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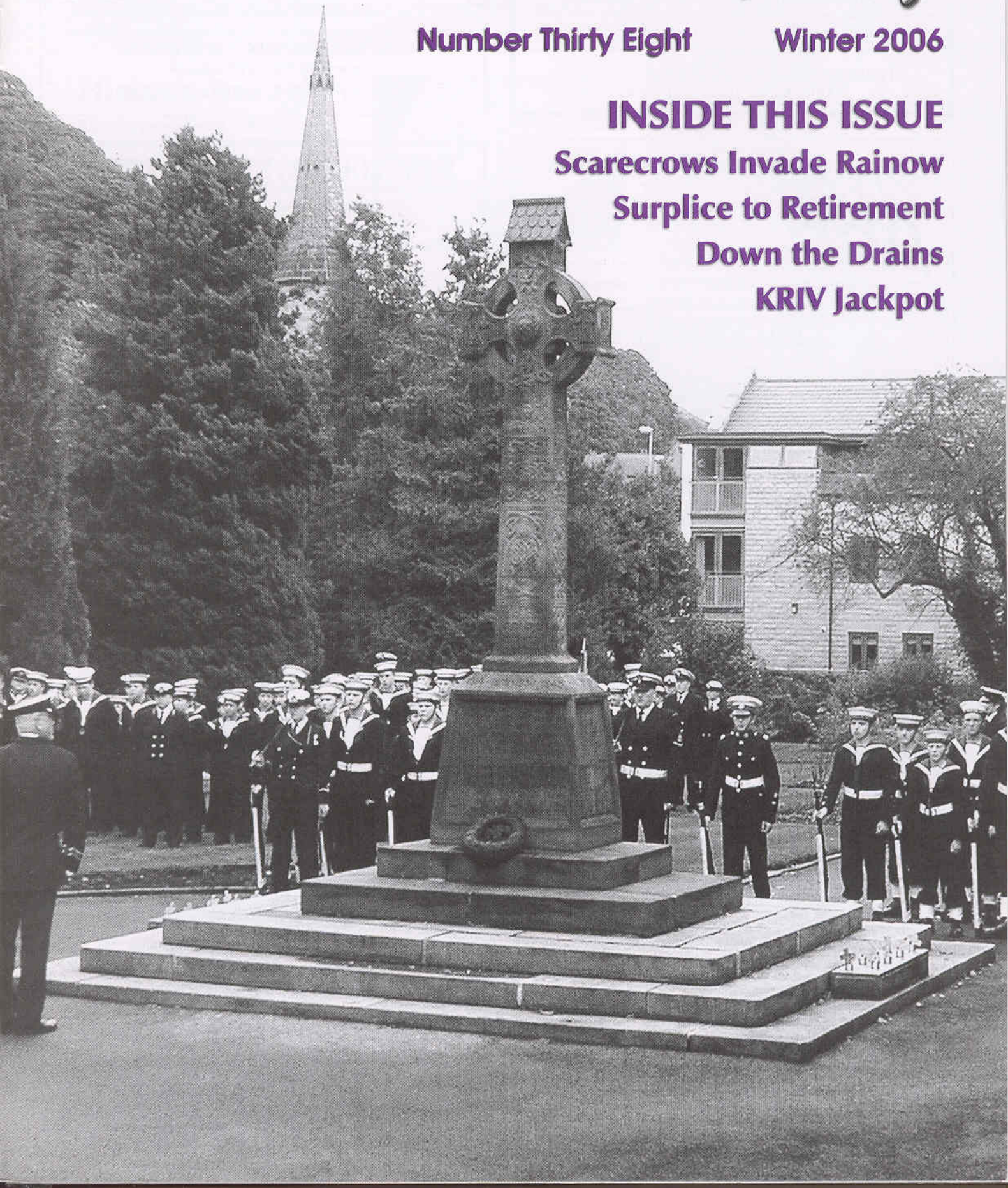
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## Historic Triangle

If you've never heard of Bollington's Historic Triangle don't worry! It's the term recently applied to three streets that are the subject of a Conservation Area improvement project which has attracted a significant sum in grants.

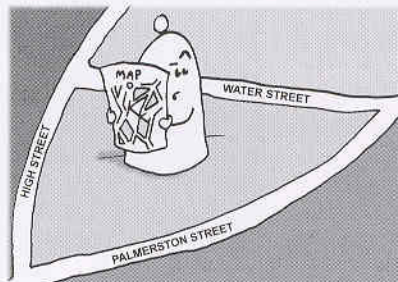
The three streets are Water Street, High Street from its junction with Fern Bank Rise to Palmerston Street, and Palmerston Street from the entrance to Tullis Russell down to the canal aqueduct. These streets are all in the Bollington Conservation Area.

There are actually two projects. The total sum involved on the Triangle itself is £133,000 funded by the Borough and County Councils and the North West Development Agency (NWDA). The Borough offered its contribution following publication of the Bollington Parish Plan and County Highways then sought funding to match this. The NWDA money was obtained through a bid by the Parish Plan Implementation Group to complete the third leg of the triangle through improvements to Palmerston Street.



High Street, Bollington - before the car!

The second project is concerned with improvements to signs, litter bins and a tourist map with a total budget of £24,100 from the NWDA ReVitalise Fund, the Borough and



County Councils. The total for both projects is £157,100.

A project team consisting of the Highways Committee of the Town Council, the Parish Plan Group and the Civic Society supported by planning, conservation and highway officers from the County and Borough have drawn together the financial and practical possibilities. The team walked the streets in February to identify the problems, the possibilities and the opportunities. They got a feel for the area and recognised its importance in the Conservation Area. The team has been joined by Peter Neville, who lives in High Street, as a residents' representative.

Peter Yates, MBC Chief Planning Officer, chaired the inaugural meeting in January 2006 and expressed his full support. He enhanced this support by providing, outside the project budget, the services of his conservation landscape architect, Sophie Brown, to draw up a proposal for the enhancement scheme. The work, beginning soon, will include 'Gateways' to the area, improvements to green spaces, pavements, side street entrances, roadside channels, re-surfacing parts of Water and High Streets, and improvements to lighting. The changes include statutory requirements for disabled access.

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[www.happy-valley.org.uk/civicsociety/triangle](http://www.happy-valley.org.uk/civicsociety/triangle)

## Editorial

Welcome to this, the 38<sup>th</sup> issue of *Bollington Live!* The magazine is undergoing a period of change, none more so than a change of editor. Tim Neale after six years and sixteen issues has decided he needs a change. However, a change is as good as a rest, so Tim carries on as treasurer. Many thanks for your hard work in keeping the standard so high.

Dennis Caulfield has been involved with *Bollington Live!* since Issue One in 1994. As the treasurer, he has been responsible for collecting the advertising revenue to pay for printing, without which this magazine



Dennis Caulfield

simply would not exist. No doubt the twelve years have flown by, and we thank Dennis and wish him well for the future.

*Bollington Live!* is run entirely by volunteers. If you have a story of interest to Bollington, why not have it published. This is **your** Bollington magazine so please send in your letters, articles and offers of help. Please contact us via Bollington Printshop.

Hopefully there is something of interest to everyone in this issue, from historical regeneration to changes in the church. Wherever possible, I have tried to add a relevant web link. This will enable you to find out more about the articles, in a way that is not possible in the magazine.

*Anthony Holland*

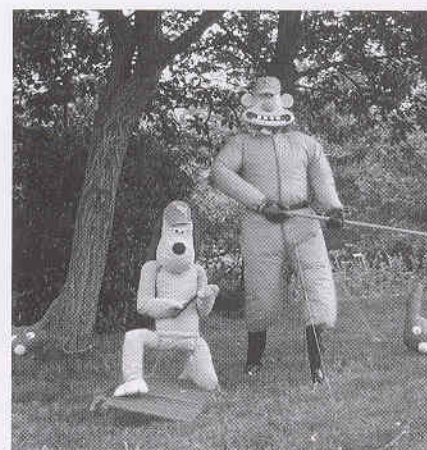


# Cracking Scarecrows Gromit!

Visitors arrived by the carload in Rainow in the first half of July - why? - to see the entries for the village scarecrow competition. As part of the village fête celebrations, residents made scarecrows on the theme of 'the silver screen' and exhibited them in their gardens for a week before and a week after the fête on the 8th July.

This is the third year that the contest has taken place and the standard just gets higher each year. A total of 135 entries were exhibited, including several Mary Poppins, Supermen, Spidermen and a Romeo and Juliet. There was a 'Bunfight at the OK Corral', various characters from the Wizard of Oz and Robin Hood (of course!) not to mention four King Kongs - one, as a tribute to our neighbouring landmark - sitting atop a replica White Nancy.

The overall winners were Pam and Peter Nixon of Lower Bull Hill, with their 'Pearl and Dean Cinema' exhibit - an audience of scarecrows watching a screen showing the Pearl and Dean logo.



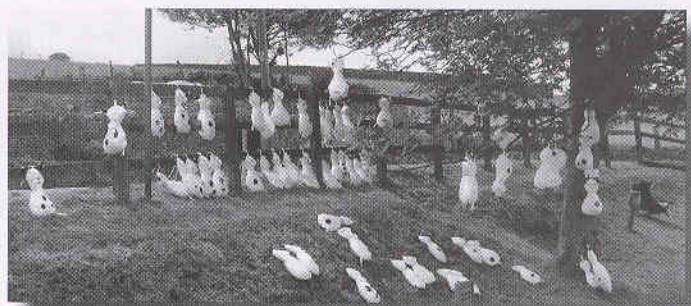
Second prize went to the Rainow Beavers for their 101 Dalmations - well done kids! - and third prize was won by David and Sheila Garton for Wallace and Gromit.

Sadly, due to mindless vandals, there was one decapitation, two thefts and one cremation - you have to ask 'why?'

The good news was that the scarecrow competition made a profit of £2,165 from entry fees, teas and maps, a good contribution to the total of just over £5,000 from the entire fête effort. Now that the village has returned to its normal quiet self, it seems strangely eerie, as though some of the community's more gregarious inhabitants have suddenly disappeared. Next year's theme is still to be decided but is sure to bring out the latent artistic talents of the village.

**Pat Mellish**

[www.rainowvillage.co.uk](http://www.rainowvillage.co.uk)





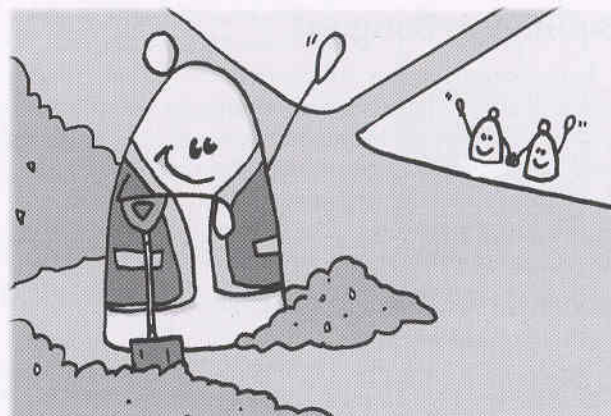
# Up Hill and Down Drain!!

## The company view...

### Bollington Transfer Scheme – My experience.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Bollington for their patience and understanding during construction and especially those that provided their time, local knowledge and assistance to ensure the project team could minimise disruption as much as possible.

This scheme was probably one of the most difficult projects that United Utilities (UU) has carried out as part of its five year £3 billion investment programme. The most important thing with any project is the planning and preparation and to make sure what we construct is right first time. I hope some residents agree that the continued delays to the commencement of the work were, in retrospect, worth it.



*H&S Presentation at St Johns C of E school*

In my opinion, the most disappointing aspect of the project was the delays we encountered on Grimshaw Lane. As a project team we had identified Church Street, Lord Street and Chancery Lane as the biggest potential hurdle and Grimshaw Lane as possibly one of the easiest streets. How wrong we were. I think

without the understanding and goodwill of the residents and businesses, we would have incurred greater delays and costs.

One of the most satisfying aspects of the project was the feedback received from residents regarding Murphy's, the contractor carrying out the work on UU's behalf. I am sure people who spoke to the pipe-laying gang will agree that they did a great job through wind, rain, snow and eventual sunshine, remaining courteous and considerate to others throughout.

The other satisfying aspect was the ability to interact with the community on various goodwill gestures such as St John's School on Grimshaw Lane. The half day we spent with the children educating them about the importance of Health and Safety in construction, was not only enjoyable but also very worthwhile; over a thousand children are still injured every year on construction sites.

**Matthew Steer.** Project Co-ordinator.

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## The residents view...

**It may have been Rainow's project but it has been Bollington that took the brunt of the roadworks**

However, common opinion has it that these were the cleanest and tidiest major works we have ever endured. Even though the pipe laying team were using heavy equipment, in particular the big dumper travelling through the streets many times every day, I have not heard even a single complaint. I have witnessed many occasions when the utmost consideration has been shown.

It has to be said that this project got off on entirely the wrong foot. Those involved in the planning stages seemed to be hell-bent on driving a wedge between United Utilities and the residents with regular doses of misinformation, changes of plan and a disregard of valid technical comment.

Fortunately a change of project team recovered the situation. We were particularly grateful to the considerable effort put in by Matthew Steer who kept the town fully informed throughout with good news and bad.

We are also very grateful for the support United Utilities gave to a variety of good causes and particularly for sponsorship of Bollington Live! TB

[www.happy-valley.org.uk/sewer](http://www.happy-valley.org.uk/sewer)

## It's more likely to be you!

There is a lottery just on your doorstep with £3000 of prizes given away every week. The East Cheshire Hospice provides specialist care with emotional and practical support for terminally ill patients and their families from the local community. The hospice is a charity and all their services are free, so every penny raised from the local community is greatly appreciated. One of their main sources of income is the hospice lottery with a membership of 8,500. This is a lovely way of raising income - there are 135 weekly winners with a top prize of £2000! It couldn't be easier to join - just give the hospice a ring

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



## Bollington Boogies!

I am writing to you to say how much I enjoyed the 'Mind, Body and Boogie' music event that was held in Bollington recently. I'd like to congratulate the organisers for all the hard work they put in so that the event could happen.

As a 23 year old Bolly lad, I feel that there aren't many events for people of my own age to go to in Bollington; a lot of events are mainly for the older generation of our town. That's why when I heard about 'Mind, Body and Boogie', I jumped at the chance to go to the event.

The music and atmosphere at the event was great and it was brilliant to see so many people from Bollington and further afield out socialising together and enjoying the music. My own favourite bands from the event have to be 'Black Bart' and '3milehigh'. I'd definitely go and watch them perform again if I got the chance to.

I feel the event benefited Bollington just as much as the charity. The event brought people to the great town that we live in, that probably wouldn't have visited us if the event had not been held. I think the pubs and shops will have enjoyed the extra business too.

It is just a shame that Bollington does not have an annual music event like 'Mind, Body and Boogie' or 'Party in the Park' like Macclesfield holds.



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## Letters... to the Editor



I think it would help to put Bollington back on the map, a place for people to come and visit!

*Gareth E Davies*

[www.blackbart.co.uk](http://www.blackbart.co.uk)  
[www.3milehigh.com](http://www.3milehigh.com)  
[www.mindbodyandboogie.org](http://www.mindbodyandboogie.org)

## Carbon footprint

**As a result of the Civic Society article in the last issue, around 20 people contacted Tim Boddington with their interest in setting up a project aimed at reducing Bollington's carbon footprint. This was a great result and many of them gathered for a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

A core group has been established with the project team led by Nicola Riley. She, and several others who showed interest, are professionally involved in environmental matters and have organised further meetings to develop ideas. The group have a really broad range of high quality skills which will be very valuable for the success of the project. There is plenty of room for those without expertise; in fact this is a great opportunity to get into a new subject and learn additional skills!

If you wish to get involved with the project, call Nicola on 01625 572894.

*TB*

[www.happy-valley.org.uk/co2](http://www.happy-valley.org.uk/co2)

## Dyeing the Dean

In the 'A Well Dressed Trail' article in the Summer edition, someone recalls the mill pool for the old "Shrigley Dyers" changing colour with the dye being used at the mill. This cannot be a recollection as it is hardly likely to have ever happened in the normal course of things.

The mill operated in a similar manner to a domestic situation (water in from the tap - waste out to the drain), and the 'water in' source for the mill was the pool. Waste went out via the drains to be dealt with by the Council.

I worked at the mill in the early 1940s and as I recall, the water supply was gravity fed, as the pool was much higher than the dyehouse machines. The waste effluent, being discharged at floor level, flowed away by gravity to the drains and had no means of finding its way back up to the pool.

In my days the pool was a reliable source of water, being fed by the river at the side of the mill. However, in stormy weather it was liable to change colour, turning to a muddy brown by the water 'in spate' coming down the feeder stream. The dyehouse operated daily on a variety of colours from white to black; a dirty water supply meant that machines had to be reprogrammed to process medium or dark colours. The water inlets would have cotton filters tied on to try to clean the water a little but, all in all, these would be fraught times until the water settled down.

*C A McAllister*

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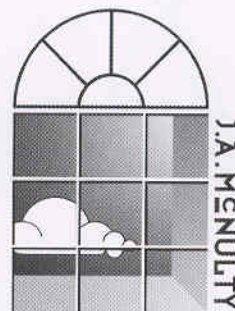
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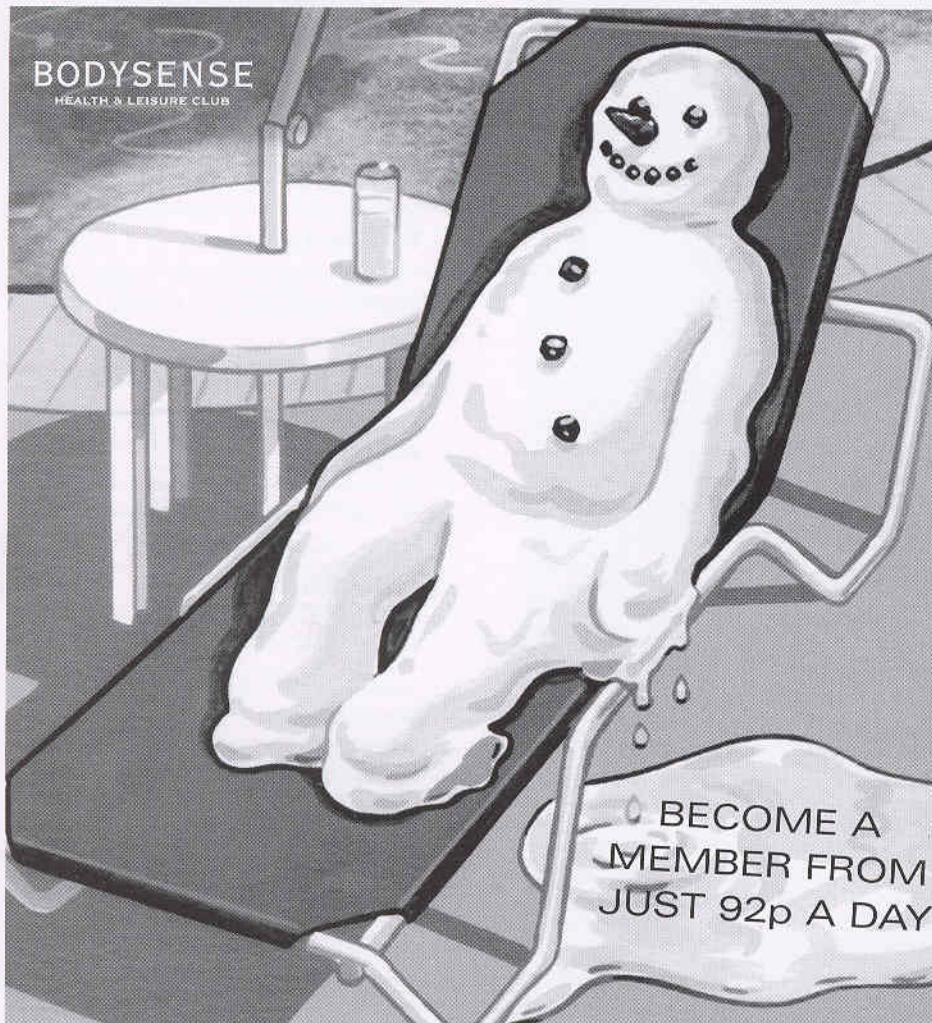
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Canoe Club  
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Embroidery Class  
TS Ardent Sea Cadets (Senior)  
Art Group  
1st Bollington Cross Guides  
Brass Band Practice  
Modern Sequence Dancing

Water Street School 7.30-9.30pm  
Adelphi Mill canalside 7.00pm (01925 756728)  
Christian Life Church 7.30pm (2nd Mon)  
Arts Centre (Tel: 560459)  
Adelphi Mill Wharf 7.15-9.30pm  
Civic Hall 7.45pm (Tel: 820685)  
Methodist Hall 7-8.30pm (term time)  
Methodist Hall 7.00pm Youth, 8.00pm Senior  
Civic Hall, 8-10.30pm (0161 428 4650)

## TUESDAY

Art (WI Group)  
Tea Dance  
Keep Fit for over 50s  
Festival Choir  
Youth Club  
Senior Citizens' Social Club  
2nd Bollington Rainbows  
2nd Bollington Brownies  
2nd Bollington Beavers  
2nd Bollington Cubs

Arts Centre (Tel: 877844)  
Civic Hall, 1.30-3.45pm (Tel: 0161 428 4650)  
Methodist Hall 2.15pm  
Arts Centre 8.00-10.00pm (0161 427 2870)  
Water Street School 7.30-10.00pm  
Community Centre 7.30pm  
Methodist Hall 5.00-6.00pm (term time)  
Methodist Hall 6.00-7.15pm (term time)  
Scout Hut 6.30pm  
Scout Hut 7.00pm

## WEDNESDAY

Flowers, fauna and history walks  
Tea Dance  
Spanish  
Italian  
Community Ctr. Luncheon Club  
Junior Festival Players  
Festival Players  
Art Group  
Flower Club  
1st Bollington Rainbows  
1st Bollington St John's Brownies  
TS Ardent Sea Cadets (Junior)

Drop-In Centre 11.00am (3rd Wed)  
Civic Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm  
Arts Centre (Tel: 611483)  
Arts Centre (Tel: 572130)  
Community Centre 12.00 noon  
Arts Centre, 7.00pm (Tel: 571028)  
Arts Centre 8.00pm (Tel: 574085)  
Arts Centre 1.30pm (Tel: 820685)  
Community Centre 7.30pm (2nd Wed)  
Methodist Hall 4.30-5.30pm (term time)  
Methodist Hall 6.30-7.45pm (term time)  
Adelphi Mill Wharf 7.00-9.00pm

## THURSDAY

Family History Society (1st Thurs)  
Brass Band Practice  
Horticultural Society  
Bollington Light Opera Group  
TS Ardent Sea Cadets (Senior)  
Bridge Club  
Youth Club  
1st Bollington St John's Guides

Arts Centre 10.30-12.30pm (872057)  
Methodist Hall 8.00pm (Senior)  
Pott Shrigley School (3rd Thurs) (Tel: 422371)  
Arts Centre 8.00pm (Tel: 610983)  
Adelphi Mill Wharf 7.15-9.30  
Arts Centre 2.00-4.30pm (Tel: 575508)  
Water Street School 7.30-10.00pm  
Methodist Hall 7.30-9.00pm

## FRIDAY

Bridge Club  
Bollington (236 Squadron) ATC  
Folk Club  
Live Wires  
Fuse Youth  
Salsa, Methodist Hall

Arts Centre 7.00-10.00pm (Tel: 575508)  
Water Street School 7.30-9.30pm  
Dog and Partridge 8.30pm  
Christian Life Church 6.15-7.30pm  
Christian Life Church 8.00-9.30pm  
7.00pm (Improvers) 8.00pm (Beginners)



## NOVEMBER

Saturday 11th 8.00pm  
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Sunday 12th 2-6.30pm & 7.45-10.00pm  
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Saturday 18th 8.00pm  
**The Sacconi Quartet**  
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Sunday 19th 7.30pm  
**The Pre-Raphaelites**  
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Sunday 26th 4.30pm & 7.30pm  
**The Snow Queen**  
Bollington Festival Music Theatre  
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## DECEMBER

Friday 1st 8.00pm  
**Bolly Comedy Club**  
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Saturday 2nd 8.00pm  
**T.J. Johnson's Bourbon Kick**  
Jazz at the Arts Centre  
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Tuesday 12th 7.30pm  
**Messiah For All**  
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Sunday 17th 2-6.30pm & 7.45-10.00pm  
**The Play Readers**  
Aristophanes' comedy 'Lysistrata'  
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# Dates for your Diary

## JANUARY

5th – 13th

**Bollington Festival Players**

*Bollington Pantomime! Mother Goose*

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Saturday 20th 8.00pm

**Bollington Chamber Concerts**

*Anthony Goldstone & Caroline Clemmow*

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Friday 26th 8.00pm

**Bolly Comedy Club**

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Saturday 27th 8.00pm

**Jazz at the Arts Centre**

*Martin Bennett's Old Green River Band*

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## FEBRUARY

Saturday 3rd 7.30pm

*Dotted Line Productions*

**George Telfer in Burton's Last Call**

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Sunday 4th 7.30pm

**Sunday Night Talk Series**

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Friday 16th 8.00pm

**The Talk Series – Transferred**

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Saturday 17th 8.00pm

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### NOVEMBER

Fri. 10:

**Savio House Estate – Holly removal**

**Meet at Savio House Car Park**

Sat. 11:

**Training course – Archaeological**

**Awareness Walk**

**Meeting place TBA (see website)**

Fri. 17:

**Savio House Estate – Branch cutting**

**over path**

**Meet at Savio House Car Park**

Fri. 24:

**Dry Stone Walling – Tullis Russell Wall**

**Meet at Cow Lane, Bollington**

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### DECEMBER

Fri. 1:

**Woodland management – Redway  
wood**

**Meeting point TBA (see website)**

Fri. 8:

**Woodland management – Redway  
wood**

**Meeting point TBA (see website)**

Sat. 9:

**Training Course – Hedgelaying Level 1**

**Meet at Savio House Car Park**

Fri. 15:

**Christmas Event – Hedgelaying**

**Meet at Savio House Car Park**

Sat. 16:

**Training Course – Hedgelaying Level 1**

**Meet at Savio House Car Park**

## OTHER EVENTS

Sunday 12th November

**Bollington Remembrance Day Parade**

10.40am for the parade, 11.00am at the War Memorial

Sunday 19th November

**St. Gregory's School Christmas Fair 2.00-4.00pm**

Friday 1st December

**Bollington Cross School Christmas Fair 6.00-8.00pm**

Friday 1st December

**Dean Valley School Christmas Fair 6.00-8.00pm**

Saturday 9th December

**St. John's School Christmas Fair 2.00-4.00pm**

Sunday 24th December

**Carols around the Christmas Tree 6.00pm**

Friday 17th January

**Pampering Evening St. John's School 6.30-8.30 (£5.00)**



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Saturday  
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Sunday  
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All historical photographs in **Bollington Live!**, kindly provided by Bollington Civic Society, can be viewed along with thousands more at the Discovery Centre. The Discovery Centre is run entirely by volunteers under the auspices of the Bollington Civic Society who hold monthly meetings. The Society meet at 8.00pm on the third Monday of each month (not December) at Ovenhouse Lane Community Centre.

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# Farewell Father Bob

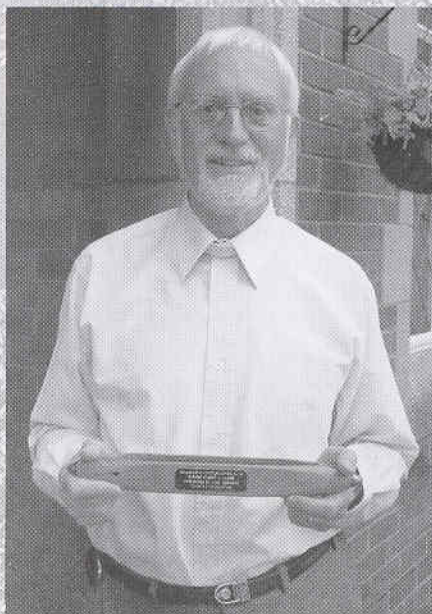
Parish Priest Fr. Bob Coupe retired earlier this year, ending fifteen years of ministry in Bollington. As Mary Bann reminisces through a personal letter, we find that Fr. Coupe's association with Bollington goes back much further.

Fifteen years ago, when you were about to come to Saint Gregory's as our Parish Priest, your predecessor, Father George Robson, assured us that you would have a lot to offer to the parish. How very true his words were!

You have indeed had much to offer, so much of love, compassion, self-giving and total dedication and commitment to anything you were asked to undertake. You have been part of our lives for so long, sharing our happy times and our sad times. Your heart at once went out to anyone in trouble, unhappy, or grieving for any reason and people were drawn to you for your gentleness and understanding.

The ability to reach out and touch the hearts of others was just one of the many gifts you were given. Several years before you became Parish Priest of Saint Gregory's, when you were teaching at Shrigley College, our own dear Doctor John Coope coaxed you into singing with the Festival Choir - he was never one to let a good Tenor slip through his net! I recall you were with us when the Choir sang at the opening of the new Bollington Civic Hall, and there were other concerts at Adlington Hall and Jodrell Bank Planetarium, so even then you were part of Bollington life! Then, in 1991, when you finally became our Parish Priest, you joined us in several of the Choir concerts, sharing as you did, Doctor John's own great love of Choral music. What a happy coincidence too, that you should be Parish Priest of a church dedicated to Saint Gregory the Great, the Saint who gave his name to the collection of ancient and beautiful Latin melodies we call Gregorian Chant. Your expertise in teaching and singing this lovely traditional music of the Church was demonstrated during the Millennium Year 2000, when the Chant 'Ubi Caritas' was sung by the men's group in the 'Big Top' as part of the Festival 'Prom Praise'.

Your musical talents went beyond singing, since you could also play the piano, saxophone and violin.



Fr. Bob Coupe

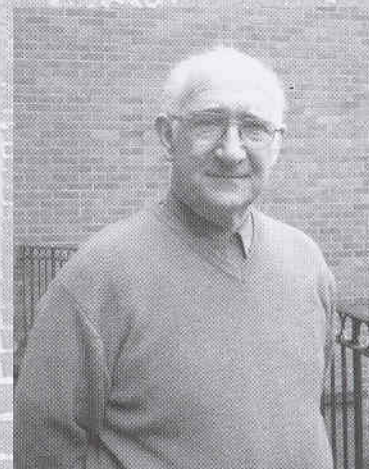
It was always a joy for you to be with the young people and the children, and you took part with enthusiasm in some of our theatrical ventures, your acting abilities ranging from Victorian Melodrama to Shakespeare! You could also paint, a talent you had little time to pursue in your busy days as our Parish Priest. One thing which you freely admitted eluded you, was the culinary art of cooking. Fortunately, Father Austin Malloy, our Assistant Priest, was well able to cope in that department, and his quiet support at all times was a great help to you. His own special presence in the parish was greatly valued by us all.

Your influence for good was not confined to Saint Gregory's Parish and you were admired and respected by many members of other church groups throughout Bollington. You worked with them to show that the Christian Faith is something precious which we all share. The special services you often conducted for the elderly residents of Shrigley and Ingersley Court, and for the sick at Macclesfield Hospital, the times you gave the address at our War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, all these and your many acts of kindness are remembered and appreciated by Bollington people.

Although your work here is done, Father, we know that a new beginning lies ahead for you when you will be able to use yet another of your gifts - that of languages - in work for the Salesian Order, and we wish you fulfilment and happiness in this. Your Ministry here has been a blessing, not only for our Parish of Saint Gregory, but for Bollington too. May His love surround you and His light shine through you wherever you are, and whatever you do. We shall miss you both.

Mary Bann

Fr Bob always seemed to find the right words whatever the occasion, whether joyous or sad. As Mayor's Chaplain to me, he was always available and his prayers at the start of each council meeting, sadly lacking nowadays, surely helped councillors to focus on what was important.



Fr. Francis Mageean

In his place we extend the hand of friendship to Fr. Francis Mageean, again from the same Salesian order and a former head teacher at Savio High School in Bootle. I am sure that his vigour and enthusiasm will continue to inspire the community. AH

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# Kerridge Ridge Project Wins Award

The area between Rainow and Bollington, in the Dean valley, is important, not only for its stunning landscape, but also its historical significance, wildlife and footpath network. The Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale Project (KRIV) aims to preserve the natural and traditional features of this landscape.

This project is a partnership between local residents, councils, voluntary organisations, businesses and Groundwork Cheshire, all working together to preserve and enhance this scenic and interesting stretch of countryside.

Substantial Heritage Lottery funding has been a major boost to the project. This has been a culmination of many years hard work by the steering committee and the vision of its chairman Graham Barrow. The past two years have been spent in producing detailed historical, ecological and landscape surveys. The historical study by Bollington resident George Longden looked at every field, stone and wall.



I met project manager Richard Thorogood and training officer Nick Martin in their office at Savio house, which looks out over Ingersley Vale towards White Nancy.

Over the next four years it is hoped to introduce a volunteer training programme. If you have ever wanted to learn how to construct a dry stone wall, lay a hedge, restore a stile or improve a footpath, the training days will show you how to do it. If you are unsure of the name of a tree, flower, bird or butterfly, Nick will also run courses to help you identify local flora and fauna. He pointed out that if enough people are interested in a particular subject he will arrange a course.

Working closely with landowners, KRIV aims to implement a programme of work to restore and retain important landscape and heritage features. Volunteers can help by doing small jobs like repairing a collapsed dry stone

wall, improving footpaths and replacing stiles. The educational aspects of the project are very important and one of the aims is to develop a countryside skills, education and small business centre at Savio House.

The excellent website contains a wealth of information. The three studies of the area: ecological, historical and landscape are available to download. A virtual walk along Ingersley Vale and up to Kerridge Ridge, although not quite so rewarding as the real thing, provides an informative look at important points in the landscape. For those with an interest in industrial archaeology and our industrial heritage, a team of archaeologists is planning a dig at Cow Lane Mill in Rainow, which closed 100 years ago. It is hoped that local schools and the public will get involved and learn a little about archaeology.

The project managers are seeking further funding through public sector grants, charitable donations and business support to ensure that they can continue to develop the project. They are also grateful to the many organisations that have given so much generous support and funding.

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## Lowerhouse Lunacy!

**Oh No, I groaned as the letter from MBC Planning Department landed on the mat.**

Oh goodie, another application for an Industrial Park in the river Dean floodplain on the way to the tip. We've all driven back from the tip looking over the lovely river valley at the views of White Nancy and the Grade Two listed Lowerhouse Mill. Not for much longer unless we do something drastic.

The new application is for 12 units downstream of the road. "How will they fit so many in?" How indeed. Chronic over-development, right on our doorstep, nasty great tin sheds. Whatever happened to sympathetic design? I am sure Philip Antrobus, the builder of Lowerhouse Mill, would turn in his grave, watching the sun glance off his magnificent stone edifice.

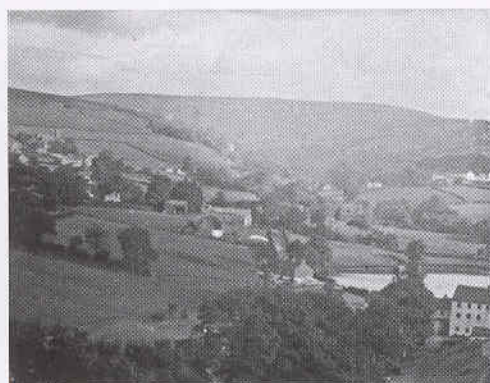
Surely the developers know that they will flood; the 1 in 100 year flood has happened twice in the last 5 years! After Boscastle there was new legislation against building on floodplains because they (erm) flood. Yes, they will flood but MBC (or rather we) will foot the bill. The application for the upstream side of the tip has requested to be changed to provide 3 enormous units that create an unsafe ghetto inside. No doubt they will try and get out of the conditions that were imposed last time. *Not on my watch.*

The Developer is always right in the eye of the law (planning law that is) even if it is cheap and nasty and spoils the view.

If you care, please read Planning Applications: 06/2021P and 06/2355P and write to MBC Planning department stating your opinions asap.

**Elaine Stokes**

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# A Global Happy Valley

It is ten years since I set up the first pages of the Happy Valley web site.

The first objective was to provide pages for the pubs (still the most popular pages) and eateries that Bollington enjoys with the vague intention to provide additional useful information as time went on. So I added the contact information for clubs and organisations in general, then details of the many services that we all need. After that came the business directory, which lists every Bollington business that I am aware of.

Cheshire Constabulary wanted to increase the number of Homewatch areas in Bollington, so I developed pages which cover a variety of local policing matters. The latest page-set is called 'Streets', which will provide a picture and basic information about every street in Bollington. Coming shortly, a page-set on Bollington history, starting with the mills.

After ten years the home page has been downloaded more than 103,000 times and over the whole site there are 20 to 25,000 page hits per month! This is way beyond my wildest expectations. So if you want basic information about Bollington you know where you can find it. If you can't remember the URL just put 'Bollington' into Google and the link will be top of the list. My thanks to everyone who uses the site. p.s. - don't forget to tell me what else you want there.

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# Can you help please?

We are looking for Information on the Amalgamated Association of Operative Cotton Spinners. Can anybody help?

This wonderful certificate belongs to one of my customers, Mr Albert Clayton.

It was presented to his grandfather Mr Albert Evans Snape in 1925, on his retirement following 14 years as president delegate and auditor of the 'Amalgamated Association of Operative Cotton Spinners' at Oliver's Waterhouse Mill (now the site of the Kay Metzler factory).

I have commissioned a copy which has been meticulously restored and refurbished by Bollington Print Shop.

It is a beautiful piece of artwork and an amazing glimpse of history.

Anybody with information please contact Karen Farrow, licensee at the Spinners Arms, 76 Palmerston St. Bollington SK10 5PW.

For those of you wishing to see the magnificent colour print of the original certificate please visit the Spinners Arms.

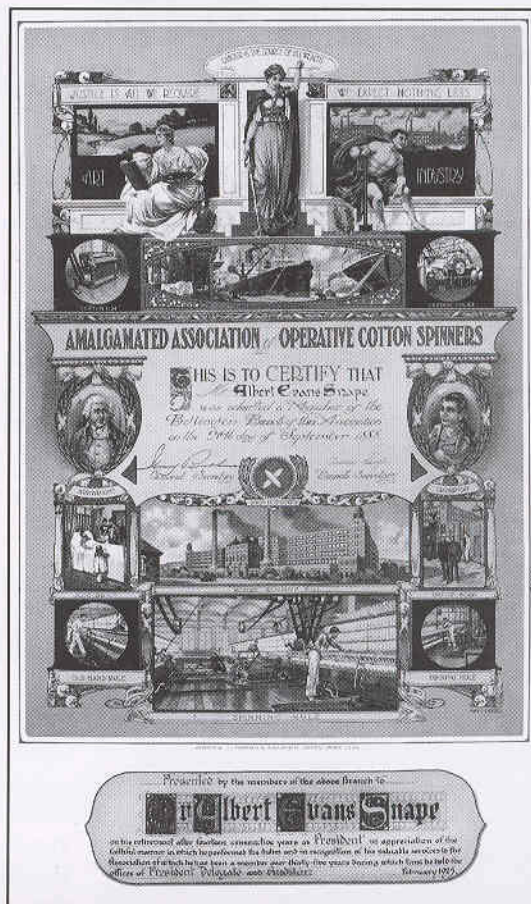
**Karen Farrow**

*The magnificent certificate on display at the Spinners Arms*



Above:- Albert Snape and family.

Left:- Karen and Albert admiring the restored certificate.



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## Hitting a High Note!

Three years ago Bollington Brass Band, under the baton of Peter Christian, qualified for the National Brass Band Championships at Dundee where they were placed as runners-up by a single point.



This year they again qualified for the National Finals, now held at Harrogate, and were again placed second – again by a single point! This time they not only received the 2nd place trophy and a cheque for £750 but also boasted the Best Instrumentalist in the form of 17 year old Matt Shaw on bass trombone. Matt received a music voucher to the value of £1000 for his efforts.

Peter is determined to go one better with the Band next year, even though new players are being recruited to replace those who have left to go to university. He's also determined that the Band continues with its wide range of other commitments in the form of concerts and civic functions, so that they will again be leading the Remembrance Day parade on 12th November.

The next opportunity to hear the Band in concert will be that same evening at the annual Remembrance Day Concert in Bollington Methodist Church, with the popular Christmas Concert being scheduled for 16th December at Macclesfield Methodist Church.

The Band rehearses every Monday and Thursday evening from 8.00pm in the Methodist Church, with a thriving Junior Band practising on Mondays from 7.00pm at the same venue. Further information about the Band can be obtained from Paul Berry, Hon. Secretary, on 01298 816688.

**Roger Johnson**

## Be Prepared... ... the return of the Scouts

Friday 15th September saw the launch of the new 2nd Bollington Scout Troop. Although Bollington's Cubs and Beavers have continued to enjoy themselves at the Scout Hall on Albert Road, but, for a number of years there have been no Scouts for them to move up to. All that has now changed. I popped along one Friday evening to find a troop of new Scouts, hell-bent on getting their share of fun, challenge and adventure.

When asked what they were looking forward to, Bollington's new Scouts said camping, earning badges, learning new skills and cooking fish! Scouting, they say is about teamwork, sharing and having fun, of course.

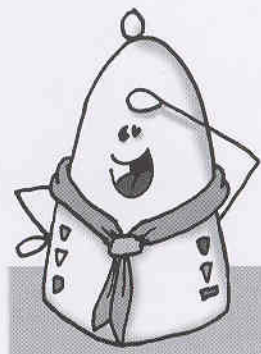
Their enthusiastic leaders have already lined up an exciting programme of activities including climbing, learning to use camp stoves and lamps, navigation and first aid. The learning is balanced with plenty of games to let off steam. In a few weeks time they hope to enter the 2006 Cheshire Scout Hike, carrying all their own camping gear and food on a challenging two-day expedition.

The leaders and new Scouts deserve a lot of credit for getting Bollington Scouting active again. Thanks must also go to the team who have managed to undertake all the fundraising necessary to keep the 2nd Bollington Scout HQ such an excellent amenity for the Scouts and local community.

What do they need now? Well, most importantly, boys and girls from 10 ½ - 14 who want a challenge as well as fun. Also adults are needed who can spare some of their time. There are also spaces in the cub pack for younger children.

Anyone wishing to join the adventure should contact John 'Tigger' Eaton on 420858 for Scouts and Alan Firth on 261840 for Cubs.

**TN**



## Bollington Youth Club – A Vision for the future

**Bollington Youth Club has been established at the old Water Street School building for some thirty years, regularly attracting up to 40 young people twice a week. To enable the club to progress, we believe that there is an opportunity and a need to offer more facilities to a wider section of people within the community of Bollington.**

The club was recently refurbished and now offers excellent facilities. The committee have been looking at various schemes across the country with a view to integrating ideas from successful projects into the vision. Some of the ideas include:

**Form a youth council having input in the running and direction of the club.**

**Establish a coffee / juice bar for young people aged 13 – 24, offering low priced food and drink; run and managed by the members.**

**Develop free internet access and offer computer skills courses.**

**Develop relations with local businesses offering work experience placements for young people.**

**Foster links with various organisations and agencies offering discreet advice and support to young people; with health and practical advice on careers and housing.**

**Develop links with local schools looking at daytime use of the building for alternative education programmes.**

**Offer meeting rooms for community or business use.**

**Present film, music, art etc.**

To progress this vision, we NEED input from individuals willing to commit to developing what will be a very exciting and rewarding long-term project; not just for the young people but the whole community. To offer your support, input or feedback regarding our vision, please contact me on the following e-mail address: **julian.young2@ntlworld.com** or on 01625 576221. **Julian Young**





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# BOLLINGTON *Live!*

## I Hear You Knocking!

Sport in Bollington has always played a big part in the social life of the town, with football and cricket teams achieving acclaimed success over the years. At *Bollington Live!* we like to dig a little deeper and find out about some of the equally fiercely fought sports which have not as yet made the back page.

Dominoes is perhaps more of a mental than physical challenge and the Queen's Arms recently returned triumphant holding the trophy. In Bollington there is a thriving domino league which meets every Tuesday night during autumn, winter and spring. The matches are played in the participating pubs with teams of ten players playing five games. All teams play each other twice during the season. At the end of each season there is a presentation evening which takes place at one of the pubs.

Trophies are handed out to the winners of the three competitions: the league, the knock-out and the knock-out pairs. A special prize is given to the player who won the most number of games during the season. This year the presentation took place at the Dog and Partridge accompanied by Ernie Hill our local DJ who entertained us with a good selection from his vast record collection. The winning team



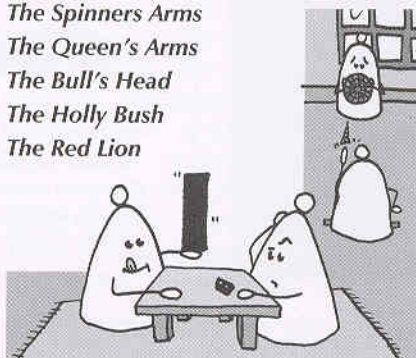
*The winning team from the Queen's Arms & Barbara Oldfield - the overall individual winner.*



were from the Queen's Arms and Barbara Oldfield was this year's overall individual winner; she plays for the Waggon and Horses whose team were second overall. The winners of the knock-out were the Bull's Head.

If you are interested in joining the group in their sociable pursuit you can approach the landlord at any of the pubs involved. These are:-

*The Waggon and Horses  
The Cock and Pheasant  
The Dog and Partridge  
The Spinners Arms  
The Queen's Arms  
The Bull's Head  
The Holly Bush  
The Red Lion*



*Bollington Live!* would really like to include more about the various sports going on in the town, so if you're the Pinball Wizard or the Leader of the Pack on the Pool table, let us know about your pub sports. Perhaps you're the secret Skittle King! - does anybody play it anymore? It's time to step up to the oche, put pen to paper and be the next issue's sports page headline!

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*(Editor's note:  
We understand that the Waggon team is now based at the Royal Oak.)*

## Dean Valley Needs...



Dean Valley Community Primary School, located on Albert Road, needs willing volunteers! We would warmly welcome people in our community to get involved in our school activities - it might be giving some time to hear our children read, or sharing any special talents or hobbies which might be of interest to the children. The children benefit so much from the experience of others and it is a wonderful opportunity to see us in action!

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