

*Monday, 12th*

### "FIDDLER'S FANCY"

North West Women's Traditional Morris Dancing, at Bollington Methodist Church, 7:30pm. Contact Mary Foster on 573571

*Wednesday, 14th*

### BOLLINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane, 7:30 - 9:00pm. Tel: 422835

*Thursday, 15th*

### BOLLINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Dog & Partridge (Upstairs room), 8 - 9:30pm. Contact Blanche Royall, 422835





## The Belgrade Country House Hotel

Jackson Lane, Bollington, Nr. Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5BG.  
Tel: 01625 573246 Fax: 01625 574791

Forthcoming Events:

### Friday April 9th

Gourmet Dinner, 8 course gourmet dinner,  
£28.50 per person including free accommodation

### Saturday April 17th

Dinner and Dance, 5 course meal and dancing,  
£15.95 per person

### Saturday May 22nd

Dinner and Dance, 5 course meal and dancing,  
£15.95 per person

March to May 1999

**WHY NOT STAY OVERNIGHT  
WHEN ATTENDING A DINNER DANCE  
ONLY £40.00 BED BREAKFAST FOR  
2 PEOPLE SHARING A ROOM**

**Lunches Served Every Sunday**  
£9.95 per person for a 5 Course traditional Sunday Lunch

**Dinner served every evening**  
from 7.00pm to 9.30pm in our "3 Keys" Restaurant.  
We have an A La Carte menu or Table D'Hote menu at £15.95.

*The hotel now has a license to hold civil marriage ceremonies  
and we are taking bookings for the year 2000  
We also cater for many corporate and family occasions*

**To make a reservation or for a copy of a menu  
please contact Reservations on 01625 573246**

## J.A.McNULTY

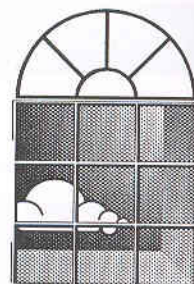
UPVC & JOINERY MANUFACTURERS

Soft & Hardwood Windows, Doors  
Conservatories, Porches etc.  
Phone or call in for free quote  
- no obligation

**OPEN FROM  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

Ingersley Vale, Bollington SK10 5BP

Tel. 01625 574508; Fax: 01625-576248



J.A.McNULTY

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

**j e c menzies** b.arch 01625 572197  
**architectural design  
garden design**

sympathetic extensions  
inspired replanning



**BOLLINGTON  
DENTAL  
LABORATORY**

51 High Street, Bollington  
Macclesfield SK10 5PH  
Tel. 01625 574750

*Perfectly Fitting Duplicate Dentures using  
revolutionary Injection Moulding technique*  
• Direct to the Public • Denture Repairs •

**ROGER L. BLOOR** *Specialist Joiner*  
Property Repairs; Fitted Bedrooms & Kitchens

**Free Survey & Quote: 01625 572055**

Clarence House, 3 Round Gardens, Bollington

### TATTERSALL'S BOOK SHOP

5 Dukes Court, Mill Street  
Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 6NN  
Telephone / Fax:  
01625-614741

Helpful and friendly service  
Rapid book order facility



## E. OSBORN ELECTRICAL

(Ampway North West Ltd.)

45a Jackson Lane, Kerridge,  
Bollington, Macclesfield, SK10 5BE

**Tel. 01625 572814 or  
0836 557709**

Industrial, Commercial and Domestic  
Electrical Contractors

**ECA Approved Contractor**

## Bollington Insurance

For Insurance Advice  
which is

**INDEPENDENT  
EXPERT  
and LOCAL**

Immediate complete quotes  
for home and car insurance

Many specialist schemes  
for businesses of all types

51, Palmerston Street, Bollington  
Telephone: 01625 574342 Fax: 01625 560076





## BEATING THE DRUM FOR BOLLINGTON - Our guide to the local elections.

This year, Bollington electors will have no less than three opportunities to cast a blow for democracy. The first two of these occur on MAY 6th, which is polling day for the Bollington Town Council and for Macclesfield Borough Council.

Of the two, Macclesfield Borough is the more influential. This is where the muscle lies. Bollington advises; Macc Borough acts, and although there are 15 councillors in Bollington, only three representatives of our town sit in the central decision-making forum in Macclesfield - one from each of the Bollington wards.

Boundary changes have reduced the total number of Borough Councillors from 63 to 60 although there will be no change for Bollington, which will continue to send just three. But, remarkably - on this occasion only - the entire Borough Council is stepping down and there will be elections for each of the 60 seats, rather than the customary third.

At present, two of the three Bollington seats in Macclesfield are held by Conservatives. The other is a Labour seat. Macclesfield Borough Council currently has a Conservative majority.

Bollington Town Council has three wards, each with five Councillors: currently, in Bollington East, there are 2 Labour members, 1 Liberal Democrat, and 2 Conservatives; in Bollington Central, 3 Labour and 2 Liberal Democrats; in Bollington West,

2 Labour and 3 Conservative members. There have been minor changes to the ward boundaries since the last elections in 1995. Maps showing the amendments to ward boundaries can be seen at the Town Hall (Tel. 572256).

By the standards of local elections, the turnout in Bollington has traditionally been high - in 1995 it was 56.3% in East Ward, 48.8% in Central and 49.6% in West Ward.

To start the debate for this year's polls, *Bollington Live!* asked representatives of the three main parties to set out their vision for Bollington - in 300 words each. The order in which they are presented was decided by spinning an editorial coin.

### Conservative

When I was invited to run as a Conservative Party candidate in last year's by-election in Bollington, my first thought was - is it right to bring party politics into Town Council elections?

But then I thought - well, at least the party system gives the voters a choice



of candidates: by selecting and encouraging people to stand and giving them the necessary assistance, all three parties are doing a service for local democracy.

I thought also - what I have to offer as a Conservative candidate is a particular outlook and a particular set of values. I am a conservative as well as a Conservative. This does not mean I am against change as a matter of principle. What I am against is change for the sake of change. For me the core policy of Conservatism is "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Sadly, we now have a government in office whose favourite words are "new", "change" and "innovative". These words go with a contempt for the past and an impatience with local democracy. Decisions that affect our daily lives are now made in drawing rooms in Islington and offices in Brussels. We face increasing regulation, increasing centralisation. The day may not be far off when the men in Brussels tell us what colour we paint our front doors. They already tell us what we may eat and how we may work.

I didn't get elected. But I did come second. And I realised that one of the advantages of having party politics at local level is that you can be defeated without taking it personally. Without exception, no-one was rude to me on the doorstep, whatever they thought of my politics. Thinking of standing? I recommend it.

George Marshall

### Liberal Democrat

A Liberal Democrat vision: a safer, cleaner, more attractive and more prosperous Bollington.



1. The *speed limit* would be 20 mph, with pedestrian refuges at key crossing points, and protected parking outside the shops, making the town a pleasanter and safer place to walk, cycle, push a pram or drive a car, and discouraging any drivers who use the town as a short cut.

2. The *surface-water drainage system* would be cleared, then the *road surface* levelled.

3. The Town Council would control *street-cleaning*, employing someone with a sense of pride in the town, cleaning not just prescribed stretches, at arbitrary intervals, but where and when required.

Continued Overleaf...



... continued from previous page

4. Bollington would have a *secondary school*, so reducing traffic and pollution, and reinforcing the pride in Bollington engendered by the junior schools.
5. *Visitors* would be welcomed by green spaces sown with wild flowers, at the town approaches and in other open areas, and by clear directional signs to the Middlewood Way, the Canal, White Nancy, the Nab, car-parks and toilets. *Publicity material* for beauty spots and leisure facilities, with adverts for pubs, shops and restaurants, would be distributed to all Information Centres within travelling distance.
6. A *meeting-centre* (combining Youth Club and Drop-in concepts) would be provided (helped by Lottery funding), serving the elderly and parents with small children in the day-time, teenagers in the evenings and, eventually, visitors at week-ends.
7. *Village shops* would be relieved of Business Rate, rather than being burdened, additionally, with a type of "poll-tax".
8. No further large-scale *housing developments* would be permitted. Any *in-filling* in a conservation area would be in natural Bollington stone.
9. Changing facilities and toilets would be provided at *Bollington Cross football ground*.
10. *Debate in the Town Council* would lean, ever so slightly, towards co-operation, rather than confrontation.

George Penney

## Labour

I accepted the invitation to be the Labour Party's candidate in the By-election last year because I felt it was time to give something back to Bollington, a town where I have lived all my life.

My long-term ambition is that we should take more responsibility for our own affairs as we did when my grandfather served on Bollington UDC. This can be done through PARTNERSHIP with the Borough and County Council so that more decisions are taken at local level.

I see the Millennium as a good time to consider Bollington's future and to



remember our past. Bollington is proud of its heritage. It should be enhanced and the conservation areas protected. This has begun with the return of stone pavements and cobbled streets.

I see Bollington's future as a community for all its people, without discrimination or prejudice, where everyone can be proud to be Bollingtonians. I feel there is too little "affordable housing". House prices have been pushed up, so Bollington's young people are priced out of town. We must avoid the risk of becoming a dormitory suburb, so I suggest the Town Council promotes trade and tourism by co-operation with Bollington's businesses.

A recent Town Council survey shows a demand for a meeting place for Young People - such as a coffee bar or "cybercafe". I am working for this, while helping existing youth provision to develop. We must keep our excellent library open.

Bollington should be safe for young and old alike. So I support the traffic calming measures and homewatch schemes being introduced. The shared funding of these schemes shows how PARTNERSHIP works for everyone.

An action plan with a vision for the future is needed to prepare Bollington for the next Millennium.

Anthony Holland.



*Restoration work in Queen Street is soon to be completed. Part of a plan supported by Town Council members of all parties, the programme has been supervised by officers of Macclesfield Borough.*

*Bollington Live! wishes to record its thanks to them and, in particular, to the workforce directly involved for the high quality of the improvements taking place.*



*A Cheshire Man for a Cheshire Seat  
Is a maxim good and hard to beat*

*Found in the Civic Society archives, the electoral card above was dated 1905, long before a European Parliament was a gleam in anyone's eye. Surprisingly for someone standing for election, the name of this candidate is not given.*

## Euro-time in June

On Thursday, June 10, Bollington's polling stations will again be open so that we can choose Members of the European Parliament. This will be the first European election using proportional representation which ensures that every political party receiving a significant vote will have at least one MEP. A party with 1/3 of the votes will have three MEPs to represent the North West (from a total of 10 seats). This has not happened in the past when we have voted using a "first past the post" system. Then, a majority of one vote was sufficient, and those who voted for losing candidates effectively "wasted" their vote. This time every vote will count.

The MEPs meet every month to consider laws or regulations which, if approved, apply to all member countries. They receive proposals from the Commissioners, who themselves are appointed by each National Government.

In January last, the MEPs considered a motion to sack all the Commissioners, but decided not to! From June, however, the Parliament we elect will interview each nominated Commissioner and can veto any that are judged unsuitable.





# In Practice in Bollington

## *Jean Coope recalls work as a GP in the 1950s*

When the kitchen door opened at The Waterhouse you would see a tall, thin lady stirring the custard with one hand and holding the phone with the other. This was Mrs Ardern, or Ardy, as she was affectionately called. She was a superb cook and also wrote down requests for visits, prescriptions and all kinds of urgent messages. I never knew her to forget a call.

I started work as assistant to Dr Eileen Coope on April 1st, 1953. John and I married in August and I worked until late pregnancy in the following April.

There were few phones or cars and no appointment system until John came out of the Army in 1955. Surgeries went on for hours as we were often called out halfway through. Nobody seemed to mind. The waiting room was a cosy place to exchange gossip and if there was a lull in conversation you might catch a bit of the consultation



going on behind the closed door. Dr Geoffrey sometimes played the player-piano to his patients and Debussy or Chopin would float down the steps.

Our entire secretarial staff consisted of Ardy; the doctors would get the records out and write notes. Dr Eileen wrote a letter to a consultant, sent it with the patient, and the reply was written on the other side and sent back with the patient. What an efficient system!

Nothing was thrown away. Glass syringes and needles were boiled in a saucepan on the kitchen stove and as this made the needles blunt we occasionally sharpened them with a file. We never saw a case of an abscess from an injection or infection in a mother or baby delivered at home.

Midwifery was run by Nurse Alice Barlow, a first-class midwife who delivered four of our own children and came from a tough training in the

Salford docks. There was a foolproof system for providing asepsis with layers of newspaper covered by a sterile waterproof sheet. At the first sign of labour the husband would be sent downstairs to boil gallons of water and provide cups of strong tea for Nurse Barlow. A serious complication was to run out of proper tea: "None of your Chinese muck."

I enjoyed working with Alice and we had few problems as there was a policy that first babies and high risk babies should be delivered in hospital. When she was out on a case she would leave a blackboard in her window with the address so that the next husband (usually on a bike) could chase her up for the delivery. Expectant mothers were examined on a couch in her front room. Her salary in the early days was

*Continued overleaf...*

*Dr Jean Coope is seen, left, tending a young patient with a nurse in 1955.*

*The two ladies shown below are Mrs Ardern, or Ardy, with, on the right-hand side of the picture, Mrs Fishwick, who undertook cleaning duties at The Waterhouse.*



**Our Contributor, Dr Jean Coope MD, FRCGP.,** joined the family practice in Bollington upon marrying her husband John in 1953. At that time, The Waterhouse in Wellington Road, which now houses the Bollington Medical Centre, was the family home of Dr Geoffrey and Dr Eileen Coope, John's parents, with the surgery occupying a relatively small part at the eastern end.

Jean Coope worked in the practice for over thirty years, increasingly specialising in the care of menopausal women and treatment with hormone replacement therapy. She has written four books and numerous articles and papers, as well as broadcasting on the subject.

One of the world's leading figures in this field, she has additionally been concerned with the incidence of osteoporosis and the effects of fractures due to bone loss - of which Britain has one of the highest rates in Europe. To back her concern in the care and good health of older women, she established in Bollington, in 1988, a pioneering education and screening clinic, which she paid for by herself out of royalties and fees from her publications.

This, the first such clinic in general practice, attracted considerable attention in the medical world and Dr Coope came to be regarded as an opinion leader: many of her findings are now embodied in the Government programme. On the osteoporosis working party at Macclesfield Hospital, she was a member of the Scientific Research Committee on the Menopause at the meeting of the World Health Organisation in Geneva in 1994 and is a founder member of the Council of the British Menopause Society.

Jean Coope shares with her husband John a love of music and the keenest interest in the growth of cultural activities in Bollington. They have six children, of whom the eldest, Dr Gerald Coope, is a partner in the local medical practice.



Continued from previous page ...

paid by a voluntary fund and the mothers used to put threepence a week into a teapot on the mantelpiece of Mrs Winkup, who chaired the District Nursing Committee.

Looking back, I am struck by the high number of house calls, which amounted to thirty a day during a flu epidemic, and the patience of our patients, who would wait hours for a doctor. There were hundreds of placebo prescriptions such as bromide mixture and cough medicines, but we gave penicillin by injection for pneumonia and morphine for cancer pain. I would not like to have worked without these.

Bollington has been a wonderful place for general practice and I am bowled over by its beauty and the friendliness of the people.

(We plan to publish further reminiscences by Jean Coope in future issues -Ed)

Doctors Geoffrey and Eileen Coope who lived at The Waterhouse, Wellington Road, are seen, top, on a visit to Blackpool in 1949. The highly-respected Nurse Alice Barlow, pictured below, is with Stephen Jardine, one of many local babies she delivered.



## The Drop-In Centre - A New Home

Bollington's Drop-In Centre will soon be moving to new premises at 104 Palmerston Street - the former motor-cycle premises beside the garages and opposite the Congregational Church.

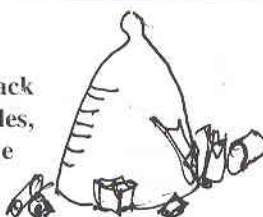
The move, necessitated by a reduction in the space available at the Town Hall, allows an expansion of activities to take place and has attracted considerable support. Bollington Town Council is granting £3,000 a year towards the rental, which the owners of the premises have also agreed to reduce, while Macclesfield Borough Council is donating £3,000 towards the cost of renovations.

In order to develop the Centre as a self-financing organisation, a Manager is to be appointed to expand sponsorship and such as the 'Give as you earn' scheme, whereby employees of local companies pledge £1 a month, which their employers match with a similar amount.

The Centre, an important asset to our community, is open to all and is running a number of projects in addition to craft activities, counselling and acting as a social centre. These include a shopping scheme, a reminiscence project, already responsible for three books of local memories and eight exhibitions, and a woodworking skills scheme.

## Litter - Can something be done?

Every time I walk the dog from Kerridge I come back with a carrier bag full of cans, cigarette packets, bottles, etc. I have a long-handled litter-picker to get the rubbish off slopes and out of hedge-backs.



In one month I collected 8 lbs of it (weighed on the kitchen scales on my return!) Some of the litter discarded from cars may come from "outsiders", but the great majority must be generated by Bollington people.

One week a year of tidying-up is no good. Perhaps we could have a sustained campaign in the Millennium? In the meantime what about a competition to see which dog-walker can collect the most litter in a stated period, say a month? This might encourage them to keep on litter-picking!

EW

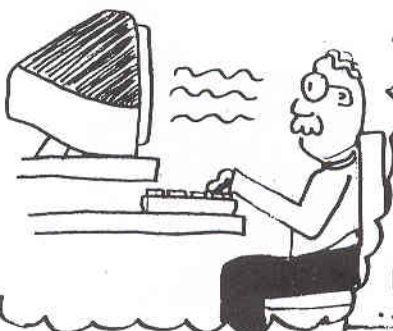
## THE BOLLS

A GRIPPING SAGA OF BOLLINGTON FOLK



BUT WE BOLLS HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL FOR CENTURIES!

BUT I'D RATHER SPEND QUALITY TIME SURFING THE WEB...



OI! IT'S TIME YOOOF MADE A MARK - I'LL STAND FOR COUNCIL

WILL CAROL BE ELECTED? ... TO BE CONTINUED ...





## K & S BUILDERS for all building services

Home extensions and general property repairs

**FREE QUOTATIONS: 572861**

## Flowers 'n' Things

*Quality Flowers & Gifts for All Occasions*

**FREE LOCAL DELIVERY - FLOWERGRAM AGENT**

**National & International Delivery Service**

2-4 Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Cheshire Tel. 01625 572228

## Mauro's

### Italian Restaurant

88 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Cheshire

*Enzo's Bar*  
*Snacks*

*Ideal for a quick Lunch, Monday - Friday  
whether for Business or Pleasure*

**Sunday Lunch:** 14th March - Mothering Sunday  
and the First Sunday of every month

**Dinners:** Monday - Saturday from 7.00pm

**Tel: Bollington (01625) 573898**



## You take the break. We'll provide the care.

At BUPA Care Homes we provide a refreshing alternative for those seeking comfort and care in attractive and comfortable surroundings, whether it's for a short or long stay.

Visit us and you will find friendly and enthusiastic staff, who have been trained to the highest standards. You will see that our residents are well cared for, in an environment that meets everyone's needs. If you would like to find out more about the care we provide at our homes, or would like to arrange a visit, please contact the Matron/Manager at the home you are interested in:

### Hazelmere House Nursing Home

Pinewood Road, Summerfields, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 2RS

Tel: 01625 536400

### Mount Hall Nursing Home

Flash Lane, Bollington, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5AQ

Tel: 01625 574177

**BUPA Care Homes**

*For care as individual as you are*

## PROFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

Self-assessment advice -  
Accountancy & Tax services for  
Self Employed, Partnerships and  
Small Companies.

For **FREE** initial consultation  
call Chris Jackson or Ann Sharpe

**01625 576636**

**JACKSON  
SHARPE**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



The Old Stables, Queen St., Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5PS

Why travel into Macclesfield for your  
Business and Personal Stationery?  
We can provide all your requirements  
in the quantities that you need  
at prices you can afford.

## WEDDING SPECIALS!

**SAVE MONEY!** Until the end of May, we are  
offering a 5% **DISCOUNT** on all orders for  
Wedding Invitations.

**OVER 300 DESIGNS TO CHOOSE FROM!**

*Ask to see our unique Wedding Keepsake Booklet*

Present this advert to claim: copies will not be accepted.  
Offer limited to one discount per family

For all your:- Design & Printing, Photocopying  
Stationery Sales - Business & Personal  
Office and Secretarial Services  
Computers and Supplies  
Word Processing & D.T.P.  
Worldwide Fax Service

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

**Tel. 01625 574828 Fax. 01625 574025**

**EMERGENCY SERVICE**  
Panic printing for rush jobs  
Ask for details

**michael  
HART  
& COMPANY**

**CHARTERED SURVEYORS  
LAND & ESTATE AGENTS  
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS**

2 Henshall Road Bollington Cheshire SK10 5HX  
Telephone 575578

**FREE** pre-sale valuations & advice  
Full property letting & management service  
All types of surveys and valuations undertaken  
Independent mortgage advice

Local Agents for

**HALIFAX**

Also at:- 36 Park Lane Poynton Cheshire SK12 1RE Telephone 876331





# BOLLINGTON

# Live!

## Adventures at Lowerhouse

Back in the 1970s Bollington was a brilliant place to grow up in, - as it still is. Lowerhouse was home to twenty or more teenagers. This was where we lived, and the woods and hills that feed the meandering River Dean granted each of us our own unique independence.

Like many teenagers, then and now, we never meant to scare or to hurt anyone. Perhaps at times we were bored or thoughtless, but most of all we were impelled by the urge to create and to explore. We were excitable, experimental, and imaginative, and that was what drove us to strike out in so many unusual ways.

Long summer evenings, weekends and holidays have all merged together, but I remember it started by the river. There we built our first dens, with material salvaged from the tip. As the dens grew ever more adventurous, they demanded organisation. Inevitably a gang emerged, and with it came dreams of empire. It now seems incredible but - apart from rare outbursts - the farmer tolerated our three-storey fortress. We laid a protective thorn hedge, built a pontoon bridge over the river, and occasionally sallied forth with dustbin lids to declare war on the kids of Hall Hill or Springbank. We even formed a navy, which took the form of highly unstable rafts on the river and the mill pond.

I remember the massive dams that we built during the summer heatwaves,


leaping from the cliffs of a sand quarry which has long been landscaped over, and trespassing on the viaduct when it was under threat of demolition.

We were chased by 'Hotwheels', the watchman at the mill, made primitive bombs out of metal pipes and weedkiller, and crushed the farmer's



fence with a ten foot runaway snowball. I also remember a friend who rode on a raging bull's back, and the time when we ran from a wheelbarrow of burning thinners after it had singed away our fringes.

This may all seem childlike and irresponsible, and it was. But these were also essential experiences, which have better enabled us to develop in

our adult lives. Now we are mostly respectable parents. There is a vet, a doctor, a journalist, a BBC producer, a computer programmer, a PR manager, a designer, a social worker, a management consultant, a traveller, and even a contributor to Bollington Live!. We all grew up to appreciate our freedom and independence, and I hope that there will always be places like Bollington where our own children can grow up and learn. 

## Back Numbers & Subscriptions

Copies are still available of many back numbers of this magazine, at £1.30 each. This price covers postage, and has been arrived at as the cost of five first class stamps. Such a system enables small sums to be sent through the post

Please send five stamps for each copy, specifying the issue(s) required, with the address to be mailed to: Bollington Live! c/o Bollington Medical Centre, The Waterhouse, Wellington Road, Bollington SK10 5JL. and mark the envelope 'Back numbers' (Please note: Back numbers are not kept at the Waterhouse itself, which acts only as a mailing centre.)

Subscriptions for present and future copies are also possible at the same rate, ie £1.30 per copy, £3.90 for a year. Again, please send stamps.

## Corporate Sponsors of Bollington Live!

*Bollington Live!* gratefully acknowledges the support given by local sponsors, who have enabled publication to continue into our sixth year:

Kay-Metzeler	Tullis Russell Coatings	Slater Harrison	The Adelphi Group	Zeneca
Ciba Specialty Chemicals	Arriva Midlands North Buses	Performing Arts Management		
Bollington Civic Society	Bollington Town Council	Middlewood Brewers Fayre & Travel Inn		
Kemutec	Bailey Business Park Ltd.	Nat West Bank		

*The Editor cannot be held responsible for the opinion of contributors or the accuracy of the events listings.*



# BOLLINGTON

# Live!