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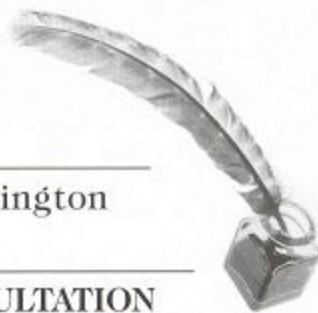
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# Live!

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## PLAYBUILDER

The Bollington Cross Youth Project has been in the pipeline for a number of years, but now, I am exceptionally pleased to say, it is under way!

After receiving consultation feedback from over 220 children, aged 8-13 and spanning four local primary schools and one secondary school, work has commenced on the 'Playbuilder Project' at the Bollington Cross Site. Various creative playground designers have been to the site and have received briefing on the children's feedback along with Cheshire East Council's criteria and all involved excitedly await the first set of designs!

Several elements of the Project are running simultaneously, so alongside the Playbuilder is the acquisition of the land situated at the end of the ATAX playing field. This area will be converted into part of the football pitches and a group of allotments. Discussions are currently underway with the land owner over the procurement of the land, whilst the allotments remain in the early stages of design with the Landscape Architect and are beginning to take shape. The completion of these elements will culminate around

the summer of 2010, enabling the next stage of applying for detailed Planning Permission with Cheshire East Council to commence. If the planning applications are successful and subject to funding, contractors will be invited to submit their tenders in January 2011, with commencement of site works at the ATAX playing field in the summer of 2011.

If you would like to learn more about the Bollington Cross Youth Project or to submit your views on the plans, please go to Bollington Leisure Centre where you will find a display and consultation feedback forms.

As with most, this project relies heavily on funding support and donations from local businesses, residents and the like. It is widely known that obtaining funding can, at times, be more of a challenge than delivering the project. Therefore, if you like what is being proposed please help by donating or sponsoring the project, or alternatively, if you would like to offer your professional services, please contact Paul Gibbons on, 07971 807369.

**Steven Hurst/Charlotte Quinn**

See centre page for a map of the plans.



Left: Artists' impression of the future of Bollington Cross Youth Project.

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## EDITORIAL

Summer has arrived, and with it, this, the 49th edition of **Bollington Live!** I hope that you like it and find something of interest inside.

All of our articles are Bollington-centric; we are very lucky to have such a vibrant and busy town (or village if you prefer) to keep Bollington's magazine jam-packed with articles every issue. Indeed, there is always too much to try and squeeze in and it can be difficult to try to choose which articles get into each issue.

This is one of the reasons why we choose not to publish articles which appear elsewhere. Please remember if you send **Bollington Live!** an article, it is only fair to expect that it is an article for **Bollington Live!** We do not have space to feature already published work.

As always, this issue has a wide variety of articles, from historical to contemporary - Radion Electronics and Bollington UDC to the Scouts current activities and new shops bringing life back into our shopping streets. Hopefully when tourists arrive as part of 'Destination Bollington' they will find something to do as well as see! I just hope they don't look at the official 'Welcome to Bollington' notice boards, which are complete with dull, rain-splattered photographs. Oh, and please don't mention the continued mis-spelling of aqueduct and next time you need photographs, why not ask the Bollington Festival Photography Group - they may even take them when the sun is shining.

Enjoy the magazine! It's the big 50 next time!



# DESTINATION BOLLINGTON

**Bollington really is becoming the destination of choice! The Destination Bollington project is seeking to develop the good reasons for outsiders to come and visit us here in the Happy Valley – they used to call it tourism; now it's destination management!**

Of course we have always had lots to see but we've been a bit short on the doing. People have visited the town for years to look at our



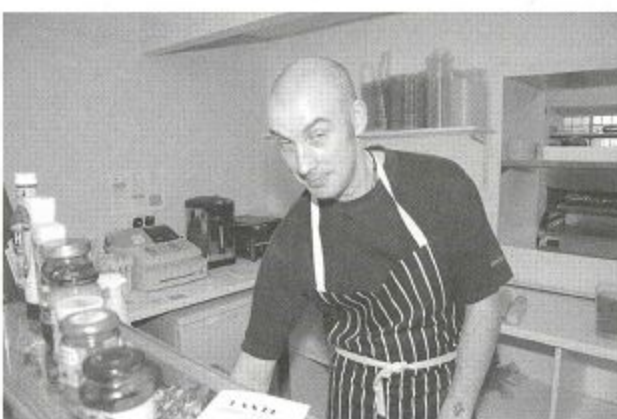
*Below: Ladies at 'Little Luxuries'.*

*Right: 'Costcutter' off-licence.*

*Photographs by Tim Boddington & Simon Nottage.*

mills, our quaint streets, the flowers in Water Street and of course, the canal and Middlewood Way. Bollington also manages to attract large numbers of hikers and walkers who puzzle over the purpose of White Nancy and use our network of paths and bridleways to explore our beautiful surrounding countryside. But Bollington doesn't seem to have quite the same attraction as some other small communities I could mention – and until recent times there wasn't even somewhere to watch the world go by with a cup of tea!

Destination Bollington sprang out of the Town Plan and is designed to encompass many small projects aimed at improving the value of a visit and overall to create a central pleasure area encompassing the Middlewood Way, children's play area, Recreation Ground, canal, the waterside at Clarence mill,



*Above: Preparations at 'Taste'.*

*Left: New notice board by Clarence Mill.*

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all directly connected to the Palmerston Street, High Street and Water Street area. The brainchild of Michael Burdekin, this project has the support of Bollington Town and Cheshire East councils. You will have noticed the new slim black and gold visitor signs that have been erected at important points to show visitors the way to places in the town that they might like to see. A number were erected a couple of years ago and they have been added to this year.

Four new signs have also been provided, two each on the Middlewood Way and the canal, to help visitors arriving by those routes to find refreshment – all the pubs and cafés, including the new Maggoty Johnson café in High Street, are shown on a map of the town. On the other side these signs provide a potted history of the area where they are located, so whetting the walker's appetite for a closer look at the town.

Talking of the new café, have you noticed the revival of confidence in the town's retailing? Several closed premises are now refurbished and reopened; others including Beasdales restaurant and Bollington Printshop have been refurbished. The Plaice is going well in its third year; fish and chips are still a good meal out – even in a recession.

New to the town on Palmerston Street we have Little Luxuries beauty salon, where Bollington girl Charlene Tildsley is making a therapeutic start to her business life; Taste, for take-away convenience breakfasts and lunches and the former Threshers off-licence has

just re-opened as a Costcutter off-licence. Elsewhere, Maggoty Johnson café sits alongside Holmes-Naden estate agent's in High Street. Additionally, breakfast can be obtained at Waterside Café at Clarence mill and at The Plaice. West Bollington is not forgotten with Couzens Hairdressing on the corner of Wellington Road and Grimshaw Lane. Also in this area, having a major re-fit and expansion is the Co-op on Albert Road which should provide us with a much better shopping experience.

At Bollington Cross it must be time for some re-building of the rather poor shops at Crossfield Road. Round the corner the general store is doing well with Muzzy Ali developing his plans for some limited expansion.

So that leaves a couple of empty premises, the travel shop on High Street (Jacky Lane is now home based) and Holmes-Naden's old shop on Palmerston street. How soon shall we see these back in use? The travel shop is being fully re-furnished, purpose not yet disclosed. Holmes-Naden's old shop is presently the subject of a change of use planning application. Edward Naden told me that he has a buyer if he can get permission to re-open it as a hot food take-away. Do you remember in the 1970s when this shop was a wonderful ice cream emporium? Wouldn't it be great to see Hilly Billy ice cream from Blaze Farm being sold there! Cool! Now that really would make Bollington a destination to visit!

**Tim Boddington**



*Opposite Page: Well Dressing photographs by Janet Beech and Anthony Holland*

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# WELL SORTED!

It doesn't seem to take long in Bollington to get a tradition started! The tradition of annual well dressing in Bollington started six years ago, when just the Greg Fountain was dressed with the naked form of the Earth Mother issuing the water of life - as the Fountain, temporarily sprung back to life.



Ensuing years saw further sites 'dressed' and it seemed that anywhere with a link to water was a prime candidate! One of the most prominent sites of recent years has been the water trough and spring at the bottom of Cow Lane, annually bedecked in bouquets of flowers by the Flower Club.

This year, seven sites will be dressed, the Greg Fountain, at Pool Bank Well, The Festival Labyrinth (it may have just been a leak from the canal, but water was spotted there,) the new Canal Bridge, the Memorial Gardens, Cow Lane and Tinkers Clough Wood.



This year's Well Dressing has the theme "Historical Bollington." The Opening Ceremony will be on Saturday 17th July at 12.30 pm at the Greg Fountain by the Cock and Pheasant. We would like to welcome everyone to be part of our celebrations. Join in with a dance and visit all of the sites decorated this year! Trail leaflets showing the locations are available from various locations throughout Bollington. All proceeds will go to the Bridgend

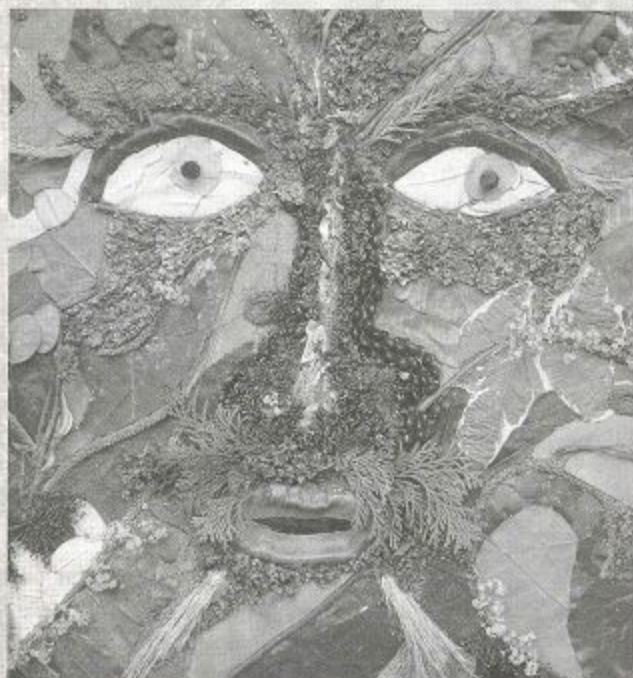
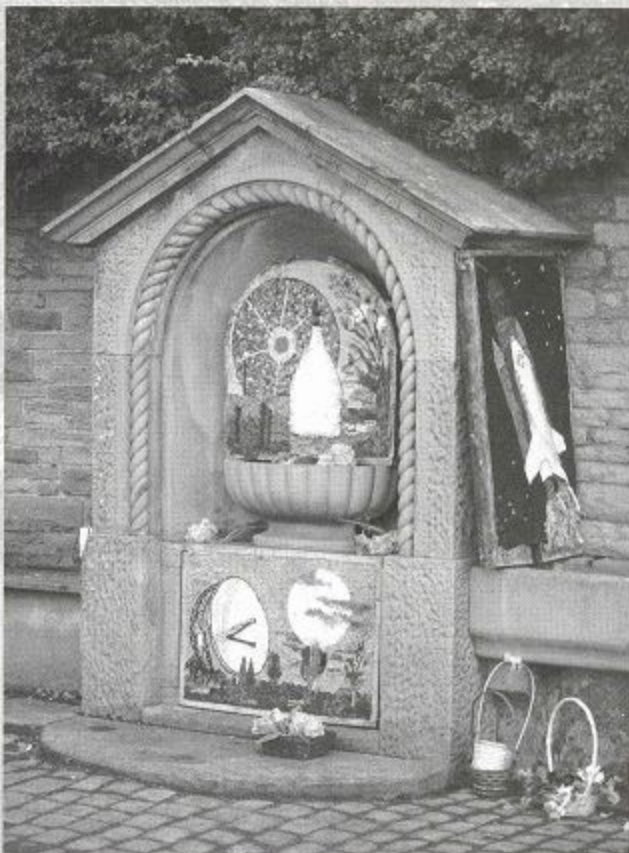
Centre as Bollington Well Dressing is a Bridgend Community Project.

The Well Dressing brings together a surprisingly diverse range of people, with the Air Cadets, Women's Institute, Bridgend Centre, our local primary schools and people



from Bollington and beyond pulling together - one of Bollington's finest traditions!

Join in! The preparation of our boards will take place on the



14th, 15th, 16th July from 10am until 8pm at the Bridgend Centre. Helpers and onlookers will be welcomed.



Help to decorate the labyrinth with flowers, sparkly things and streamers woven round the stones.

There is a special appeal for new members of the Well Dressing team. We have monthly meetings at the Bridgend Centre from January to July. New team members are most welcome.

**Janet Beech**

For further information on Bollington Well Dressing please ring Janet Beech 01625 574618 or email [janetgbeech@btinternet.com](mailto:janetgbeech@btinternet.com)





# FILAMENTS AND VALVES

*Bollington Live!* is pleased to have been given the opportunity to publish for the first time, the detailed research by Ian McWhirter, written in 1981 regarding some of Bollington's lesser known businesses.

This story begins around 1918 when Crowther and Osborn Limited opened the SCEANDO household electric lamp factory in part of Lowerhouse Mill. They and their descendent company were in business for over 60 years.

The SCEANDO Company's lamp making foundered in late 1923, resulting from patent litigation by a ring of monopolistically minded lamp-making giants, which stopped essential supplies of drawn tungsten wire used for the making of lamp filaments. Up to that time SCEANDO had found itself a ready market supplying Woolworths under contract. Had this been the start of the Woolworth 'Sunshine' brand?

Undaunted by the collapse of SCEANDO, the imagination and energies of company owner Mr. Pattison and colleagues turned to the infant wireless industry. Broadcasting had begun in late 1922 by the British Broadcasting Company from transmitters in London, Birmingham, Newcastle and Manchester at Trafford Park. Who can remember "this is 2ZY calling" crackling through the earphones of a crystal set?

So the firm of Radion's Ltd. was formed in 1923 with the clever idea of repairing radio valves. It is thought they started in Lowerhouse Mill, but must have become permanently established in Higher Mill, Church Street, fairly soon afterwards in late 1923.

In those days, new radio valves lasted only a few hundred hours before their filaments burnt out and together with the weekly cost of re-charging the 6 Volt accumulator and buying high tension batteries, 'listening-in' as it became known could be expensive. Priced at less than new valves, Radion's found a ready market and later made a range of new valve types of their

own, always priced below those of the larger makers.

Former employee, Mrs. Enid Burke (of Bollington Cross), recalled that it was a happy firm and remembered the technical manager, Mr. Sinclair, bringing valves straight from the vacuum pumps and placing them in her lap. Her job was to cement on the Ebonite cap and solder on the four leads from within the valve, thus completing the manufacturing process. Radion's new valves were of a distinctive pink colour and Mrs. Burke remembered the iridescent sheen of the glass bulbs in the mill light. Then, tested, boxed and loaded into Radion's motor-van, they were driven to the railway station by the driver, Mr. Gregory.

Happy it may have been for the employees, but there were substantial management stresses sufficient to cause Mr. Pattison with his close management colleague to leave Radion's who continued on their own way, returning to Lowerhouse Mill to form Lustrolux in about 1925. Lustrolux Ltd. was set up to repair and to make valves, but they also manufactured household lamps.

Lustrolux, whether by chance or remarkable foresight, decided to equip from the start to make both radio valves and household lamps, which later proved to be their saving. At their peak Mr. Pattison said Lustrolux employed about 160 employees and produced about one million valves per annum.

Mrs Burke said looking back to April 1930 Lustrolux "must have closed because orders had been dwindling for some time". Her recollection is broadly correct, but Lustrolux did continue for a number of years, perhaps with a reduced range and output of valves.

The dreadful recession in 1929 was also accompanied by a technological threat to both Radion's and Lustrolux. The coming of the electric lighting mains gave rise to a demand for 'all-electric' wireless sets which used a type of valve that could not economically be repaired and the new manufacture of these would have been beyond the capabilities of small firms. Additionally, the falling market price of the older style 'battery' valves meant it became increasingly difficult for Radion's and Lustrolux to compete with the giant firms who could afford the massive investment in semi-automatic valve making machines. Radion's did not survive the recession, falling victim and closing around 1930.

Lustrolux continued making radio valves until about 1934, but by that time their principal products were household electric lamps. They could not retain all their staff and one of them, a Mr. Burke, started in 1931 his 'F. Burke's Radio and Battery Service' in West Bollington. He sold his own battery and accumulator sets, assembled from such kits such as the Cossor 'Melody Maker', to those Bollington residents not then connected to the public electricity supply. By 1936 his assembly business gave way to the availability of mass produced 'all-electric' radio sets.

In switching increasingly to producing household electric lamps Lustrolux managed to continue, but by 1938 they had relinquished much of their former vast area in Lowerhouse Mill. It is believed Lustrolux continued in business until the early war years when material and labour shortages together with falling demand ran the business low.

Curiously, the technology has survived by chance. A son of the founder Mr. W.J. Pattison had ideas



*Above: A Radion radio valve.*

*Far right: Lustrolux advert in Wireless World, 1928.*

*Below: The Radion's van being loaded at Higher Mill.*

*Images provided by Ian MacWhirter*

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*If you have more information about these businesses, Ian would be delighted to hear from you.*

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for making automobile lamps and in 1938 a new company Associated Lighting was born at Lowerhouse. It was closed 'for the duration' when Mr. Pattison was called up for military service, but the Ministry upon hearing of the business re-directed Mr. Pattison to re-open the plant and make small 2.5 Volt lamps under government contract.

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Immediately after the war, Mr. Pattison and his brother-in-law Mr. Sinclair, recently rejoining him, re-opened the automobile bulb making business and it became the major supplier for automobile lamp bulbs for public transport authorities. Output in the early 1980s was around five million bulbs each year and they supplied some 80% of the U.K. market demand from transport authorities.

Looking back, the enterprises were audacious and successful. Radion's claim made in the 1920s of being 'the largest valve repairing firm in the world' may well have been true and it was probably the best.

My story is far from complete. I will gratefully receive further facts or anecdotal accounts on Bollington's contribution to the British early wireless industry. **Ian Macwhirter**

## FROM OUR LEISURE CENTRE...

These days most of us know that exercise is good for us; it keeps us trim, is a good stress buster, helps stave off illness and leads to a long and healthy life. So the question is; why do more of us not do it?

At Bollington Leisure Centre we try with special offers trial memberships to influence the people in the village to start on the road to health and fitness; however some still lack motivation to take the first step.

### WHAT MOST PEOPLE USUALLY LACK IS NOT TIME BUT MOTIVATION

The most common excuse is 'I don't have time,' but think how much time you spend watching television, on the phone, on the internet or reading the paper – all sedentary activities that will not lead to a healthy lifestyle!

What most people usually lack is not time but motivation and one way of helping you get going is to find a like-minded friend. You don't have to join the gym to get health benefits and this is a perfect time of year for you and a friend to get



Above: Bollington Leisure Centre.

Photograph by Janet Beech.

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out into the fresh Bollington air. White Nancy is a good destination to walk, jog or run to, as is Pott Shrigley via Long Lane, or why not cover a distance on the canal and return on the Middlewood Way? The perfect thing about getting out there with a friend is that you can go at your own pace while spurring each other on – start with a walk and build up!

Once you make a start and want to push yourself a little harder the leisure centre will be able to help – with the gym, classes from yoga to spinning, swimming and squash courts there is a way to become a fitter, healthier you!

In the spirit of working out with a friend the leisure centre is offering 'work out with a friend week' throughout July and August. Simply come along to reception with your workout friend and sign up for a FREE no obligation 7 day trial for both of you for all facilities! Until then I hope to see you out and about in the village!

**Steven Hurst**

*In our last edition we said that Steven was going to run the Edinburgh Marathon. We are pleased to say his completion time was 5hrs 20mins.*

## HELP OUR HEROES

Each year in November, a large crowd of Bollington people stop and reflect at the Cenotaph in memory of those who gave their lives in War. The same happens at Kerridge in July.

Taking pride of place are those who returned, full of memories of fallen friends. Additionally, we should not forget the needs of those men and women who have come back from serving our country in conflicts around the world which sadly continue to this day.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association – SSAFA Forces Help. Our local Bollington branch provides reliable, caring and trusted lifelong service to those who serve, or used to serve in our Armed Forces, including Reserve Forces and their families. The SSAFA helps both practically and financially whenever they are needed.

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**Jaqui Parker**

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# THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

**It has been a busy year at Dean Valley School....**

This Spring Term, children at Dean Valley have worked with Kath and Trisha from the Bridgend Centre on a collaborative project enhancing the children's knowledge of the natural world around us in Bollington. The children learned about the importance of trees in nature and how to recognise trees using leaf shapes; they also thought about the woodland animals trees give homes to. The children also created food chains and saw the importance of plants to all animals. The class then drew labels showing how to identify different trees and pictures of food chains that will hopefully be used on the new Conservation Walk the Bridgend Centre are developing in Bollington. The children really enjoyed all the sessions which were really thought-provoking and informative: "We had a great time, it was great fun and we learned a

lot - the visitors were really nice people." We are assured that the children can all now identify at least six trees from their leaves!

Earlier this year, pupils in Year 4 at Dean Valley Community Primary School had been undertaking a many layered topic looking at art, music, culture, geography and FOOD in India. We had a wonderful response from Imran and his team at the Viceroy in Bollington, who very generously brought with them a massive array of mouth-watering, delicious Indian delicacies for the children (and staff!) to sample and enjoy. For some children this was their first sample of spicy and hot food, and they all tucked in and declared it delicious - many have already urged their parents to visit the Viceroy for more!

Over the past few years, the School Orchestra has been in great demand and has played to a wide



*If you have a community event which you feel might be enriched by some talented musical entertainment please do contact the school on 01625 572767 and we may be able to help.*

*Left: Sampling Indian cuisine, pupils at Dean Valley School.*

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variety of audiences around our community. The development of the orchestra was the brainchild of the School's Head, Jenny Thorpe, herself a keen musician, and her help and encouragement have been supplemented by the regular professional input of Sue Whitham. Mrs Whitham's particular expertise is arranging pieces which are specially tailored to suit the ability of our players to ensure that everyone is included and develops confidence. Children at Dean Valley are encouraged to participate in class music. This is complemented by work done by Artis within the school. Artis is an outside organisation and "Ping" (the teacher) comes to the school on a weekly basis to encourage children to develop their skills in the performing arts. One of the outcomes of this has been the development of a very professional choir, Dean Valley Voices, which has a large repertoire of songs, and has recorded its own CD for the delight of parents and the wider community. Over the past year, the Orchestra and Choir have entertained audiences locally (Ingersley Court, Shrigley Court, The Bridgend Centre, The Library, St. Oswalds Church) and in the wider community such as Handforth Dean. Dean Valley children are enthusiastic participants in the Macclesfield Schools Music Festival. Feedback from our audiences has been full of positive praise - we look forward to returning to many of these venues to entertain more of you!

*Jane Vessey*

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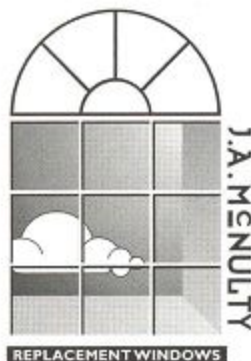
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# BOLLINGTON



## GENERAL EVENTS

(Contact numbers are 01625 unless stated)

### JUNE

Fri. 25th - Sun. 27th 10am-6pm (4pm Sun).

#### **Bollington Art Group Exhibition**

Civic Hall An exhibition of works by members of the Bollington Art Group will be on display. The majority of the 150 works will be for sale and the varied programme of tutored classes which the group operate each year. Free entry.

Saturday 26th, 1am

#### **Sea Cadets Annual Duck Race**

Sowcar Brook off Ingersley Road. First race 2:00. Games, refreshments, BBQ and stalls. Fun for all the family. Tickets for the ducks available on the day.

Sunday 27th, 11am

#### **Kerridge Ridge and Rainow Ramble**

Holy Trinity Church Kerridge. 10km (6 mile) walk with stunning views. Meet 11am. Tel 504528

### JULY

Sunday 11th, 10am -2pm

#### **Bridgend Centre Openday**

Drinks, cakes and sandwiches available.

Sunday 11th, 11am,

#### **6th Nostalgia Hill Race**

Bridgend Centre Entry Fee £5.00 Come and run or just support the runners.

Sunday 11th, 2.30pm - 3pm service

#### **Kerridge War Memorial Parade & Service.**

Oak Lane, Kerridge. Join the Kerridge residents at the 90th anniversary of this unique summer memorial service. Marchers meet at Holy Trinity Church car park & parade to the memorial for the 30 min service. This is the 90th parade unusually held on the annual anniversary of the dedication of the memorial rather than remembrance day in November.

Wed. 14th, - Friday 16th, 10 am-4.30pm

#### **Well Dressing Workshops**

Bridgend Centre Your opportunity to have a go at creating works of art with a watery theme.

Thursday 15th

#### **Bollington & District Horticultural Society**

Daytime visit to Jackie Iddon's Garden and Nursery Bretherton, Near Leyland Lancashire. Coach available. Details: ring Angela Barnshaw 01625 429265.

Saturday 17th, 12.30pm

#### **Well Dressing Opening Ceremony**

Greg Fountain. Exhibits will be all around the village for the next couple of weeks.

Sunday 18th, Wednesday 21st, 10.30am

#### **Bridgend Centre Walking for Health.**

Bridgend Centre. Join the Rangers for circular walk taking in points of interest relating to the varied wildlife and history of the area. Refreshments available at the end of the walk.

Tuesday 3rd, 10am - 4pm

#### **National Playday**

Recreation Ground, Palmerston St. Play Team, Face painting, Playdough, Craft Activities, Teas, Ice Creams.

### AUGUST

Wednesday 18th, 10.30am

#### **Bridgend Centre Walking for Health.**

Bridgend Centre. Join the Rangers for circular walk taking in points of interest relating to the varied wildlife and history of the area. Refreshments available at the end of the walk.

Thursday 19th, 7.30pm

#### **Horticultural Society**

Community Centre How to take cuttings. Expertise from the members. Bring plant material. Members £1:50 Non members £3:00

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday 4th, 2 - 4.30pm

#### **Horticultural Society & Flower Club 45th Annual Show**

Civic Hall: Everyone is welcome to come along and enter. A variety of classes inc: Chrysanths, Dahlias, Gladioli, Roses, fuchsias, floral art, cookery, veg, children classes, wine, bonsai. Entries need to be registered by the Wed prior to the show. Ring 572668 for more details. Entry £1 adult & 50p child.

Sunday 12th, 10am

#### **Discovery Centre Walk—Majestic Mills**

From Discovery Centre A second chance to go on this 4km (2.5 mile) circular walk exploring Bollington's Industrial Heritage.. Tel. 504528

Sunday 12th, 11am - 5pm

#### **Transport Extravaganza**

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Wednesday 15th, 10.30am

#### **Bridgend Centre Walking for Health.**

Bridgend Centre, Palmerston St. Join the Rangers for a circular walk run in conjunction with the Bridgend Centre and Bollington Health Centre. Refreshments available at the end of the walk.

Thursday 16th, 7.30pm

#### **Bollington & District Horticultural Soc.**

Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane How to grown bulbs in containers for the show bench and the garden. Bulbs on sale on the day Memb. £1:50 Non memb. £3:00

### OCTOBER

October 15th, - 31st,

#### **Bollington Walking Festival.**

Two weeks of fabulous walking. Challenging hikes, evening pub walks or simply a stroll in the park. Fun walks with children in mind during half-term, including a ghost walk for Halloween. Crafts, music, a ceilidh and Bollington's own sausage week are also featured in the festival. For more details visit: [www.cheshirepeakdistrict.com/site/whats-on/bollington-walking-festival](http://www.cheshirepeakdistrict.com/site/whats-on/bollington-walking-festival)

Saturday 16th 10am - 12 noon

#### **St. John's School Toy Sale**

Contact Mrs Bridge on 573441 for details.

Wednesday 20th, 10.30am

#### **Bridgend Centre Walking for Health.**

Bridgend Centre, Palmerston St. A ranger lead circular walk. Refreshments available at the end of the walk.

Thursday 21st, 7.30pm

#### **Bollington & District Horticultural Society**

Community Centre, Ovenhouse Lane. A photography talk by David Tolliday, from Macc. Camera Society. Bring your camera and photographs for advice any plants you would like to photograph.



## Dates for your Diary

**TO INCLUDE YOUR FUTURE EVENTS, CONTACT TIM NEALE ON 576397 OR E-MAIL: [LIVEDATES@HAPPY-VALLEY.ORG.UK](mailto:LIVEDATES@HAPPY-VALLEY.ORG.UK)**

## BOLLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL

From October 15<sup>th</sup> till 31<sup>st</sup> Bollington will be hosting a two week festival of fabulous walks exploring the scenery, heritage and wildlife of the Cheshire Peak District. Some of the walks will be challenging, others just a stroll in the park. The festival will be opened by Terry Waite at Hollin Hall Hotel on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 7pm. The official program will be available from the Bridgend Centre and online. The festival will also feature local crafts and food with Bollington Sausage week, a ceilidh and special walks like a Halloween ghost walk. I expect some of the walks will involve ascending White Nancy – they usually do!

## BRIDGEND CENTRE EVENTS

On Sunday 11th July The Bridgend Centre hosts its 6<sup>th</sup> Nostalgia Hill Race Race. It starts from the Bridgend Centre at 11am. The race is 7.11 miles in length and climbs to 1200feet. It takes the runners through the beautiful countryside around Bollington, through valleys, over hills and along the towpath of the Macclesfield Canal. The race is open to over 18's and the entry fee is £5 in advance or £6 on the day. Entry forms can be picked up from Bridgend Centre or email [ann@bridgendcentre.org.uk](mailto:ann@bridgendcentre.org.uk)

For the less energetic there is also an Open Day at the Centre from 10am to 1pm and refreshments are available throughout.

The following week preparations are starting for the well dressing. From Wednesday 14th to Friday 16th July, 10am to 4.30pm you can come and help petal the boards for the Well Dressing. Novices and onlookers welcome.

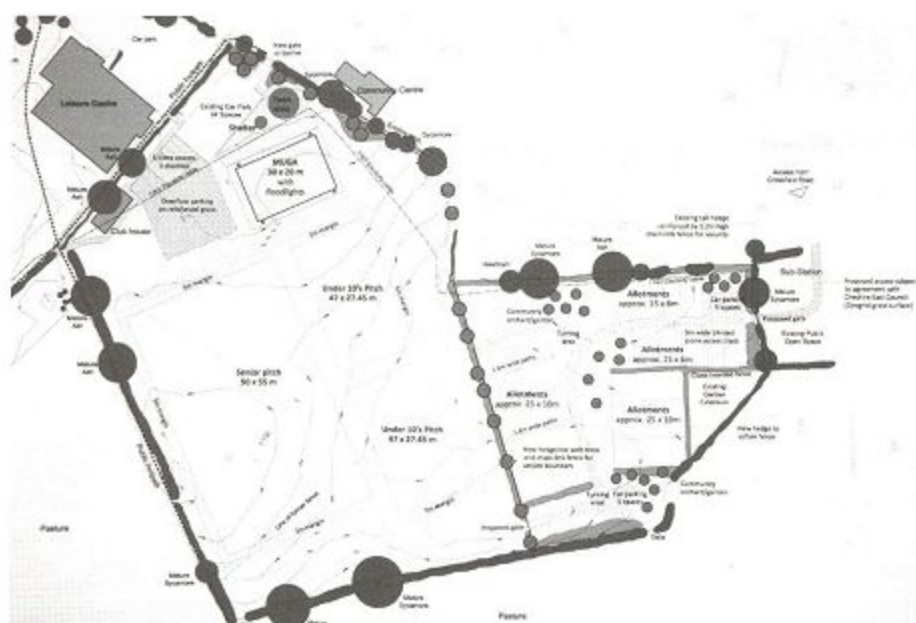
Another date for your diary is The Bridgend 20th Anniversary Walk on Sunday 5th September. Opening of 'See the Wood AND the Trees!' Learn fascinating facts about trees on this 7-8 mile walk around the first half of this year's Bridgend Trail. The walk takes you up to White Nancy, Bollington's famous folly, through fields, woods, Tinker's Clough and ginnels to Butley Town and back via Lowerhouse. Exhibition opens 10.30am at Bridgend Centre. Walk starts 11.00am. Please bring a picnic.

## BE PREPARED

Were you ever a Scout, Cub or Beaver? Perhaps you – like me remember the adventures, the camaraderie and most of all the fun? Well nothing has changed – if anything, Scouts offers young people more than ever in today's high-tech world, where so many kids seem to be stuck in front of computer screens. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bollington are lucky to be thriving, we have one of the best Scout halls in the area and provide a rich and varied program for boys and girls, mixing traditional scout survival weekends with exciting things like making and launching rockets (really!). But it relies on adult helpers, and we really need more help. Many people are put off because they feel they can't commit themselves week after week, but these days that isn't necessary. It may be only a couple of evenings each month, but that's OK, we can find a way to accommodate you. You don't need any particular skills apart from enthusiasm and we have fantastic training opportunities when you feel you want gain new skills. If you feel you might like to give it a whirl (and it will be) then please contact me on 01625 576397 or email [tim.neale@oldbro.org](mailto:tim.neale@oldbro.org) (By the way I waited until I was nearly 50 before I decided to get involved. So its never too late).

## YOUTH PROJECT MAP - BOLLINGTON CROSS

Leisure Centre top left, with youth and sporting facilities below. New allotments on right of map adjacent to football pitches. Visit the Leisure Centre for more details.



## ARTS CENTRE CONTACTS

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 Kath Portlock, 574085  
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**Italian Class:** Audrey Parnell, 572130  
**Spanish Class:** Kate Barraclough, 583897  
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# FROM WEARY TO WOW!

The newly refurbished Hollin Hall is well worth a visit – it's a real treasure on our very own doorstep! It is now eighteen months since Kris Clayton and Steven Ellis bought this tired and neglected hotel and they haven't wasted a minute in transforming it into a truly elegant country house hotel and restaurant – The Ridge.

Dating back to Victorian times, Hollin Hall has had an interesting past – from being a family home for the mill-owning Davenport family, to an orphanage, and finally a hotel. A succession of owners had done 'bits and bobs' to the building but none of them have come anywhere near restoring the house to its former grandeur as Kris and Steven have.

In their mid-thirties, with backgrounds in construction, architecture and interior design, they decided to buy a hotel and focus on what they thought was missing from the many other hotels they have stayed in. Hollin Hall now oozes style and comfort with a relaxed atmosphere, great service and an individual charm that should have you returning sooner rather than later!

**THE PALE GREENS, BLUES AND LILACS OF THE LOUNGE TOGETHER WITH THE STUNNING FIREPLACE GIVE WHAT I WOULD CALL A 'SOPHISTICATED HOMELY FEEL'.**

Kris and Steven have focused on reviving the restaurant and all the public spaces, although they have also started revamping the bedrooms. The Ridge restaurant is beautiful – the décor and the surroundings are lovely – but what about the food? The menu is extensive with the impression that Dan Irving, the chef, can cook up whatever you want if you ask!

The same attention to detail that pervades through the hotel has gone into the food. With an emphasis on

fresh locally-sourced ingredients starters range from homemade soup to duck with hoisin sauce. The main course choice is just as varied with over a dozen dishes with every taste being catered for. When I ate there a couple of months ago I had no room for dessert which was a shame, as the Eton mess and the tart tatin looked delicious! Sunday lunch is popular in The Ridge – make a reservation if there are a few of you. Now a pianist entertains you as you eat!

So what else is new? Afternoon tea is served in the lounge if you fancy the old fashioned cake tins and teapots or even a glass of

*Right: Kris and Steven.  
Photograph by Annette Hurst*

*Below: Hollin Hall Hotel.*

*Photograph by Terry Heathcote.*

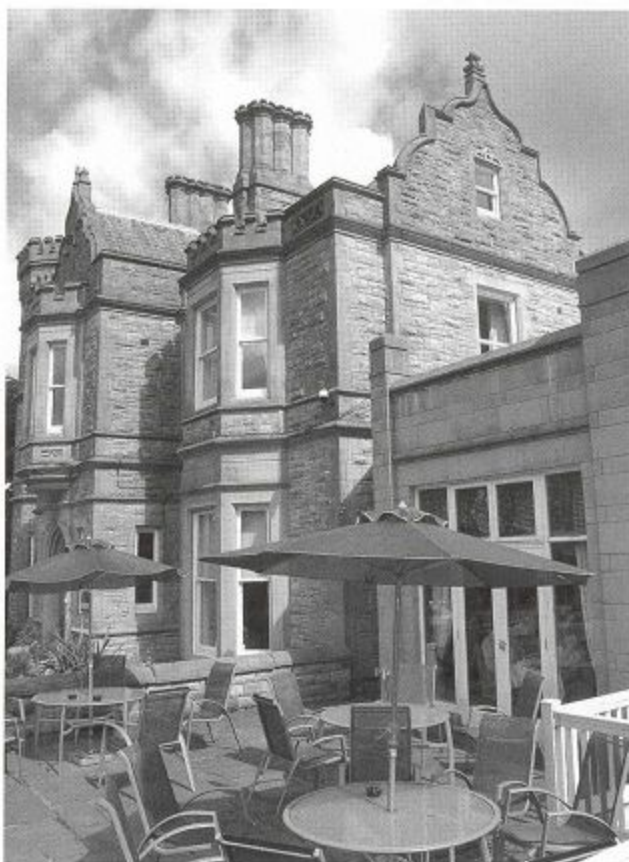


course meal in the restaurant. A jazz evening is planned for 13th of August and a Halloween ball on 30 October has all the makings of a spookily good evening!

The inspiration for the interior design in the lounge, restaurant, bars and function rooms comes from Steven, but he hasn't frequented expensive London shops to furnish the public spaces – the delightful prints in the lounge were bought on eBay, he made the mounts and had them framed! Steven said 'I just see things that I think will look good in the hotel and I buy them and the design evolves from there'. The pale greens, blues and lilacs of the lounge together with the stunning fireplace give what I would call a 'sophisticated homely feel'. Perfect for meeting a friend for a coffee, having a drink before dinner or having afternoon tea.

Kris and Steven are involved in everything – ordering wine for the restaurant, speaking to a bride-to-be, waiting on in the restaurant, talking to customers and even sweeping the car park! They are truly hands-on! This is a recipe for success as they know what they want and they are getting their hands dirty to get it!

I am left with the impression that this hotel has not just been bought by astute businessmen; it's been invested in by two guys with the passion and drive to really transform Hollin Hall into a jewel of a Country House Hotel. **Annette Hurst**



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champagne! A new spa with two treatment rooms opened on the 1st of May. For this year the outside of the hotel will see a transformation with lawns and formal gardens being put back at the front of the hotel instead of all that tarmac!

A range of evening events are also planned for the summer and autumn – if the 70s and 80s is your thing then you can enjoy dancing the night away to Duran Duran and their ilk after a sumptuous three-

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# KRIV CONCLUSION

**The Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale Countryside and Heritage Project comes to an end in July 2010**

This summer will mark the end of the final phase of the Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale Countryside and Heritage Project which has been funded by a number of sponsors, most notably the Heritage Lottery Fund. The KRIV project has been the first HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme in the UK and there are now over 40 operating nationally, although the geographical area we have been operating over is by far the smallest in the UK.

The project commenced in 1998 and although the five years of HLF funding finishes in July 2010 it will not mean the complete end of the KRIV project as the Steering Group and Groundwork Cheshire will continue to oversee the maintenance of the features that have been restored for a further 5 years. The aim of the project has been to restore important heritage features, to improve public access to those features and to help people understand more about the landscape and its history. The scheme also provided training and volunteering opportunities for local people.

Although a large part of the project funding has finished we hope that the momentum built up within the community in the countryside management activities does not diminish. The KRIV volunteers are now an established group who have both given freely of their time and have completed a huge amount of practical work. They have forged friendships and their energy and enthusiasm has assisted a number of the local landowners to repair heritage features that were being lost for future generations.

The project has received over £1.1million of funding over the past five years. This has been a mix of grants awarded to the project, private donations and important volunteer time.

To give you an idea of the type of projects the KRIV project has undertaken over the past four years, here are some highlights:

- 1km of hedge laying completed
- 1.5kms of dry stone walling restored
- Five stone stiles restored
- 223 new steps built to White Nancy (built by the KRIV volunteer team)
- Restoration of Claytons Tower, an historic gritstone waterfall, a dry stone footbridge and a dry stone well
- A community archaeological dig of the Cow Lane former cotton mill
- Improved access along major routes to White Nancy
- The creation of a wildflower meadow
- The creation of ten acres of new woodland and meadows
- Production of a detailed heritage map, landscape history booklet and schools teaching guide
- Some 50 different training days provided by the BTCV
- Over 100 different volunteers have taken part on the Friday KRIV task days
- Ten volunteers have worked over 100 individual Friday task days

We are now completing an independent evaluation of the project which will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and will be available to anyone to see. We hope that as well as leaving the landscape in a better shape we will also have increased interest and understanding about this fascinating area of landscape amongst at least some of the local residents in Bollington and Rainow.

Some of us are now concentrating on trying to establish a permanent centre for heritage skills training and for field studies, based on a group of farm buildings and a walled garden at Savio House – to be called the Ingersley Centre. Again we have been getting tremendous support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The project has certainly proved to have been a memorable one for all those who have taken part and it is nice to know that this part of Cheshire has been leading the way in a national programme of countryside management and community involvement.

Richard Thorogood our Project Officer will be leaving his post this summer and Graham Barrow is standing down as voluntary chairman of the Steering Group. We both want to say to the readers of Bollington Live! that we have enjoyed contributing to the project very much and will look back on the past five years with pleasant memories.

*Richard Thorogood*

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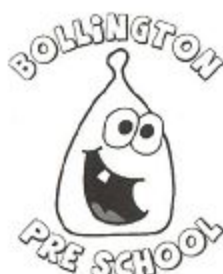
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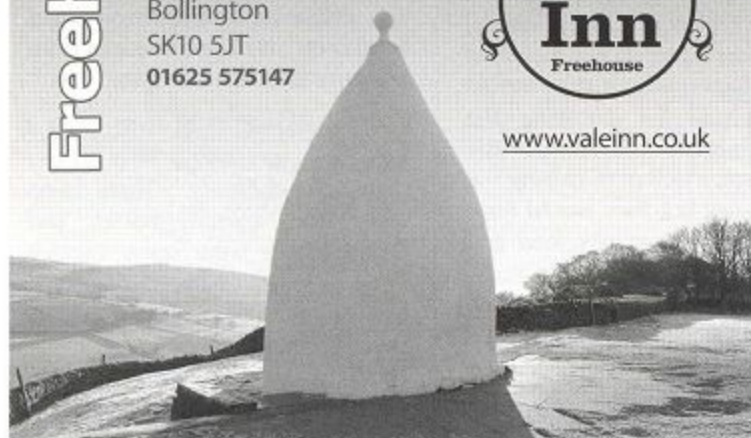
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# WATER CATASTROPHE!

**Ken Edwards continues his research into the early years of Bollington Urban District Council.**

When the Bollington Urban District Council started out in 1895 the fifteen men under the leadership of George Swindells had one clear aim in view. They wanted to provide a pure water supply for the Town. Water was drawn from a number of wells and springs but the supply varied with the weather and was always in danger of contamination from the very poor sewage arrangements. The contaminated water could often cause very serious outbreaks of disease.

The issue had been highlighted in the first annual medical report to the Council by Dr. James Allen on March 9th 1895 who roundly criticised the separation of Kerridge and Bollington Cross from Bollington and said there should be one sanitary district for the whole community. He pointed out there was no drainage, water supply or lighting in much of the area and whatever measures were taken in Bollington to control disease were nullified when the disease crept back in from neighbouring areas.

**HE HAD 69 CASES OF DANGEROUS DISEASES ON HIS HANDS INCLUDING 59 SCARLATINA CASES, 1 OF TYPHOID FEVER AND 8 OF ERYSIPELAS.**

He had every reason to be concerned. He had 69 cases of dangerous diseases on his hands including 59 scarlatina cases, 1 of typhoid fever and 8 of erysipelas. He reported 7 deaths from scarlatina, 8 from phthisis (TB) and 7 from pneumonia. There was no isolation hospital nearby. He had closed the elementary school for a month which had stopped the spread of the disease. This had worked until new cases of scarlatina erupted as a result of the disease spreading from

the neighbouring sanitary district outside his control.

Bollington councillors reacted strongly to this report and condemned the fact that it had got into the local press before they had seen it. They felt an isolation hospital was completely beyond their means at this time. But it did focus their minds on the search for a pure water supply.

The resolution moved by Mr. Kenyon read:

*'The Council, having considered the Medical Officers Report do not agree with his remarks respecting the adjoining District of Kerridge and regret their insertion. With regard to the Medical Officer's recommendation for the provision of an isolation hospital, the Council thinks that the provision thereof may well be deferred until other works of far greater urgency and which entail a large expenditure have been completed.'*

The vote was 4-4 and the Chairman had to use his casting vote to pass the resolution.

The works of far greater urgency were the search for and provision of pure water.

The Bollington Public Health Board had already started looking for a suitable place for a borehole in 1892 when they had commissioned a geologist Professor Dawkins and a chartered engineer Mr. Norman Radford to make recommendations. Professor Dawkins had described the local geology and suggested drilling in the region of Whitely Green on the Bunter series which were known to give a good supply of water or going higher into the Millstone Grit near Rainow village. The Board had to choose between Whitely Green where they would have to pay for pumping the water throughout the Town or the bigger capital outlay of drilling the millstone grit but they would have the advantage of gravity feed and much cheaper distribution costs. The Urban District Council asked Mr. Radford to arrange drilling in Rainow.

The Council borrowed £750 from

the Public Works Loans Board and instructed Mr. Radford. He commissioned Messrs Timmins and Co. Of Runcorn to start drilling on Samuel Latham's farm at Rainow on a site near Gin Clough. The ground proved tough. Timmins got to 70 feet and their tackle broke and jammed in the borehole. They had to start again on a new hole. This time they got to 70 feet and recognised their gear was not up to the job. They abandoned the contract and a Mr. Dawson, a chartered engineer of St. Bees Head, took over in March 1895.

**FRANCIS GREG J.P. HEARD THAT 100,000 GALLONS WAS NOW FLOWING EVERY 24 HOURS. THIS WAS GREAT NEWS.**

Dawson used diamond-headed drilling equipment. By the end of June he had reached 148 feet and 20,000 gallons per day had begun to flow. On August 23rd. a Special Meeting of the Council as the Water Committee chaired by Francis Greg J.P. heard that 100,000 gallons was now flowing every 24 hours. This was great news. It was estimated that another 50 feet of boring would give 120,000 gallons per day. With the population of Bollington at over 4000 and Kerridge at over 2000 this was more than enough water to serve both communities and to allow for expansion.

It was time to authorise further work. First the water needed to be tested for impurities, then, if all was well, a site for a reservoir could be chosen and lines for pipes from Latham's farm to Bollington.

On September 7th it was reported that the water was a little harder than Manchester's. There was very little animal matter and though there were some nitrates they were all oxidised. Again it was excellent news. At a Special Meeting on September 14th 1895, Professor Boyd-Davison, geologist, recommended drilling a second

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borehole. This was agreed and Dawson, as the only contractor who tendered, got the job. By January 1896 this borehole was reported to be producing over 50,000 gallons per day.

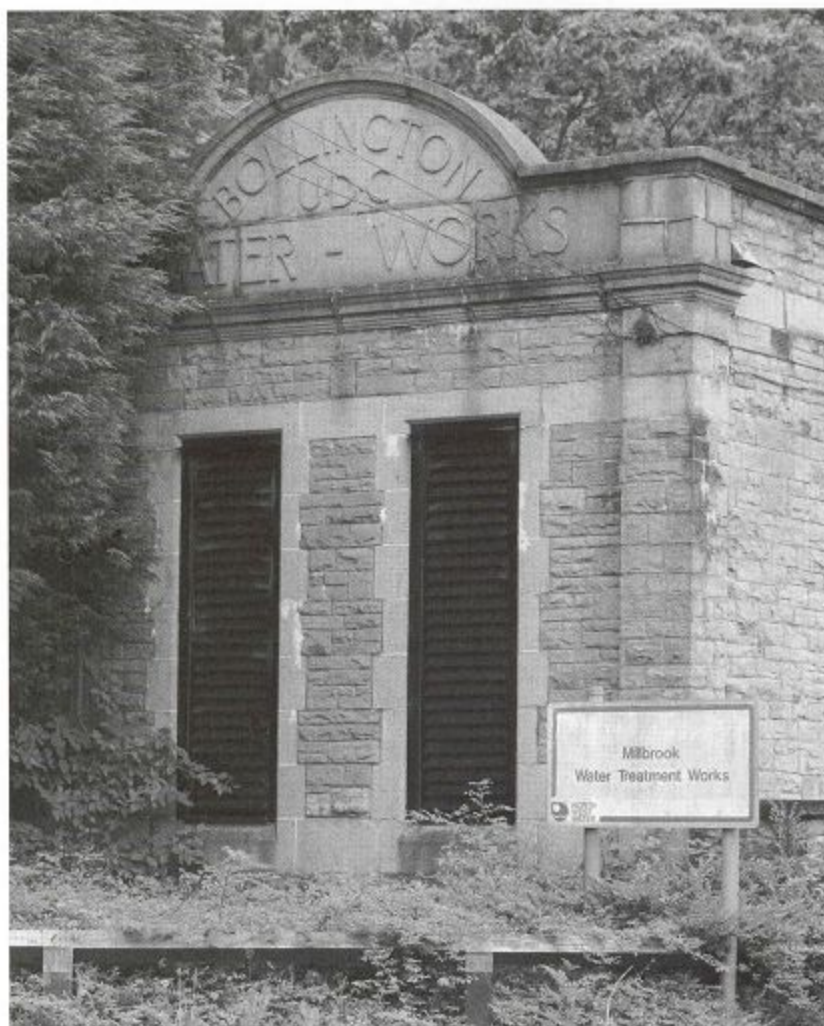
On Monday 27th January a Special Meeting of the council heard from Mr. Radford that the two boreholes would yield 120,000 gallons per day. However, to ensure a smooth flow of water with sufficient pressure a tunnel would need to be dug to tap the first borehole at 28feet below the surface and the second borehole at 18 feet below the surface. The Council could proceed with every confidence. The cost of the tunnel would be £750. Radford recommended giving the three months notice to landowners for works 'outside the district'. There were no engineering problems with the lines chosen for the pipes. They would run from Latham's farm through Lower Brook Farm fields and then parallel to the footpath leading from Rainow to Bollington and then by the road past the bleachworks in Ingersley Vale into Bollington. There was a sense of euphoria at the meeting. The successful end of this long and expensive project was in sight.

**A MAN CALLED HILL  
WAS DEMONSTRATING  
HIS EXPERTISE WITH  
A DYNAMITE CAP TO A  
FRIEND AFTER VISITING  
A FEW ALEHOUSES AND  
MANAGED TO BLOW  
THREE OF HIS FINGERS  
OFF!**

The Council motion proposed by Mr. Greg seconded by Mr. Warburton was: 'That the council carry out forthwith the suggestion contained in Mr. Radford's letter of January 22nd. 1896 viz. To obtain tenders for the driving of a tunnel 25 feet below the surface tapping both boreholes and to give the requisite 3 months notice to owners and occupiers of the proposed route of the pipes.'

*Right: The former  
Bollington UDC  
water treatment  
works in Rainow.*

*Photograph by  
Janet Beech.*



In March George Swindells resigned from the council and the Rev. Frederic Richardson took over as Chairman.

**THE COUNCIL WAS  
DEVASTATED. £1250  
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SCHEME.**

By June the tenders had been received and the Council borrowed a further £500 to carry out the tunnelling. The work continued throughout July not without incident. The tunnel was a metre high and 400 metres long. Twenty workers were employed and dynamite was used to blast through the rock. On July 25th a man called Hill was demonstrating his expertise with a dynamite cap to a

friend after visiting a few alehouses and managed to blow three of his fingers off!

That was a small harbinger of the disaster to follow. On August 15th 1896 the tunnel was completed. There was a great flow of water for a day and then the flow dropped from the expected 120,000 gallons every 24 hours to a mere 20,000. This flow persisted. The Council was devastated. £1250 of borrowed money had been sunk in the scheme. The Council had taken professional advice every step of the way. The local paper thundered over an editorial 'WHO HAS BLUNDERED'...

All the experts could advise was using the 20,000 gallons available and drilling again at Whitely Green. What happened next? Watch this space.

**Ken Edwards**



# STRANGLE MANGLE DANGLE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bollington Scout Group** number almost thirty children. There are both boys and girls who meet at 7:00pm on Fridays at the Albert Road Scout Hut. At scouts we do a plethora of really brilliant activities.

The latest of these was a Rocketry workshop, run with the help of Astra-Zeneca. At the workshop we were taught how to make a real rocket using mostly cardboard. Of course we couldn't propel the crafts into the air with cardboard so we used explosives as the engine.

## STRANGLE REALLY CONSISTS OF USING A THIN COPPER WIRE TO CHOKE UNSUSPECTING RABBITS WHO RUN INTO IT.

Some of the rockets were worse than others, splitting up in midair and landing in other people's gardens and the parachute barely working (mine), and others landing safely with the nose cone and main body still held together drifting to the ground (or to a tree) lightly landing supported by the parachute (almost everyone else's). We all had a good time trying to shoot our hand made rockets into the stratosphere. The rockets were launched in the playing field at Dean Valley School.

Previously to that we went on a survival camp where we learnt how to make good fires, cook on them and catch what we cook. The fire lighting was interesting; we learnt the many different types of fire and my group decided that our favourite was the waffle fire, being easy(ish) to light and getting hot very quickly. It was the ideal fire for a bunch of tired scouts.

The hunting was also an enlightening activity. We learnt the three main types of trap, Strangle, Mangle and Dangle. Strangle really consists of using a thin copper wire to choke unsuspecting rabbits who run into it. Mangle is the most high-maintenance of all the traps because it needs someone with it all the

time and requires bait, to 'Mangle' all you need to do is secure a big rock to the nearby tree with a highwayman's hitch (a knot we learn at scouts that is easy to undo) and drop it on the next unsuspecting thing to wander under it. Dangle is much like Strangle except that in the Dangle the trap pulls animals above the path killing them much more quickly and protecting your food from predators nearby.

Also we went snorkelling, where we had three nights of snorkelling and one night of scuba diving, with the generous help of the East Cheshire Sub-aqua club. The scuba diving was amazing and the snorkelling was really fun. Unfortunately using the fins makes it feel really strange when you start swimming normally again. During the time we were snorkelling we learnt how to dive and empty our snorkels, swim with fins and use them to reach the bottom. We had to lift weights from the 3metre deep zone to the top and swim through hoops. I managed to swim from the hoop in the deep end to the one in the 1.5metre zone without coming up for air. Everyone who had a go did very well and I think they all enjoyed it.



Previously to that we had a pancake race (I think more pancake ended up on the floor than anywhere else) which was really exciting except for the constant threat of food poisoning, because of us scouts undercooking them (my group being the worst). We even managed to burn the middle and undercook the edges of one particularly bad pancake that ended up being fed to the bin.

We have also been enjoying a USA exchange type thing. We have made a video of campfire stunts (a random comical set of performances made and acted by the scouts) for them to laugh at, and studied where they are on maps and random facts about the state they are in, Delaware. We also did some map games on that night, which are surprisingly fun considering it is geography (not that there is anything wrong with geography).

There are also lots of games nights and other superb activities like dry slope skiing, climbing and much more in the scouting bundle.

**Henry Clifford**

*Top: Lewis Snorkelling. Bottom, Will, Patrick, Aydin and Jordan. Photographs provided by Jane Vessey.*

*Centre: Henry beside White Nancy. Photograph by Anthony Holland.*







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## ROLL WITH IT

Bollington Bowling Club was founded over 100 years ago, but in all those years the members have probably never experienced as successful a season as last year, when five out of their seven teams were crowned divisional champions!

The Club competes in two separate leagues: the Macclesfield and District League, which is a mixed league and the Alderley and District League, which has separate competitions for men and women.

In 2009 the "C" team (captain Pat Dean) won Division 3 of the Macclesfield and District League, gaining automatic promotion to Division 2, while the "A" (capt. Don Green) and "B" (capt. Jim Hardy) teams finished very creditable 2nd and 4th in their respective divisions, the "A" team also moving up a flight.

In the Alderley and District League the club won the Ladies B Division - and with it promotion to the A division. The team (capt. Pat Dean) won seventeen games and lost just one, while in the same league all three Mens' teams won their respective divisions - but only the "B" (capt. Mike Watkins) and "C" (capt. Jim Hardy) teams gained promotion, as the "A" team (capt.



*Right: Club President Jim Hardy.*

*Above: Club Chairman Dean Wood.*

*Photographs by Roger Johnson.*

Paul Bradley) couldn't go any higher!

The club also had League Average winners in Helen Downes, Bill Hibbert and Mark Collins.

"A wonderful season," said Club President Jim Hardy, pictured with the Alderley League Division 4 Champions trophy. Jim has been associated with the club for many years, having switched on the green's original floodlights as Chairman of Bollington Urban District Council in 1974. The green was the first municipal ground in the district to have floodlights; they have since been up-graded and allow the season to be extended well into autumn. Another fairly recent addition has been the railings around the green which have helped to improve security, and the club are currently in discussion with Cheshire East Council regarding plans to enlarge the present bowling pavilion.

Dean Wood, the Club Chairman, enthused about the healthy state of the Club but also sounded a note of caution: "With so many teams, the green is in use most nights of the week - and we also have a number of weekend competitions. But maintaining last year's form will be difficult, as most teams are



facing a tougher set of opponents. However, it won't be for lack of trying; having tasted success, members are eager for a repeat at the earliest opportunity!"

*Roger Johnson, Harold Beard & Jim Hardy*



*The club is always on the lookout for new members, and anyone interested in joining should contact either Jim Hardy on 01625 618371 or Alan Aked (Secretary) on 01625 575519.*

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