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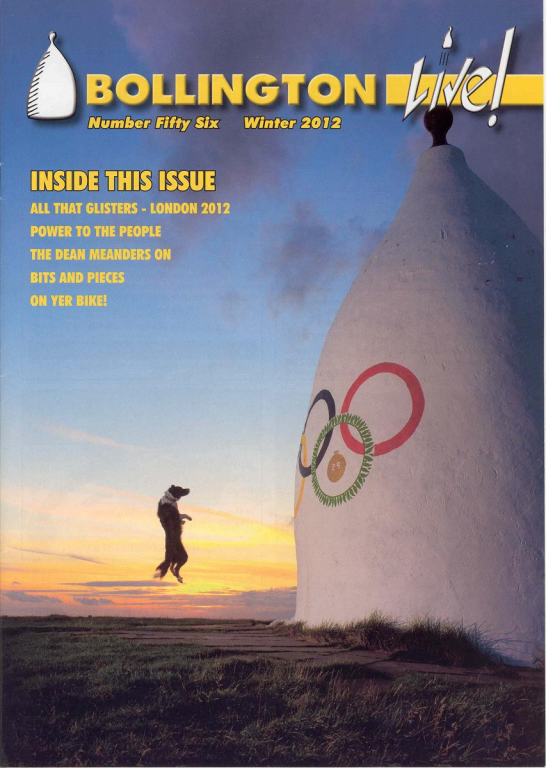
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# POWER TO THE PEOPLE

## BUSES – WILL THERE BE ANOTHER ALONG IN A MINUTE?

As usual, Bollington has risen to the occasion and forcibly expressed its response to Cheshire East Council's suggestion that they may remove subsidy from the 10a bus service from Macclesfield to Ingersley Road. This would practically curfew non car owning residents after 6pm on Monday to Saturday.

At the Town Council meeting on the 2nd October a brave Chris Williams, Cheshire East Council's Transport Officer, came to explain the situation and to take people's views and he didn't go home empty handed. There was a big and vocal turn out. Chris was well up to the task and was very open about the level of the subsidy (circa £12k) and the usage which was about 900 passengers per week. However, he was aware of the unique situation in Bollington and felt that in terms of the decision making "line" Bollington was very close to it and accepted the social, leisure and employment arguments put forward. He was also aware of the high level of response to this issue from Bollington, similar to the number 11 service to Kerridge which had been retained.

Supplied with hundreds of names on petitions, plus letters and emails, Cheshire East's Cabinet met on

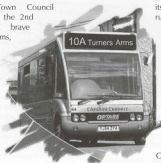
Monday 15th to discuss this and other routes and after a lengthy discussion, the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Rod Menlove, decided to consult with Arriva buses before he would confirm the continued running of the 10a.

Is this bad news? Well it is for me because I was expecting confirmation of its continued running. However, I have been assured that the debate has moved on from whether it runs to who pays for it and the situation is now who blinks first. Also as Town Clerk I have had everything crossed on this issue - and a number of others - and I was hoping to be able to unravel at least some of my appendages soon!

### .... THE USAGE WAS ABOUT 900 PASSENGERS PER WEEK

Thanks to everyone who signed the petitions, put up the posters on every bus stop and generally supported this life-blood route, AND if we can also use it a little more and leave our cars at home we can stop this ever happening again.

David Naylor  
 Bollington Town Clerk



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 BY COMING  
 ALONG TO OUR  
 NEXT MEETING

The Dog &  
 Partridge

Wednesday, 14th  
 November.

8.00pm

# EDITORIAL

By the time this edition of *Bollington Live!* reaches you, the clocks will have changed and we will be getting used to the dark nights and looking forward to the spring once again.

*Bollington Live!* finds a place to look back on a summer where the Olympic and Paralympic Games were a real highlight. Two Paralympian medal winners are former Bollingtonians, and their grandparents still live in our town. May I add my personal congratulations to Libby and James Clegg on their Medals.

Bollington, as always, keeps itself busy over the summer months, and this is reflected in this issue. Once again, there have been a large number of articles submitted for consideration - in fact far more than at any time previously while I have been editor. I think this shows that we are still producing a popular quality magazine.

We print 5000 copies of each issue, and try to include something for everyone. From our surveys, the vast majority of Bollingtonians are very happy with *Bollington Live!* There is however, always room for new ideas and articles. It's up to you to make this magazine what it is. Why not come along to our next meeting and consider becoming a part of our editorial team. You will be made most welcome. There's no pressure, and you will be able to write as and when you want - as long as you're writing is of interest to Bollington!

I hope you find something of interest, enjoy the read, and hope it is not too early to wish a Happy Christmas to all our readers.

*Anthony Holland*

Date for  
 next copy:

Friday 25th  
 January 2013

# ALL THAT GLISTERS...

London 2012 brings bronze and silver medals for the Clegg family in the paralympics! What an achievement for Libby and James Clegg who spent many of their childhood years here in Bollington. The Clegg siblings are totally blind, but in spite of this they now compete with elite athletes around the world in their chosen sports of running (Libby) and swimming (James).

From about seven years old Libby started to sit closer to the television and have her nose right up to school books at St Gregory's school where she was a pupil, but being a quiet child and the oldest of four siblings she didn't complain and it wasn't until two years later that the local GP gave the devastating news that Libby was almost totally blind. At this point her confidence had gone and she was retreating into her own world – her glimmer of hope was her running. She started running with sighted athletes at Macclesfield Harriers and she was soon discovered to be not just 'good' but 'exceptional'. Her running sustained her as she struggled to adjust to her new isolating, introspective sightless world.

## STRUMMING HIS GUITAR AT HOME, JAMES HAS SPECIAL TUNES FOR DIFFERENT FAMILY MEMBERS AS THEY COME AND GO ABOUT THE HOUSE

Moving to Scotland was the only option for the Clegg family when two of Libby's younger brothers started to go blind too. This was a brand new start for both Libby and James as they went to a school for the blind where their disability was 'normal' and their extraordinary gifts for running and swimming were realised and nurtured. They could start to trust people again, they learnt Braille, they studied for GCSE's and most importantly they were no longer defined by their blindness.

*Photographs of Libby and James Clegg with their Paralympic Medals provided by the Clegg Family*

Libby decided 'I can run' and she poured all her energies into her training. This hard work and determination was rewarded as she started to win medals all over the world. In 2008 she won her first paralympic silver medal in Beijing. This success inspired her younger brother James to follow in her footsteps.

## LIBBY ONCE SPENT TWO HUNGRY DAYS IN BEIJING BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE FOOD WAS IN THE VAST DINING AREA...

James first started to swim in Scotland and soon discovered that he was 'quite good at it'. London 2012 was his first paralympics – entered as a 'wild card' – he came away with a well-deserved bronze medal. James was bowled over by his success – which of course has to be communicated verbally to the athletes at the end of the race because they can't see who has won. He is naturally a quiet person but has a fantastic humour. Strumming his guitar at home he has special tunes for different family members as they come and go about the house.

Neither Libby nor James use a white stick – Libby was adamant that people would not see her disability first and James has followed her lead. Now they both live independently coping with daily difficulties that sighted people



don't even think of – Where are the plates for dinner? Where is the drink someone just made for me? Learning to be ordered at home putting things where they can find them again and having a regimented kitchen are second nature to people with no sight. The difficult part comes with the interaction with sighted people who don't think when they put the milk back in the fridge on a different shelf or leave the top off the jam or push the coffee table to one side in the lounge.

Libby once spent two hungry days at the Beijing Paralympics because she didn't know where the food was in the vast dining area and so could not join in the self-service system. 'We don't think of the day-to-day things that are hard if not impossible for someone who is blind' said a friend.

Libby completed her degree at Loughborough University and now lives in Loughborough dividing her time between her training, competing in competitions around the world and helping other people into sport so others can realise their dreams too!

Libby and James are not only great athletes whose names now are written in paralympic history but they are also shining examples to us all that no matter how difficult our personal handicap may be, nothing is beyond our achievement, when heart and mind are involved.

Well done Libby and James – we're all behind you for Rio!

Annette Hurst



# GAME, SETT & MATCH

Winter is fast approaching and we all have to prepare. I have put my summer clothes away now and looked out all the warm ones. The log pile is stacked and ready. And we have already had the log burner in action. (Our dogs are stretched in front of it as I write this.)

While I was tidying the garden, I found a hedgehog hiding in a pile of dried leaves that I was about to clear. I carefully packed them back tightly around the sleeping animal. Our bees are treated for varroa mite, have had their honey crop removed and replaced by sugar. We are ready for the cold.

But what about our neighbours? And I don't mean the human ones. Bollington is blessed with a thriving population of badgers. What do they do when the weather turns towards winter? Well, actually they are very busy.

Autumn is the main time for courtship. If you hear strange grunts and squeals, don't blame the local youth. It could actually be badger romance. About now they are eating as much as they can to build up the fat reserves which they live on during the winter months. This means that they might be seen searching for worms and leatherjackets (crane fly larvae) in your lawn and they are not tidy when they do this! Spring is another peak time for this too. Their sense of smell is said to be 700 to 800 times better than ours. This helps them to find their way around and to find food. They are omnivorous by nature, eating many plants, berries and nuts when available and animal food, mainly earthworms and large numbers of beetles and grubs. They will also eat small animals so my hedgehog needs to be careful.

My neighbour is a badger specialist. She says that there are many active setts around Bollington and the surrounding area. However, as badgers are living through such threatening times, the location of these has to remain secret for their own protection. Secret or not, they are often seen trotting purposefully about after dark. Maybe by people wending a groggy way home from the pub! They have poor eyesight

for details and good hearing and so if you stand very still and quiet you might have a good view. Be aware though that they are strong animals, with sturdy claws and are very capable of defending themselves if necessary.

Badgers do not hibernate but become less active during the winter months. In spring they are very hungry, but think twice about feeding your badger neighbours. Once they know there is free food, they will visit regularly, barge



through fences, snack on your bulbs and dig holes looking for something tasty. Also, with a ready supply of food, breeding rates increase and problems will multiply.

To have badgers visiting your garden can be exciting though. Hearing a noise at night, looking out through your window and realising that badgers are enjoying a snack from your dustbin could be an opportunity to view them in safety. You could even try to take a photo. If you have a security light that comes on with movement that would help. Cover your camera equipment as light coloured equipment reflects the light and can scare the animals away. Use a remote shutter control to actually capture the image. To keep them occupied for a short while place a few peanuts on the ground. (Remember that if you are quiet and on the other side of a window they will less able to detect you.) And don't forget to post your best efforts onto the Flickr website, tagged Bollington and badger.

## CONTACT A BADGER EXPERT

Kim Creasey is a trustee of Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group  
01625 573945.

Also the R.S.P.C.A.  
at 0300 1234 999.

But what do you do if you find a badger in trouble? Injured on the road, bitten in a fight, or a cub trapped in your garden? Don't tackle the problem yourself. Remember that they can bite hard. The best thing to do is to contact an expert. Kim Creasey is the most local. (See contact details to left)

Badgers' biggest challenge now is the spectre of bovine tuberculosis and their implication in its spread. Cheshire and Shropshire are running a trial vaccination programme this autumn. The move comes in response to Defra's decision to run trial badger culls in Gloucestershire and Somerset.

If you are interested to learn more, the Wirral and Cheshire Badger Group have produced a CD called "The Badger's Tale." At £2.99, it talks you through a year in their life, with real sound effects. Except Kim did admit that she produced the sound of "hedgehog rustling through the leaves." What a cheat.

Janet Beech, Kim Creasey

Photograph by  
Paul Beardmore

Such a controversial issue needs further research. For both sides of the story look on line at:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

or the National Federation of Badger Groups at:

<http://www.nfbg.org.uk/>

And if you feel strongly, sign the e-petition at:

<http://petitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/38257>



## CONGRATULATIONS

'Bollington Live!' was delighted to discover that Oliver at Bollington Green has just cooked its way to another milestone, by landing a listing in the prestigious 'Michelin Guide'. This caps a hugely successful year, having already being rated Cheshire's Number One restaurant by 'Trip Advisor'.

Bollington Live! congratulates 'Oliver' and looks forward to seeing this High Street restaurant go from strength to strength.

# ANIMAL MAGIC



Ingersley Court residents have recently had a wild time with exotic breeds! From furry foxes to calling kookaburras, they welcomed a visit from 'The Animal Lady' and her exotic friends.

The residents took the opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with a variety of wild animals including an iguana, python, red fox, meerkat and kookaburra.

'The Animal Lady', better known as Jill Reynolds, encourages interaction between animals and people by taking a selection from her special brood of over fifty rescued and abandoned animals into schools and care homes.

Clifford Holmes, 81, originally from Bollington, was among residents who stroked the furry friends. He said: "Getting close to the exotic animals and learning about their different eating habits was very interesting, and something I shared with my family when they came to visit. My favourite animal was the kookaburra, who even made a call on cue!"

The afternoon, which saw residents learn about all things wildlife, from jungles and rainforests to food chains and animal habits, encouraged residents to interact with the animals and learn

something new through Jill's popular and hands-on Natural History Presentation.

Animal-assisted therapy like Jill's is becoming increasingly well known for its positive effects on residents' health and wellbeing through the unique form of companionship and therapeutic comfort they provide.

Cheryl Brookes, Activities Coordinator at Ingersley Court, said: "We try to engage our residents with new experiences and we often ask them what activities they would like to do. When one of the residents said she'd always wanted to see a real life snake, we thought the 'Animal Lady' would be a great idea."

Jennifer Jones, Home Manager at Ingersley Court, added: "It is important that our residents enjoy stimulating activities, and so we welcome visits from Jill and others like her in the community. Spending time with the animals, while getting to ask questions and learn new things, encourages older people to come together, socialise, and recall special memories from the day"

**Anna Moorhouse**

**Photos:**

*Ingersley Court  
Residents meet  
some new visitors*



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last 35 years has taken its toll on the facilities.

The changing rooms are in dire need of renovation and we'd like to be able to provide disabled changing facilities too. The pool roof needs re-covering, a job which we can only put off for so long, and there are many other smaller repairs and improvements that we desperately need to make, all of which require funds.

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facilities for years to come, but as we are a registered charity we can't do this alone. All money we make is reinvested in the day-to-day running of the Centre, leaving very little in the pot for projects.

Over the coming months we will be running a series of events, activities and initiatives to raise the funds we need to bring the Centre up to date.

**Steven Hurst**

# BITS AND PIECES

Has it been only two years since I first heard of Bollington? Looking back I feel I have been here forever and the traumas preceding are turning into a misted window behind me.

I suppose I should start with how I came here. After falling in love with the Isle of Man but it being impossible to live there, I believed I would never be happy anywhere else. Reeling from the realisation I could not live on my beloved island, I was resigned to the fact that I had to return to the UK.

*Photograph of Mosaic Classes by Debra Tracey*

*If you are interested in creating mosaics, you can contact Debra on [www.thecreative-spacestudio.com](http://www.thecreative-spacestudio.com)*

*Photographs of Debra and Mosaics by Anthony Holland*



Cheshire Hospice, Barnaby and Bollington Festival; commissioned by Peaks & Plains Housing to produce a 195 square foot mosaic at Macclesfield Town FC with 396 locals (all ages and abilities including St John's School and local people from Bollington), delivering a recycled bunting workshop at the Bridgend Centre, and creating the designs for this year's Well Dressing (Mark Stedman introduced me to Chris - thank you!).

I am also involved in fundraising for the festival and have written the script for the Bollington Movie. I also donated a White Nancy mosaic to the Bollington Festival fundraisers for the 'search for White Nancy' exhibition in June and was commissioned to create three more (donating £50 from each to the funds). This amongst my attempts at getting my creative workshops up and running.

"How has this area inspired your work?" I was asked. How can Bollington 'not' inspire? My head is full of ideas from glass fused White Nancy pendants to getting a mosaic trail up Middlewood way or the canalside. As part of the Bollington



Festival Community team, I would love to know what people want (or DON'T want) and will be holding a meeting soon. Dr. John Coope was such an inspiring man! My passion for inclusion and social cohesion, mental and emotional wellbeing via creativity, can be fuelled in Bollington. The Bollington Festival, started the year after I was born, is one of the most dynamic and creative community projects I have heard of.

As a newcomer, am I the right person to create the script for the Bollington Movie? I think so. The scripts were all judged 'blind' so no one knew who had written them, but I like to think that my love and passion for this special place shone through. I want people who see the film - which is about Bollington and with the majority of actors and volunteers from here - to see it the way I do, with awe and delight.

I have recently moved from Adelphi to Clarence Mill. The studio is bigger, brighter and next to Café Waterside. Ideal for my vision of a creative education venue where people can also purchase locally produced arts and crafts, craft materials and enjoy the mini gallery. The Isle of Man was my first love but Bollington - oh, boy, Bollington - is my true love, my soul mate. Thank you to all of you (you know who you are!) who have welcomed and accepted me.

*Debra Tracey*

After many disappointing viewings, my fiancé and I were on our way back from a particularly unsuitable one when the estate agent called and asked if we could go 'now' to Bollington. As we were already in the car we went. The moment we stepped onto the pavement on Water Street, we both grinned and knew we'd found an area we liked. Before long we moved into Ingersley Road. The beautiful art studio I had had to leave was replaced with a new one in Adelphi Mill. The third floor studio, small and nestled amongst offices, was hardly ideal but at least I could see White Nancy from the window.

Still recovering from the effects of the broken 'love affair' with the Isle of Man, I began to feel a new passion stir within me. There was so much going on in Bollington. The passion of 'community' runs through this place like a seaside place-name through a stick of rock.

I soon became involved: creating and donating mosaics to East





# WANDERING ON – THE RIVER DEAN'S JOURNEY – PART 3

*Ken concludes his article from our previous two issues. Here he traces the journey of the River Dean on its route beyond Bollington, to its confluence with the River Bollin just past Wilmslow. He also considers whether Bollington could make more of a feature of its river.*

In these quiet flat fields of Lowerhouse, the river spreads itself wide and curls sinuously towards Butley and Adlington as though relaxing after a hard time in the Town itself. During the heavy rains the river has been full and fast and evidence of its force can be seen in the eroded banks by the bridge over the river on the road to the Household Waste Recycling Centre. From this point until the river enters the land of the Bollin Way there is little access to it.

The land between Calder Close and Butley is private as are the farmlands in Adlington. There is a path from Holehouse Lane walked by those who do the Boundary Walk each year that has a footbridge across the Dean. The next crossing is at Holehouse Lane, (glance over the bridge walls to read of its construction) closely followed by Millhouse Bridge on the London Road near Adlington Farm at Adlington.

The Dean then passes by a wooded secluded house called The Wilderness in the grounds of Adlington Hall. In 1805 Edward Legh complained in the Court of



*Above: Holehouse Lane bridge.*

*Right: Under the Millhouse Bridge on the A523 (note the three distinct building phases in widening the bridge).*

*Photographs by Anthony Holland*

between the Census of 1801 and that of 1851, quadrupling in size. The Dean ambles on under Butley Bridge on Mill Lane.

The river then enters Dairy House Wood, and is joined by Red Brook continuing on to reach the Deanwater Bridge and the Deanwater Hotel on the Woodford Road. The river swings west after Dean Farm and becomes anonymous and unimportant until it flows under the A34 at Hall Wood.

Here the Dean is confined again as it enters the outskirts of Handforth at Bollinlee Bridge across Dean Road. The railway line into Manchester provides it with a second

bordering Her Majesty's Prison and Young Offenders Institution, to reach Twinnies Bridge and a pleasant open picnic site at the confluence by the banks of the Bollin.

It may seem a paradox that one can walk up the first part of the river and the last part up the beautiful Dean Valley into the Peak District itself but we make so little of our river in Bollington. Should we do better? Could we construct a path by negotiating with local landowners from the Recreation Ground down to the Lowerhouse Reservoir and further to join the footpath at Lowerhouse that takes one to Butley Town and beyond?



Already we have the Carbon Revolution Group examining the River Dean to judge the sites suitable for modern power production. Should we try to form a 'Friends of the River Dean' association, to achieve for our river what has so successfully been achieved for our Recreation Ground?

So what of its personality? It enjoys a joyous youth in the hills, sparkling and clear and retains that character in spite of its confined life in Handforth and Handforth. It meanders through the countryside between here and Handforth in secrecy, enjoyed privately from time to time, only glimpsed at the bridges. Finally, it enjoys a quiet amble before sneaking into the Bollin without being hardly noticed. Somewhat like people in Bollington. I was told by a long time local when I came first to the town. 'They've got money in Bollington; but they don't show it.' Our River Dean has beauty; but she don't show it!

**Ken Edwards**



Chancery in London that his river was being depleted by all the mill activity to the East in Rainow and Bollington. The results of the case are unrecorded but it can be assumed it was lost since Bollington grew most rapidly

viaduct, but it is hurried past the backs of houses and ignored by the residents except for adventurous children playing along its wooded banks.

From Handforth Bridge there is a chance of enjoying the river. Tracks along the valley take you to Linneys Bridge, and thereafter the last part of the Dean Valley becomes the Bollin Way leading across the fields to Styal past Deadman's Clough



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Sunday 25th 6pm

### Christmas Light Switch On

Bollington Town Hall

Thursday 29th 7.30 pm

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Friday 30th: 6-8pm

### Christmas Fair

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## DECEMBER

Saturday 1st December: 2 to 4 pm

### Christmas Fair

St. John's School, Grimshaw Lane.

Sunday 2nd December: 10:45am

### Christingle

Pott Shrigley Church

Sunday 2nd December: 3.00pm:

### Christingle Service

St Oswald's Church - with the children's orchestra from Dean Valley School

Sunday 9th December at 7.30

### Bollington Festival Choir - Pascha's

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Tuesday December 17th 7.30

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Sunday 16th December: :

### Nativity - 10.45am

### Carols by Candlelight - 4pm

Pott Shrigley Church

Sunday 16th December: 3.00pm:

### Traditional Carol Service

St Oswald's - with readings and poetry, followed by refreshments

Sunday 16th December: 6.30pm

### Christmas Celebration

Christian Life Church, Hawthorn Rd.

Thursday 20 December: 7.30pm

### Carol Singing

Cock & Pheasant - in aid of St Oswald's Church Funds

Sunday 23rd December:

### Holy Communion: 8.30am

### Carols by Candlelight 4pm & 6.30pm.

(no service at 10:45am)

Pott Shrigley Church

Christmas Eve 6.00pm

### Carols Around The Christmas Tree

Bollington Town Hall, Wellington Road

Christmas Eve: 11pm

### Holy Communion

Pott Shrigley Church

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm:

### Midnight Mass

St Oswald's - with Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day: 10:30am-11:30am

### Christmas Day Service

Christian Life Church, Hawthorn Rd.

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### Family Communion Service

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## JANUARY 2013

Sunday 6 January:

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## Festival Music Theatre

Find out all about an Icelandic Christmas in this exciting new musical play from the talented youngsters of the Music Theatre, to be performed on December 2nd at 2.30 and 5.00 at the Arts Centre. Will stropky Anna become the only child ever to get only potatoes for presents? If so, will she become a victim of the Yule Lad's gruesome mother who makes children into stew, or the equally fearsome Yuletide Cat?

Anyone aged 7-14 is welcome to join us in early January, when we start on yet another brand new show, the incredible true story of Woytek the bear, who became a soldier in World War 2.

£7 (adults) & £3.50 (Child) or at door.

Booking online at [www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk](http://www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk) and information from [www.fun.to/bfnt](http://www.fun.to/bfnt) or 0161 225 4680

*Bollington Festival Choir is a friendly choir and welcomes singers without audition. Why not join us when we start rehearsals for Mendelssohn's St Paul in early January? For booking and other details please visit [www.fun.to/bfnt](http://www.fun.to/bfnt) or phone 0161 225 4680*

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Wed 14th Nov 10.15am  
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Wed 21st Nov 10.15am  
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Wed 28th Nov 10.15am  
Water and Steam via Adlington 6 miles

Wed 5th Dec 10.15am  
Christmas Ramble Part 1 - Along Keridge Ridge 5 miles

Wed 12th Dec 10.15am  
Christmas Ramble Part 2 - Up the Nab 4 miles

For the two December Rambles home-made soup will be available along with the usual tea, coffee and biscuits after each walk.

## ARTS CENTRE

Arts Centre contacts and tickets available from [www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk](http://www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk)

### NOVEMBER

Friday November 2nd 8.00pm

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Saturday November 3rd 8.00pm

#### Jazz at the Arts Centre

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Sunday November 4th 7pm

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### DECEMBER

December 1st 8.00pm

#### Jazz at the Arts Centre - The Brownfield Byrne Hot 6

A new band to us but sure to meet our high standards! Tickets £9 Tel: 574410

Friday December 7th 8.00pm

#### Bolly Comedy Club

Begin the festive season with laughter. Book your place on our website (£9.90)

Saturday December 8th 2.30 & 7.30

#### Derby G&S Soc. - The Pirate of Penzance

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Sunday December 9th 8.00pm

#### Second Sunday Folk Club

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# BOLLINGTON BY...

We continue our on-going series of sensible and lighthearted interview questions with a cross-section of Bollington's younger residents.

In this issue, the burning questions are asked of Theo Wharton (age 7)

**Firstly, tell us a little bit about yourself.**

My name is Theo, I live with my mummy, daddy, brother Owen and sister Ella. I go to Bollington Cross School and I am in Year 3.

**What is good about living in Bollington?**

It has nice houses, hills and fields. There is a field behind our garden with lots of sheep and lambs. They sometimes used to sneak into our garden through the hedge but now the farmer has put up a fence.

**What is your favourite park in Bollington?**

The skate park is brilliant. I take my scooter.

**And what about Bollington's bad points?**

The traffic and it's too rainy. Also, the play parks aren't very exciting so we usually drive to parks in other places where there are more things.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like playing with my toys. I have loads of Lego and love to build cities and houses, and Star Wars models.

When it's not raining, I like playing football and basketball in the garden. We're also building a pond and rockery in the garden with different homes for frogs and newts and other creatures.

**And you do some acting?**

Yes - earlier this year, I played a demon in the Bollington Music Theatre show, Ramayana.

Now, I'm thrilled to be part of the cast of the Bollington Movie. It's really exciting to be involved in a real movie and I can't wait to start filming. I play a boy called Ben who is really rude! I was meant to start my first bit of acting at Macclesfield Town Football Club where I was

to meet the players but it was cancelled due to the rain. Filming starts again next April so I can't wait until then.

**What would be your perfect day?**

Spending time with my family and playing with my brother and sister. When it's rainy, I like baking with Mummy and eating all the yummy things. Daddy takes us swimming. When it's sunny, we sometimes go for walks along the canal and feed the ducks. I like it up White Nancy because you can see everywhere, I just don't like the walk to get up there!

**Where in the world is your favourite place?**

Toys R Us.

**Who is your best friend and why?**

I have lots of great friends but my best friend is called Frankie. He is really fun and also likes Lego and Star Wars.

**What music are you currently listening to?**

My brother and sister have their own CD players so I have to listen to their music. Also, I'm learning to play the piano, I wanted to learn the drums or trumpet but Mummy said they are too noisy.

**What was the most fun thing you did in the summer holidays?**

We went to Legoland. I loved seeing all the models and going on the rides. We had lunch at the Lego hotel. It was amazing! The food was yummy and you could keep going back for more. The chips were even in the shape of Lego bricks! The ice cream comes out of a tap and you can help yourself and then put loads of toppings on like chocolate and sweets. If I had the choice, I would live there.

**If you were a dinosaur, which would it be?**

Why? I have loved dinosaurs since I was little and I have a box full of them. My favourite is T-Rex because he is the scariest and we've even seen him at a museum in London.



Photograph by Francesca Wharton

**What was the last book you read? What was it about?**

'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams. It's really funny. It's about a boy who is incredibly rich and can buy all the toys in the world but he is really sad and lonely because he has no friends.

**And a favourite film?**

Pirates of the Caribbean and Shrek

**Cat or dog?**

Cat. Our cat died last year. I really miss him. We also have some fish.

**Favourite food?**

Spicy Prawns and Mummy's biscuits.

**If you were a tree, what type would it be, and why?**

An oak tree because it is big and strong.

**If money and time were no object, what would you do to improve Bollington?**

Build a Toys R Us.

Carol Barnes

**Bollington Live!** would like to thank Theo and his Mum for their time in answering our questions. If you would like to be featured in future editions, please get in touch!



## DANCE YOURSELF DIZZY

Sarah Ellery is a recently arrived resident of Bollington. She founded the Footloose Dance Academy in Macclesfield in 2009. Moving to Bollington in 2010 with her husband James they enjoyed the sense of community and wanted to become more involved.

Sarah decided to move her classes to the spacious Bollington Civic Hall in the autumn of 2011. "This was a big decision but it was the right one!" Sarah explained, adding "New faces from Bollington and surrounding areas joined us and we were soon on a roll."

In December 2011 we put on our first production 'It's Showtime'. This was an exciting time for the school and the pupils aged between three and fifteen thrived on the buzz of putting on their various costumes and standing up on the stage to



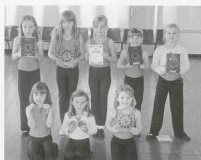
perform to a very excited and supportive audience of family and friends. It was a great night."

Into 2012, the pupils continued to progress and danced their way to their first exam session in July. Sarah added "It was a day to be proud of

- seeing them all arrive beautifully presented and ready for their big day. They achieved 100% pass rate and were so excited to receive their various awards and certificates in Ballet, Tap and Freestyle."

"Dance is a fantastic way to have fun, be confident and creative, keep fit and make new friends. It has been a fantastic year for the Footloose Dance Academy in Bollington and we look forward to a fun year ahead!" **Sarah Ellery**

Photographs by Sarah Ellery



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## METHODIST CHURCH UPDATE

There is now some hope for the closure threatened Methodist Church in Wellington Road, thanks to the efforts of an enthusiastic group of local people. They want to secure the future of the Church building for continued use by the community.

The Bollington Community Heritage Trust was initiated by local businessman, Ches Orme, and set up with the purpose of raising funds to purchase the building and transform it into a fantastic facility for Bollington and the surrounding area. This would be a preferred use for the building rather than it being developed on a commercial basis. It would enable the many organisations that now use the building to continue to meet there.

Importantly the Church congregation would be able to continue to worship there.

Heather Cann, who is secretary of the Trust, is also involved in the Methodist Church and is keen to retain the Church Buildings for

church use as part of the community facility.

I spoke to Bev Needham, a trust member, about the group. Bev is passionate about retaining the church for the community. "We are an enthusiastic core group and would like to encourage people in the community to support us. We must fight to keep the building for our children and the future. Can you imagine Bollington without its Brass Band?"

The Trust has applied for National Lottery Heritage Funding to help towards buying the building and hope to raise more money within the community.

They see the future of the Methodist Church developed as a community space in conjunction with the Arts Centre and the Civic Hall. In the past it has provided a large concert hall - accommodating visiting brass bands, choirs, including the Bollington Festival Choir, and it has been used as exhibition space during the Bollington Festival. The

future potential is huge and it could also be used for conferences with additional catering facilities.

Another interesting development has been the interest shown by the Davenport Theatre Trust who is looking for a home for the pipe organ made homeless when the Davenport Theatre closed. The Trust already has funding to repair and install the organ and the Methodist Church would be a very suitable home.

On Saturday 13th October the Bollington Community Trust and the many organisations that meet at the Methodist Church held an Open Day to showcase their plans for the future. In the evening there was a programme of popular music played on the organ by Michael Baron, an international theatre organist, accompanying a showing of silent movies. Hopefully by the time this article is read a great deal of interest in the future of this wonderful building will have been generated.

**Sandy Millsom**

**Heather Cann**  
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**and Bev Needham**  
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# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE! OUR READERS RESPOND...

While out walking with my hound along the canal the other day, I stopped to talk with the owner of one of the lived-in boats. Captain Silver, as we shall call him, was always good for fifteen minutes of putting the world to rights on a pleasant Bollington morning.

Having resolved the impasse on reform of the House of Lords, the conversation inexplicably moved on to the recent bad press that was being given locally from some quarters to the believed crimes of local dog owners.

"I can remember when The Rec was really covered in dog waste!" he said, though the word waste never crossed his lips.

The subject of dog poo, whether on pavements, public open spaces or shoes, is one that never fails to attract the most emotive and often irrational debate whenever aired. The concern from responsible local dog owners about its airing in the last edition of *Bollington Life* is that it will tend to generate heat rather than light, ultimately to nobody's satisfaction. In turn, that will do nothing to curb the behaviour of the irresponsible minority of owners.

Ten years ago when I moved here the problem was far worse. The good narrow boat captain was exactly right. Since then a core group of responsible dog owners have worked hard to improve the situation but with particular focus on The Recreation Ground. Often what has been achieved has been hard won. Only after extensive lobbying did we get an adequate supply of dedicated dog-waste bins installed there by MBC. It took nearly nine years to get MBC/CEC to put up proper notices to inform all users of the requirements and the penalties. Volunteers have taken part in direct awareness-raising and there have been several individual initiatives where posters and flyers have been distributed.

There is a substantial dog-owning 'community' in the village who know each other through their frequent contacts while out walking. It may be a surprise to learn that a decent number of these owners not only pick up any deposits their own dogs make but they remove deposits that irresponsible owners have left behind, such is their commitment to the community. When we have identified specific offenders who do not pick up after their dogs we have taken action through various channels open to us to deal with them. One prolific offender who daily left his dog's deposits on the grassed terracing on The Rec, was directly tackled and has thankfully now moved from the village.

18 months ago our surveys found an estimated 98% 'pick-up' rate on The Rec, relative to the number of owners exercising their dogs there. The recent summer figure has been more in the 95% region but we know that when the dark evenings come the pick-up rate drops. No-one is complacent and further action is planned.

Tarring all dog owners with the same brush and failing to distinguish between the 95% responsible owners and the 5% irresponsible ones achieves nothing. The vast majority of local dog owners would not dream of failing to pick up after their dogs and woe betide any owners found to be failing to pick up from the pavements near to where we live!

We need to address the reduced pick-up rate in autumn and winter and we need to find a solution to the continuing problem of certain owners driving their pooches down to open public areas, allowing

them to perform, then zooming off in their cars without picking up the mess. Some of these owners appear to come from outside the village, but by no means all.

Several of the core group of responsible dog-owners in Bollington decided a while ago to set up a very local owners' association both to publicise all things of common interest and to actively promote responsible dog ownership. The group will be known under the acronym BRAVADO - Bollington Rec And Village Association of Dog Owners. We have registered a website address of [www.bravado.org.uk](http://www.bravado.org.uk) although the site itself is still being designed so is not yet accessible. We will be aiming to publish a minimum expected code of conduct that the 95% of existing responsible owners already abide by. We'll also have badges and car stickers that supporters can use to visibly demonstrate their acceptance and promotion of those standards for responsible ownership across the village. Already many of these responsible owners will directly tackle irresponsible owners who may be seen walking away from their dog's deposits. The number prepared to do this is growing daily.

Finally, the dark evenings problem. If your dog has performed but due to darkness you can't locate the results... do please go back to the location the next morning and remove the deposit nearest to the spot! Though not yet enough, many owners already do this!

More light, less heat must remain the order of the day. **Rob Webb**

*The management of Bollington Recreation Ground is due to be taken over by Bollington Town Council. Please direct any further concerns to your local councillors.*

I just read the piece by Simon Dodd on the dog fouling in Bollington and couldn't agree more. It is a plague! The Rec is littered with mess, you could step over several piles in the same metre radius.

We have observed dog owners on The Rec (primarily at dusk - it is when they seem to emerge) allowing, indeed encouraging dogs to foul right on the grass, on the cricket pitch, in front of us and our three playing children. Twice my three year old son has tripped while running on the grass and fallen face down in excrement. He was beside himself, it was awful.

My children built a 'den' under one of the azalea bushes at The Rec once and when we returned the next day to play I had to ban them from entering as it was filled with the dreaded bags of mess. Why bother bagging it if only hang it on the nearest tree branch or fence like some sort of revolting trophy!

Many dog owners seem to have no control over their dogs. They without fail run onto our picnics when laid out. The dog owners yell affectionately but fruitlessly for their pooches to return and then smile ingratiatingly "they're only having a bit of fun!" Well I wouldn't allow my children to run onto someone else's picnic blanket. Even if they did think it was tremendous fun.

Dogs should certainly be banned from The Rec as they are our parks, and Bollingtonians should be campaigning to make it so.

**Jennie Nichol**





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## PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Watching the start of the impressive Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games you might have been forgiven for thinking Bollington was its main inspiration! Rolling hills, a village community, the odd cloud in the sky, and then those rising chimneys and factory works, the various political struggles to make the world a "happy valley".

The harnessing of children's imagination and the calming of all our fears, the provision of universal health care, the freedom to express ourselves through music, song and dance, the respect shown for the older generation and the passing on of the torchlight to the young, not forgetting opportunities along the way for meditation and spiritual growth when faced with life and death situations, encapsulated in the familiar yet still moving hymn "Abide with me".

By the time you read this, the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be a distant memory and life will have settled back into a more normal routine of school and work. As the autumn term started, St Oswald's Church has begun a new phase in its life. We have been given permission from the Diocesan Chancellor to proceed with the initial improvements to our church building, by creating a new level access main entrance on the opposite side of the church from our existing stepped entrance, complete with new toilet and storage facilities. These works are scheduled to be completed in November.

We hope that these alterations to our church building may prove a real blessing for all who come to share worship or to take part in other activities here, this Christmas and beyond!

Embarking on this exciting new development has been made possible by using the legacy we received from the sale of Holy Trinity Church in Kerridge, as was envisaged by the Parochial Church Council as part of our decision over four years ago to sell that building.

However, as you are aware in other spheres of life, costs are always increasing and if we are to continue our improvements to the church (principally by refurbishing the vestry, improving our lighting and sound systems, creating a new kitchen space, and freeing up more room for worship and other activities within the building), we urgently need to raise additional funds!

We have launched a simple **2012** Fundraising Campaign, endorsed by our Town Mayor at our Civic Service in September! Our aim is to invite you to become one of **2,012 people** who will be kind enough each to contribute **£20.12p** between now and Christmas (gift-aiding your donation too if possible) and so to help us raise at least £40,482 towards our ongoing building and maintenance projects. Any help you can give will be very much appreciated.

Veronica Hydon

## HIGH STAKES

It is funny how some things stick in your head, but I always remember my father talking about a local man called Jock Gaskell who was a noted trainer of Racehorses.

Technically, Ingersley Hall (where Jock and his family lived) is in the parish of Rainow, but as it is accessed from Bollington's Ingersley Road, maybe we can claim that Jock Gaskell was a local lad; it was his family who built White Nancy.

Anyway, I typed his name into Google, and found that, yes, he had existed, although he left this area to become a famous trainer at Newmarket before and after the Second World War. I think there are still some of an older generation than mine who actually remember horses on training gallops along the level ground near the bottom of Kerridge Hill, almost in the shadow of White Nancy.

Interestingly enough, Jock Gaskell's son, Richard Upton Gaskell (known as Dickie) went on to greater fame than his father as a Bookie. 'The Gentleman Bookie' they called him... but not just any Bookie. In fact he was a Director of Ladbrokes, one of this country's leading betting organisations. Having moved with his family to Newmarket, he worked at a local stud farm before setting up his own firm in Stratford-on-Avon. Business was good and he came to the attention of Ladbrokes, joining them in 1960.

He was 76 when he died in 2003 and he has an annual race named after him at Newbury. *Roy Arnold*

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# HORSING AROUND

22nd July 2012 dawned bright and clear, which was good news for the organisers of the annual Moat Hall Farm Horse Show, Fiona Peters, Zoe Denovan and Nikki Ellis. Then the hard work began!

Laying out the courses, ensuring there was enough fruit for the Pimm's and of course registering the entrants. More people than ever turned out to support their friends and relatives in their first ever competitive event. The atmosphere was sociable and observers were made to feel welcome.

Fiona said, "We would like to pass our thanks to Margaret and Alan Ridgeway, owners of Moat Hall Farm on Clarke Lane, who gave over their garden and land to host the

*Nikki is a freelance horse rider trainer and can be contacted on 07779 725 943 or at www.horseridetrainer.com*

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horse show. It helps inexperienced eventers build their confidence and a fun day was had by all while raising money for good causes."

To help eventers understand what was expected, Nikki, resident Moat Hall Farm Stables instructor, did a demonstration to music to show the competitors their expected paces riding Leon R, more commonly known around the stable as Gary.

The show was specifically put on for riders to boost their confidence, particularly those who have never entered a competition before. It gave them experience of routines and of being judged. For some who had entered in previous years, this was their first-time completion in a higher level event than ever before. Each entrant was given a copy of their score sheet so they could see where they did well and what areas they might need to concentrate on in future lessons.

The standard of competition was judged by the same British Dressage rules as other regular dressage events, with one judge per event and one writer of judge's comments. Nikki judged the starters classes and in the afternoon Kate

Earthey, a British Dressage judge who gave her time for free which was much appreciated, judged the other classes.

On the day, the overall senior winner was Zoe Denovan riding Just Jake while the overall junior winner was Lily Nye riding Dominic.

While the aim of the event was to build skill and confidence, the day also raised money for good causes including Windyways. The whole event was a success, raising money from the BBQ, refreshments and entry fee, and in total over £600 was raised. This year for the first time, Moat Hall Farm was also fundraising for itself to assist the tutelage of pupils and new mirrors for the dressage area are now on order as these are useful for checking posture.

Entrants this year were mostly people who stable their horses at Moat Hall Farm or who have riding lessons with Nikki.

Moat Hall Farm is a very popular yard and has a waiting list for stables, but to find out more about riding, please contact Nikki for details.

*Carol Barnes*

# JOLLY HOCKEY STICKS

A couple of years ago Bollington Live! featured an article about Bollington Ladies hockey club (Issue 48) and gained a fantastic new mid-fielder for the process! We are now here two years later and two divisions higher! Please get in touch!

Feeling inspired by the Olympics? We certainly are after seeing GB Women's hockey team win a bronze medal this summer. Bollington Ladies Hockey Club has been running for over 25 years and the last two seasons have seen successive promotions, reaching the dizzy heights of Division 3 in Cheshire Ladies Hockey League. We may not quite have the technique or indeed fitness of Team GB, but under the

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leadership of our Captain Nicola, we have enjoyed seeing the team improve and progress. Keen to see continued success, we are actively seeking new players and umpires as our numbers have been affected due to University, pregnancy and work commitments.

Ranging from 14 - 50 years old we are a family friendly club and we all enjoy both the sporting and social aspects of the club. We are competitive, but what all of us have in common is the desire to enjoy ourselves and not take anything too seriously. So, it doesn't matter if you're a County player or someone who hasn't picked up a stick since your school days, as long as you can survive the vagaries of

the great British weather you will be welcomed. We can provide training and more importantly a new group of friends.

Whether you want to get fit, make friends or in the future represent your country at hockey, Bollington Ladies is the club for you! The advent of AstroTurf hockey some time ago means that we wield our sticks at Kings School, Macclesfield and can be seen most Saturday afternoons in our beautiful bright green kit! Training also takes place at Kings on Thursday from 8pm to 9pm. You're welcome to come down or give us a call....

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## ON YER BIKE!

Interest in cycling has been growing for many years, but the successes in the Tour de France and at the Olympics has moved it up another gear. There are few places in the country better placed to be part of this than Bollington.

The varieties of terrain and cycling that are available in the area were on show at the Bollington Bikefest organised on the 13th September by Peak Cyclesports and the Adelphi Mill. About 300 cyclists of all standards gathered at the Adelphi Mill on a Sunday morning to take part in a sportive event that took in three different tours and raised over £4,000 for a local charity, East Cheshire Hospice. The three routes showed off the variety available around Bollington: Twenty is Plenty, the Bolly Bash and the Grimshaw Grueller.

The Twenty is Plenty was a 20 km (12.5 mile) cycle ride along the Middlewood Way from Bollington to Marple (for those that

went to the end of the Middlewood Way, it was a 22 km ride). This is the ride that I took with the rest of my family (my wife Yvonne and three kids Emily (13), Susan (11) and Connor (9)). A ride on the level, which is off road the whole way and where the scenery changes

around you, is a fantastic way to get kids to enjoy cycling.

When we returned to the Adelphi Mill for our heartily deserved burgers or hot dogs from the barbeque, we saw the others returning from the more strenuous tours. The Bolly Bash took in 40 miles across the Cheshire Plain, going through Prestbury, Goostrey and back through Gawsorth. The Grimshaw Grueller left Bollington going up Blaze Hill, down to Kettleshulme, through

Derbyshire Bridge to Gradbach and back up to the Cat and Fiddle before returning to Bollington via Rainow, in total an impressive 70 miles with more than 4,000ft of climb.

I do not think I am up to doing the 70 miles next year, but I certainly want to do the 40 miles. It will be hard to choose for my kids, who want to do a bit more than the Middlewood Way but could find 40 miles a bit too much for them.

Enjoying the barbeque and having a drink at the end of the sportive with the other cyclists made them feel part of a cycling community and connected to those that take on the hills. By bringing younger riders into a cycling event the organisers of the Bollington Bikefest may have given one youngster a little encouragement to taking up cycling as a sport.

Dave Laffan

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