

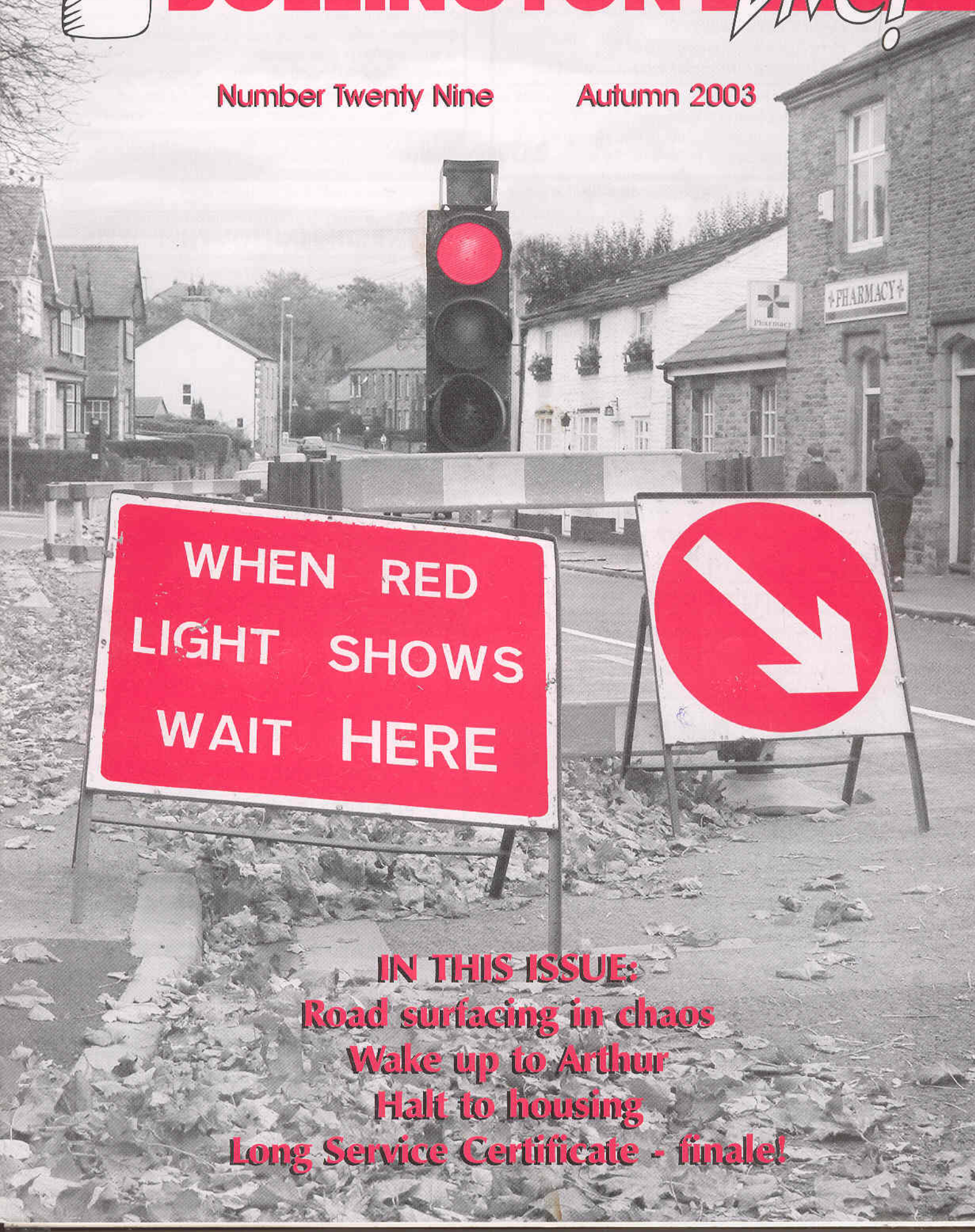


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**Cover:** The observant amongst our readers will notice that this issue's 'banner' colour is the same as our summer issue (red). Well it was too good a chance to miss, to colour the traffic light and the signs. Colour variety will resume next issue.

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## Shuttles for Service Awards

Town Mayor, John Kershaw is a man becoming known for starting traditions.

He was heavily involved in the first 'Transport Extravaganza', which has developed, several years on, into the huge attraction it is now, as well as the June Fair, which he hopes to make an annual event in aid of the Bollington Initiative Trust, enabling the provision of a permanent base for several of Bollington's nomadic organisations.



Mayor John Kershaw presents his predecessor Cllr. Anthony Holland with a commemorative shuttle. Who else deserves one?

John would however be the first to admit that nobody can achieve success on their own, and so he has hit upon a novel idea for rewarding people who have gone the extra mile for the community in Bollington. While he was Deputy Mayor, he was impressed by the time and effort

the then mayor, Anthony Holland put into the role, especially as Anthony had a full time job as a teacher to juggle at the same time. While rummaging around his workshop, he found a small quantity of old forgotten cotton weaving shuttles in a corner. This made him think that it would be nice if they could be used once again, as a token of appreciation for a select group of people.

After a lot of careful cleaning and polishing, the first shuttle was ready, complete with a brass plaque, to present to the Mayor on his retirement from office. John explained that he wanted something that could be directly linked to Bollington's heritage now that. "All of the links with cotton have now gone from Bollington." The last cotton related industry in the town closed in 2002. Anthony's year as

mayor along with his family's links in Bollington that go back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century made the special shuttle seem an ideal item to present to him. His family has seen the Industrial Revolution both come and go in Bollington.

John's work as mayor has now made him think that his discarded shuttles could be presented to more people in the town. He has some ideas of who he would like to receive the next few, and he would like to start a book, listing all those who have been awarded this prestigious award. To this end, he has asked Bollington Live! to publicise this new tradition and to ask for nominations. Please contact Bollington Town Hall with possible names for the select few who you think have contributed something extra special to Bollington.

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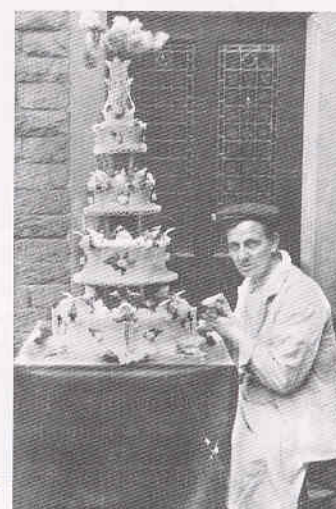
## Shopping for clues

Ken Belfield of the Village Bakery on Palmerston St. is researching the shops of Bollington – in particular the stretch from the Aqueduct to the Turners Arms, from as long ago as possible up to the 1960's.

He already has the names of the people who had the 82(!) shops and their locations, but is keen to discover any information on the personal side of the shopkeepers; who they married, their children and any funny reminiscences. When the project is completed, during 2004, it will be displayed at the Village Bakery and, hopefully, at the 2005 Bollington Festival.

You can contact Ken on 01625 574043 or 572397, but written information is best. If you have photos please send a copy rather than the original.

*Well it's a wedding cake; but when? Who is the baker? Whose was the wedding?*







## 'THERE'S FOLK UPSTAIRS'

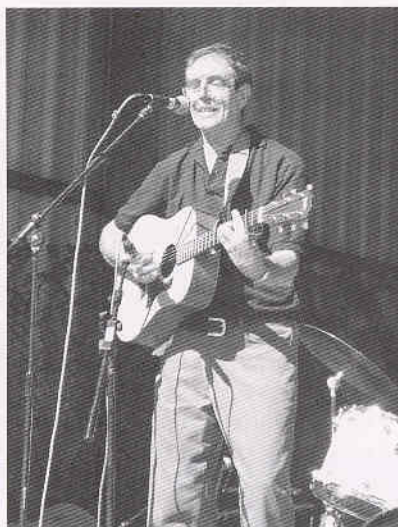
This week a banjo player from Arkansas in the US, last week a guitar and fiddle duo, in a couple of weeks its singers night – where anything from harps to bagpipes might be played. Arthur Wakefield has hosted his folk club every Friday at the Dog and Partridge since the mid 80's and before that in the Bulls Head up at Kerridge.

Arthur took up the banjo after seeing the legendary Pete Seeger in 1962 and played as the duo Tony & Arthur with friend Tony Hardman for many years and was even once on the 'tele'. Originally from Salford, he first came to Bollington in 1964 to sing but decided to move here in 1975 and he soon started up his first club at the D & P when Harry Ellison was the publican. He sprinkles his conversation with famous names who he has worked with, or have played at his club. Mike Harding, Gerry Rafferty and Ralph McTell to name a few and in recent years Julie Felix and burgeoning star Kate Rusby.

Arthur himself is modest about his own talents "I'm not a great musician, nor technically gifted" but he has a sensitive and direct way of playing and singing and is a talented songwriter and has written many songs about his adopted home of Bollington. He clearly takes immense pleasure in hearing other people play and likes to use his club as a vehicle for anyone to get up in front of an audience and entertain.

And that's probably the nub of the matter. Arthur likes playing and listening to pretty well any kind of music (although he suggests Modern Jazz pushes even his catholic tastes to the limit).

He aims to have a 'singers night' twice a month when anyone can come up and play a few numbers. Other week various 'guests' on the folk circuit do a full set. The guest

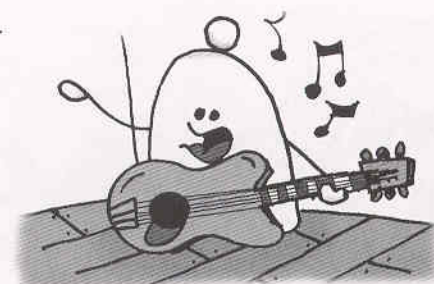


nights bring a myriad of remarkably talented musicians to our town. Clarke Bueling (the Banjo player from Arkansas, plays tunes from the minstrel shows that travelled from town to town in the US over a hundred years ago, He was technically brilliant, funny, charming and although musically obscure, absolutely typical of the eclectic stuff that Arthur has presented for year after year.

Anyone who plays and is looking for an audience, or just want to hear some real music then Friday night at Arthur's club at the Dog & Partridge with a few drinks is a great opportunity.



Arthur and Dave (not one of five) Clark at the Transport Festival



Arthur Wakefield and his folk club are not only a great Bollington institution but should be an inspiration and a model for others to set up more live music events around town.

To check out the forthcoming attractions at the club, log on to [www.whitenancy.freemove.co.uk](http://www.whitenancy.freemove.co.uk) or just drop in on any Friday and take pot luck.

### Between The Nab and Nancy

*There's a river and she rises on the moorlands high plateau ....*

*Tumbles down the hillside, how swift her waters flow*

*There between the Nab and Nancy where gentle waters glide*

*This place that I belong to – By White Nancy's side*

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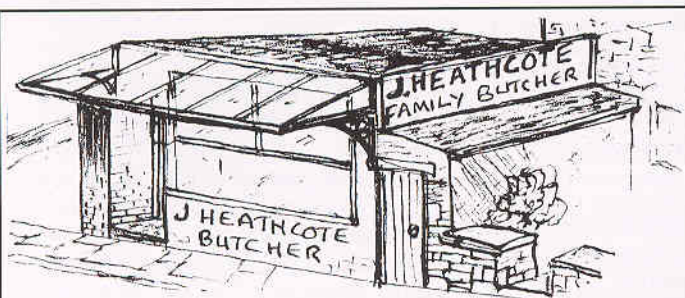
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## NOVEMBER

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm

### Folk at the Arts Centre

Arts Centre: Threlfall, Ellison, Edwards.  
Tickets £10 from 01625 575287

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

### I Shot Buffalo Bill

Arts Centre: Hijinx Theatre, Rural Touring Network. In 1903, Buffalo Bill visited Cardiff. See how his visit affected three generations of one family.  
Tickets £6 £4 (concs) £12 (family)  
from 01625 573413

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artists, Hughes Brothers Reunion. . Pay a few pounds on the door.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6-10pm

### Discovering Antiques

Arts Centre: Bring your treasured objects for Barbara Archer and Steven Bradly to cast an expert eye over. Deliver between 6-8pm. Hear the experts between 8-10pm  
£3. Details from 01625 573494

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artist Alistair Russell. Pay a few pounds on the door.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>, 12noon - 3.00pm

### Dean Valley School Christmas Fair

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, 4.30 and 7.30

### Transylvaniamania!

Arts Centre: Bollington Children's Music Theatre's Director, Donald Judge travelled to Transylvania and visited the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (the original Dracula), and climbed to Dracula's ruined castle, perched high on a mountain. He enjoyed the wild beauty, but despaired of the poverty wreaked by years of misrule. His journey inspired this musical which follows the story of Daisy, who opens a theme cafe in Dracula's ruined castle. Business goes well until the arrival of Vampire Hunter, Griselda! Spooky fun for all the family. Romanian wine and 'Dracula's Coffins', a gruesome but delicious confection, will also be on sale.

Admission £5 (Children under 16, £2)  
Tel: 0161 427 2870

## DECEMBER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 9.00pm

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artist Ian Bruce. Pay a few pounds on the door.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 4pm

### Christmas Coffee Afternoon

St John's School, Grimshaw Lane  
Festive Gifts, crafts, stalls and refreshments. Tel. 572025 for details

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - 8.00pm

### Jazz at the Arts Centre

Martin Bennett's Old Green River Band Tickets £6.50  
Tel. 01625 574410 or 575287

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30

### Christmas Past, Christmas

Methodist Church, Wellington Rd. Bollington Festival Choir, The Brass Ensemble and Andrew Cummings. Carols, Seasonal Music and Poems to celebrate Christmas. The program opens with music by 17th century composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier who used traditional French carol tunes for his *Mess de Minuit* (Midnight Mass). Then many familiar carols some with new arrangements by composers such as Malcolm Williamson, Stephen Wilkinson, and the Choir's Conductor, Donald Judge. The concert concludes with Malcolm Williamson's retelling of the Christmas Story: *The Winter Star*. Admission: £5 (under 16: £2) from choir members.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm

### Bollington Chamber Concerts'

Arts Centre: The Harper Brass Ensemble. This brilliant brass quintet play music by Gabrieli, J.S.Bach and Leonard Bernstein, amongst others  
Tickets £10, £5 (concs) from 01625 560355

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

### Messiah for All

Arts Centre: Everyone is welcome to sing through Handel's masterpiece - copies can be borrowed if you do not have your own. Tickets £3: All proceeds to UNICEF

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm

### Carols around the tree

Bollington Town Hall: Join Bollington Brass Band in our annual Christmas celebration.

## JANUARY 2004

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> -Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves

Arts Centre: The Festival Player's annual acclaimed pantomime  
Tickets / information: 01625 572527

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9.00pm

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artist Mundy Turner. Pay at the door.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm

### Johnston String Quartet

Arts Centre: Bollington Chamber Concerts' presents this gifted young Quartet (recently 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners in the London Int. string quartet competition) the programme will include Beethoven's Quartet op. 95 and Schubert's A minor op. 29 "Rosamunde". Tickets £10, £5 (concs) from 01625 560355

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm

### What's Half a Pound of Twopenny Rice in Metric?

Arts Centre: The changing diet of children's literature, and the demise of nonsense. Frank Walker guides us through this appealing topic. £3, at the door.

## FEBRUARY

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm

### Jazz at the Arts Centre

Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz  
Tickets £6.50 from 574410

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, 9.00pm

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artist, Bob Fox. Pay a few pounds on the door..



The Harper Brass Ensemble -  
see 14th December for details

# EVENTS

## MARCH

Friday 12th 9.00

### 'Folk Upstairs'

Dog and Partridge. Guest artists  
ROAM. Pay a few pounds on the  
door.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays, 2.30 4.30pm

### Bollington Children's Music Theatre

Arts Centre: Tel 0161 427 2870

Monday 9.00pm

### Acoustic Jam session and music workshop

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Folk to Flamenco.

Tuesdays, 8pm

### Festival Players

Arts Centre, Tel: 574583

Wednesdays, 7.00 - 8.30pm

### Bollington Junior Festival Players

Arts Centre. Tel. 875326 .

Thursdays, 2pm and Fridays, 7pm

### Bridge Club.

Arts Centre: Tel: 575508

Thursdays, 8pm

### Bollington Light Opera Group

Arts Centre, Tel: 574085

Fridays 9.00pm

### Folk Club

Upstairs at the Dog and Partridge:  
Guest performers and singers nights  
where any musicians can come along  
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### Dance Classes (Tap, Modern, Ballet)

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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday of each month: Contact  
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## Civic Society News

Bollington Civic Society has been a sponsor of Bollington Live! since its inception and very many of the articles published over the years have been 'civic' in nature. But we think it is time that the Civic Society had its own spot to keep you up to date with the society's activities.

A great deal is going on and listing the activities and areas of interest that we are presently engaged in will give some idea of the scope of our interests -

### St. John's Church

(finding a new use),

### Ingersley Vale development

(preserving the heritage),

### The Discovery Centre

(to be opened at Clarence Mill),

### Historic picture library

(burning to CD),

### Responding to planning applications

### Living Spaces

(developing new children's play spaces),

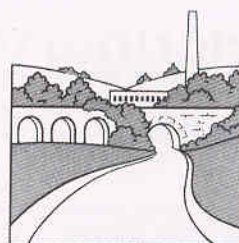
### Town Strategic plan

### Bollington in Bloom, & Bollington Festival 2005

Our membership is now growing and we will be meeting monthly from next January. At our November 17 meeting, Arts Centre 8.00pm, we will be taking a closer look at many of the activities. On January 19 we will have Richard Newstead with us to talk about the Kerridge Ridge & Ingersley Vale project. If you are not yet a member, why not come along and see what we are about? You will be most welcome.

We are also looking for those with an interest in the town, both the historic and future aspects, who would like to get involved in one or more of our interests. Please give me ring on 574888 and we can talk about any of these items.

Tim Boddington, Chairman



**BOLLINGTON  
CIVIC SOCIETY**

## Bollington Cross School Reunion



Were you a pupil at Bollington Cross School? You may have noticed that a new school building is being built to replace the old 'prefab' units that were at the back of the main building.

This will provide classrooms, canteen and an extra hall area.

The unit will be opened in the spring 2004 and the school will be hosting a celebration event to which ex-pupils will be invited. The school is looking for any old memorabilia, photos, uniforms, exercise books and good stories about the 'best years of your life'. If you can help then call the school on 572138



# HOW TO STAY YOUNG(ISH)

In this country, people over 60 outnumber children under the age of 16. We all have to cope with growing older and it is a good idea to try and postpone the negative changes such as muscle weakness, bad teeth, broken bones, illness and loneliness as long as possible while appreciating the positive aspects by taking a balanced view of life and the joy of long-term friendships.



## What can we do?

You can help your muscles by using them more. The recommended level of activity would be equivalent to a 30-minute walk 5 times a week! Shock-absorbing trainers can be a revelation to many older people.... try them! A suitable walking stick can encourage you to go further as well, especially downhill and down steps. It is amazing how much better you feel with some regular exercise, so if you tire easily, have bad feet (see a chiropodist?) creaky knees, stiff hips or an achy back DON'T sit still and "protect it" - seek professional advice if necessary and GET GOING... gradually, put up with some initial discomfort (but stop short of pain). With exercise you will deteriorate less, hurt less, and be healthier. If you are housebound you can keep your legs strong by repeating the "stand up, sit down" exercise (no hands) about 50 times a day. If you are bed-bound you can wiggle toes, move ankles, stiffen knees, clench buttocks, raise your bottom off the bed, arch your back, do deep breathing, tighten the tummy, stretch your arms, shrug and

relax the shoulders, turn your head, clench and relax the jaw, frown and relax and breathe deeply again. But not all at once!

Check the dosage of medicines and when to take them. Antibiotics work better if taken fasting. Aspirin and NSAIDS (non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for pain relief) should be accompanied by milk or after food as they can irritate the stomach. Drink over 1 1/2 litres of water a day. Cut the dose of sedatives and painkillers if you can, as heavy doses can lead to falls and fractures. Many elderly people in hospital get better when their medication is reduced. Carry on driving safely, walking, cycling, swimming, shopping, seeing your friends, playing games and music, singing, doing puzzles or helping in voluntary work as long as you can. Learn a foreign language or try a new hobby. Life is what you make it!

Sex is hampered by drugs for blood pressure or depression or such diseases as diabetes, but men are helped by Viagra and women by HRT.

A downstairs toilet and shower is a good investment, which may save an expensive stay in a nursing home. This also makes it easier for the family to help you.

Smoking destroys your natural hormones and ages your skin; it causes cancers, heart and lung disease, and also strokes and broken bones.

Taking care of your gums and teeth improves nutrition, which should include milk and cheese (or calcium tablets) and fresh fruit.

If you are disabled a car badge helps you to stay mobile and Social Services will fix handrails on the stairs or in the bathroom free of charge. Age Concern can arrange domestic help and a range of services including cut-price insurance and respite care.

Telephone nos: Age Concern (01625) 612958, Social Services (01625) 534700, Bollington Leisure Centre (01625) 573744, AIR (Activity in Retirement) (01625) 266216

*Dizzy Coope, Deborah Roberts,  
Jean Coope*

## Work and Pensions

### Are you just getting by when you could be getting more?

**Many older people in the area are not receiving the benefits that they are entitled to – often because they are simply unaware of them. So the Pension Service is working in partnership with several organisations and Housing Associations to bring advice and information to current and future pensioners in the area.**

The Pension Service hold regular advice surgeries around the area, bringing their expertise and advice to the local community and making information more accessible to pensioners.

The surgeries offer members of the public an opportunity to meet experienced staff face to face and receive advice and information on Retirement Pension, the

Minimum Income Guarantee, Pension Credit and a range of other benefit related services that may be available. Whether an individual is retired, or plans to stop working in the near future, local Pension Service advisers will be able to help.

Jan Wood, the Local Service Partner Liaison Manager for the Pension Service said:-

"We are really excited by these surgeries. They mean that we can make contact with local people and give them expert advice on a full range of benefits including the new Pension Credit, which can make a real difference to a person's income. I really do urge pensioners to pay us a visit and let us see what we can do for them".

Our Bollington surgery is held every other Wednesday at the Bollington Drop-In Centre at 104 Palmerston Street.

For more details ring The Local Pension Service on 01625 603033.

# ENOUGH'S ENOUGH!

## An end to new house building in Bollington.

Bollington has experienced unprecedented development of new housing over the past decade. Possibly as many as 500 new dwellings have been created, some from the conversion of old mill buildings, some occupying previous industrial sites and some in-filling gap sites within the town, on land not designated as green belt.

Since 1996 alone, planning permission has been granted for nearly 300 new dwellings. This rate of growth of housing in Bollington (increasing the housing stock by more than 10%) has possibly not been seen since the industrial revolution period, following the construction of the railway to Bollington in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

*The site of Fairfield Avenue 1932*



Whilst Bollington may have been a "hot-spot" for housing developments, it has not been alone in the Borough of Macclesfield. The allocation of land for housing for the Borough, approved in the Macclesfield Local Plan, is for 4,500 new dwellings for the period 1996-2011. Recent government Regional Planning Guidance for the North West recommended that this figure should be reduced by 20% in Cheshire, so that new developments are concentrated on the urban areas and derelict sites of Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Liverpool, in particular. The figure of 4,500 new dwellings for Macclesfield Borough by 2011 has already been reached, with some 3,000 houses completed since 1996 and 1,500 more soon to be built, with existing planning permissions.

Macclesfield Borough Council has therefore approved a moratorium on new house building until at least 2011. Although there are a number of exceptions:

- Special needs housing and affordable housing
- Houses for agricultural workers
- Replacement of existing dwellings on a site

- Re-use of "Listed" (historically/architecturally important) buildings, where it can be shown that housing is the only way to save the building
- Extensions to existing houses, which do not lead to the creation of a separate dwelling.

In some other exceptional circumstances planning permission may be granted. These include:

- "Enabling Developments". That is where the proceeds of the sale of the houses will be used to create a clear community benefit or will create or safeguard employment
- Urban Regeneration Schemes that significantly improve the environment and result in clear community benefits
- Substitution of house types on a site, which could mean a change of density with more smaller house being created



*The building of Barnfield Rd, 1960*

So what does this mean for Bollington? Is this a good thing or a bad thing? Well, I suppose it depends on your point of view. Many people have felt that the rate of housing growth and the further "urbanisation" of Bollington is undesirable and is leading to a loss of its "village" character. What our town needs is more public facilities, shops, small business premises and car parking, rather than more houses, they say. Other people feel that Bollington desperately needs more



larger houses and gardens, so that families are not forced out of the town in search of space. Others place emphasis on the needs of the less well off and the value of "affordable houses" for first time buyers, particularly those from local families who have lived in the town for some generations and who cannot afford the £100,000 asking price for even the smallest of cottages. Restricting new house building in an area of high demand can only contribute to further rises in prices for the existing stock.

It has been argued before in a previous *Bollington Live!* article that there would be some advantages in expanding the population of Bollington. Our town may then be better able to support services such as the library, a police station, bigger shops and even a secondary school and not be so dependent on Macclesfield and the journey down the Silk Road. This would create what in modern jargon is called a more "sustainable" community.

So, the decision to permit little or no more house building in Bollington, for the next seven years or so, is not a clear cut case and the arguments for and against are likely to rage in the pubs and clubs for some time to come. Comments to Macclesfield Borough Council Planning Department please, rather than me, although *Bollington Live!* always likes to receive reactions to our articles.

**GB**

*Of course, most of us live in houses that were built long after the old stone terraces that give Bollington its character. Probably the 1930s, 50s and 60s were the period when Bollington expanded the most. Massive swathes of (literally) green fields were swallowed up for functional, solidly build (but dull) brick houses that made no attempt to blend in with the natural stone of their forerunners. Bollington Cross must have changed beyond all recognition in the space of 20 years with many hundreds of properties being erected. The pictures shown illustrate some of that progress. Ed.*

# What Might Bollington Be?

## The Parish Plan: Our town's golden chance?

First of all, an anecdote. When, over a decade ago, this magazine was little more than an idea, one of those involved - concerned at where Bollington was going - managed to get in touch with a town planner at Macc. Borough Council. He was a senior Planner, presiding over a wide area, of which Bollington was just a part. But he was not aloof, and the conversation went on for some time.

Why, he was asked, did Bollington seem to be regarded as no more than an adjunct of Macclesfield? The reply was startling. It was nigh on impossible, the planner said, to discover what Bollington wanted. All that was received from our own Town Council of the time was griping and complaint: Bollington was overlooked, 'Macclesfield ruled', and so on. Never, and it is an awful condemnation, did he receive any guidance, any positive ideas.

But now, if we care to be positive, a great opportunity arises. Ideas can be put forward, and heard. And, better still, these will not be the theories of some elite, some in-crowd or 'experts'. The *Parish Plan* for Bollington comes under a Government scheme to promote the opinions and ideas of the community. The town's application for a grant to push this forward has been successful, and opinions will now be invited ....On what? To dip briefly into one of the documents at hand:

... a Parish plan is a survey of fact and opinion carried out by the community for the community. It provides an opportunity for us to take stock and develop a shared vision and plan for the future....



South West Ave. gradually extending its reach in the 1960s

There are many ways of undertaking a Parish Plan - the most common being a household survey, seeking views on local issues by means of a questionnaire, but it should never be viewed as a 'paper' exercise, rather as a means of celebrating the things which make people feel good and improving the things which do not....

Soon groups will be forming to push ideas around and, necessarily, forward. In addition to the standard concerns of housing, shopping, and transport they could also cover health, law and order, schooling and - surely - facilities for youth.

From a broad range of personalities, a 'steering committee' is being formed. Its aims are to launch a number of groups to consider aspects of our town life in detail. And all interested are invited to join in. You don't need to be 'qualified', or to have lived here many years, just interested in Bollington, and, of course, constructive!

The Town Clerk's office in Bollington is doing the essential work in co-ordinating this project. Not by any means, however, is this going to be a Council-dominated affair. It will be Community-led, and the views of, say, a 14-year-old will be as valid as any other (and possibly more relevant!).

Anyone interested in contributing is invited to get in touch. Details of preliminary moves will shortly be made public; meanwhile, a call to the Town Clerk will get your name down. Telephone 01625 572985 JL

Letters  
to the  
Editor



Congratulations on the wonderful front cover of the summer edition of **Bollington Live!**

The photograph encapsulated the essence of rural Bollington, with White Nancy and the dancing Morris Men in mid display.

Well done for another great read!

Sincerely,

Helen Johnson.

A photo from the Bollington photographic archive. Can you tell us anything about this?

The place: Well Farm, Adlington.

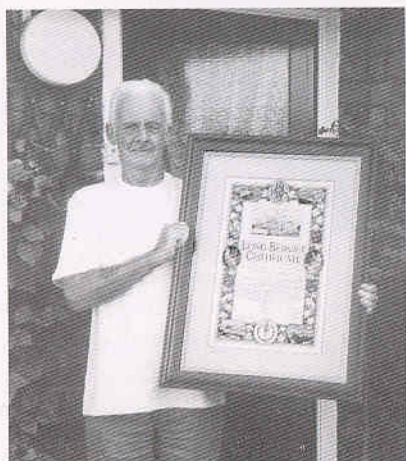
The year is 1894.

Is this deliberately staged or are they really all drunk?



## Long Service- ... at Long Last!

In our Autumn 2002 issue of Bollington Live!, we ran an article trying to trace the family of Joseph Stubbs; in order to return to them a Long Service Certificate, awarded for his work at Thomas Oliver's Mill. Since no one came forward at the time, the framed certificate was presented to the Waterhouse Medical Centre - the original mill owner's house. Readers may well have admired the certificate in the reception area.



Bollingtonian **Ray Horobin**, on visiting the Waterhouse, a month or so ago, was amazed to see, for the first time, the certificate bearing his great grandfather's name. Ray told me that Joseph Stubbs had been an engineer at Thomas Oliver's cotton mill, and was responsible for maintaining the up-spinners and ring-spinners on the machinery. So the picture has now been given to Ray and finally re-united with its family.

It is difficult to imagine that on the site of Kay Metzeler Factory, on Wellington Road, once stood a vast mill that reputedly produced the best cotton fabric in the country. Perhaps with our eyes closed we can imagine the mill in winter, with the lights on and a huge noise of machinery, where hundreds of people from 14 years of age upwards, worked 10 hour days, six days a week, all of their working lives, some of them for forty years, perhaps even more...

## One-way ticket... ...to Australia!

1834 was the year St John's Church was consecrated in Bollington. It was also the year in which two local men were forced to bid farewell to the Happy Valley. They had been sentenced to Transportation to Australia...for Life. Their crime: stealing and slaughtering a sheep.

This stark fact is revealed in "Bollington through the Centuries" the incomparable history of Bollington written by the Revd. R Norton Betts, Vicar of Bollington from 1929 to 1937. He does not enter into any more detail about the sheep rustlers and perhaps this could be the starting point for some historical research.

It had been 47 years earlier that the first Transportation Fleet to Australia had set sail from Portsmouth, and by 1834 the Transportation Process was well under way reaching a peak between 1831 and 1840. The two Bollington men, therefore, were among the 43,400 male and 7,700 female people condemned to make the long journey to Botany Bay or Van Dieman's Land during those years. Nowadays much crime is fuelled by Drugs or Alcohol, but the most obvious reason for criminal activity in the Georgian England of the 1830s was quite simply Poverty. We can only guess that it was the need for food for themselves or their families which led the Bollington men to steal and slaughter the sheep...going one step beyond the poaching which seems to have been a spare time occupation for some local menfolk at the time. It might simply be stated that many of those condemned to Transportation had previous convictions, so they were

not always wide-eyed innocents of a harsh and cruel system of Criminal Law.

Nevertheless we can only imagine the horror of the voyage to the other side of the world. Of the 499 convicts who sailed with the Second Fleet only 72 landed in fair health. And on arrival there were the privations of virtual slave labour in the colony and the fact of knowing that they were never to see the familiar hills around Bollington again. By 1868 Transportation as a punishment was ended and thereafter the prospect of a new life Down Under was one that people began to deliberately seek as Emigrants.

But what happened to the two men from Bollington who ended their lives in Australia. Did they in fact, survive the journey? And did they eventually thrive? Maybe their descendants are among those who can claim to be numbered among the (Convict) Founding Families of Australia. And do we know any more about these men? Any family stories about the Great Great Grandad who "emigrated" to Australia in 1837?

**ROY ARNOLD**

*(For the full horrific tale of Transportation your best bet by far is "The Fatal Shore" (the epic of Australia's founding) by Robert Hughes, which has been the main source of details in this article.)*

## Recycling News

**If you want to contribute to a more 'sustainable' Bollington then you'll be please to know that you can now 'recycle' household batteries and plastic bottles at the Albert Road Tip.**

This adds to the already broad range of functions provided at our excellent waste disposal site (you'll know how lucky we are if you visit a few other towns!). The full facilities include recycling of paper, metal, tin cans, garden waste (grass, hedge trimmings etc.) glass, plastics, engine oil, batteries and material as well as disposing of household rubbish. Thanks to Macc. Council for this. And I hope they soon extend the house-to-house box collections to collect plastic bottles and packaging, which is such a large part of the average rubbish bag.

**TN**



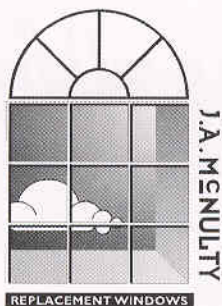
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[www.bollington.org.uk](http://www.bollington.org.uk)



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## Lifting the Veil on the Vale

The Vale Pub on Adlington Road reopened last year, quietly and without much fanfare. As one who has been predicting pub closures in Bollington for many years I was surprised but delighted when the Vale swung open its doors to welcome thirsty customers again. It was always a pleasant pub, with a comfy interior and a good reputation for its ales.

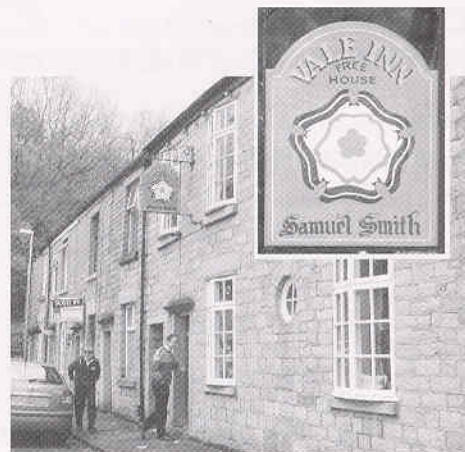
It's taken me a long time to get back there and I can confidently say the beer is still just as good. Sam Smiths is the regular brew and there is usually a guest bitter as well. There is also an interesting selection of lagers including a draught wheat beer, along with Sam Smiths' range of excellent bottled ales and stouts. What it really lacks is – customers.

It's not enough to provide a cosy environment where we can drink beer and smoke. Most of us can do that at home, with the tele thrown into the bargain. There was also a time when a pub with good real ales was enough to suck the punters in.

But times change. In a place like Bollington a pub needs that bit extra to separate it from its fellows.

Here are some of my ideas:- Music on a Sunday night – just acoustic and not too loud - a couple of blokes with guitar and fiddle maybe. Quiz nights are still popular and cheap to put on. How about some traditional pub games, bar skittles or my favourite, proper bar billiards. Alternatively, what about starting a chess club?

Also how about reopening the path from the canal through the wood down to the pub. Many folk pass



*Such sacrifices! Our editor undertaking some 'important research!'*

through Bollington on foot, cycle, or narrow boat and don't realise that a few hundred yards away is a super pub with good beer and food. I don't really want to carp – It is good to have the Vale open again and we wish them well.

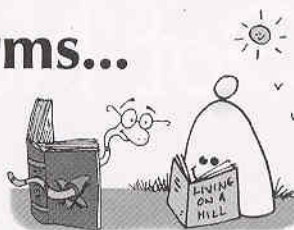
*Old Stager*

## Bollington Bookworms...

Many good and fascinating books have been written about Bollington, its history and industry. But there are a couple of books that have never been written and which would be most valuable contributions to our collection – *The Historic Houses of Bollington and Bollington People*.

There are at least 20 houses in Bollington some of which have been lived in by interesting people but many have an interesting history of their own.

Most have been mentioned in other books but they have never been written about in their own right.



Similarly, many of the people who made Bollington what it is today have also been written about. It is time that we put a fuller biography of all these people together in one document so that they can be read about in proper context and in relation to each other.

If you would like to research and write one of these books please call Tim Boddington on 574888.

### Web site

Don't forget to look at the Happy Valley web site, Bollington's own, at [www.happy-valley.org.uk](http://www.happy-valley.org.uk)

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