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MANCHESTER ARENA

The terrible events at the arena saddened me, especially as many attendees were children and teenagers. The venue holds many precious memories for me, and as someone that has also attended the Bataclan, I just felt an accumulation of emotions, heightened by this event on our own doorstep. Music is an art form meant to bring happiness and unity to people, not to be tainted in this way.

Seeing how society, and Mancunians in particular have responded has been inspiring. From the emergency services, to homeless guys doing what they could to help. Truly incredible people, showing the better side of human nature.

The tributes that have followed since this tragedy have been uplifting, and with that positivity in mind, an idea popped into my head. I see White Nancy every morning when I open the curtains, and there it was, the perfect canvas for our town to echo the logo that has come to symbolise support for Manchester, in a way that's visible over a wide area.

I felt really strongly that something should happen, so I contacted Andy Langdon the mayor and with his contacts and influence he was able to put the right people together to create what we now see on White Nancy. Debra Nixon and Debbie

Chappell painted the images using a 'bee' design that had been shared online.

The designer of that image was in fact Matt Wray from Bollington Printshop. What a small and fragile world we live in.

Well done Bollington!

Dave Rogers



Deborah Nixon and Debbie Chapel painting White Nancy in tribute to the spirit of Manchester.



Photo: John Appleyard

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



It's hard to believe there have been 70 issues of *Bollington Live!* – a massive congratulations to all those who have supported the magazine over the years in numerous ways – writing articles, copy-editing, designing, printing, delivering, taking photos, sorting out our finances, selling advertising space, getting sponsors... the list is huge!

A big thank you goes to all our loyal advertisers and sponsors who together with a band of enthusiastic volunteers have kept this magazine on the streets for 70 issues!

For my part I realise this is the seventh issue I've had the privilege to edit. I hope you like all our reminiscing as well as some great articles on new residents groups planning to enhance their street, how to recycle your favourite mug when it cracks and new projects at the Bridgend centre to name but a few.

I rarely choose favourites as all the articles are fabulous – but in this issue the 'Name a Lamb' in aid of Prostate Cancer UK has stolen the show for me. What an amazing achievement – nearly £6,000 was raised for this important charity!

I hope you enjoy this issue, if you have any comments, ideas, complaints or even compliments for the team, please email me at liveditor@happy-valley.org.uk. I'd love to hear from you.

Annette

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THE BIRTH OF BOLLINGTON LIVE!

I had been living in Bollington for just a few months when, in October 1993, I saw a small advert in a Macclesfield newspaper asking anyone interested in creating a new community magazine to come to a house in Adlington Road.

It sounded fun so I went there and met John Coope, John Liley, Walter Menzies, Linda West, Penny Liley, Graham Barrow and Denis Caulfield. John explained that for a few years he had been producing a simple newsletter of events in Bollington, with the help of Jacquetta Menzies, who did the typing, cutting and sticking the articles together to duplicate.

He hoped to expand the idea into a new magazine, paid for by local advertising, which would help everyone to see that Bollington is a lively place that is really a town in its own right.

We agreed to have a go with John as the editor, Denis as the treasurer and myself as the business manager. Before the end of that year I obtained estimates for 3,500 copies of a 12-page issue to be printed, and Simon Nottage at the Print Shop was chosen to print the first issue, which appeared in March 1994. Bollington Live! had been born!

Mark Stedman

NO SLACKING AT 70!

To celebrate the 70th edition of Bollington Live we are featuring just a few of our residents who are or will be 70 this year. Talking to these septuagenarians showed that far from easing off in retirement and taking it easy, these 70-year-olds and, I expect, a large number more in Bollington, are very busy indeed.

Their activities range from geocaching to creative writing and a lot of involvement in the community they live in, a real sense of wanting to give back to society and a enjoyment of life.

Jim Holohan

Jim Holohan is a fit and active 70-year old whom I see regularly running past my window, training for yet another running challenge.

When did you move to Bollington?

April 16th last year. We moved into a brand-new house on Waterhouse Mill. We have spent six months working on the brand-new garden. I have long connections with Bollington, coming from nearby Macclesfield, and have played football in Bollington many times and walked all over this area.

What is it that you particularly like about Bollington?

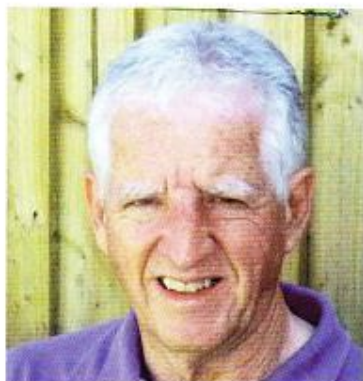
The access to the countryside.

Now you are retired, what do you enjoy doing?

Play golf, bridge, go running, walking and cycling and I am a faithful supporter of Macclesfield town. I have run the Wilmslow half-marathon, and not many 70-year-olds do that! I also work as a volunteer ranger for the National Trust, which I enjoy.

And to relax?

All the above, and I have enjoyed planning and working on a new garden.



Dave Ripley

Our next golden oldie is Dave Ripley.

Dave previously worked as an actuary for a Wilmslow insurance firm. He is now retired and lives in Bollington.

When did you come to Bollington?

We came here when my firm relocated in 1987. When we were looking for a place to live, I looked at all the maps of the area and saw all the paths weaving around Bollington and thought that it looked like a good place to be – especially for the family dog.

So now you are still here. What do you like about Bollington?

We have, over the years, walked the many paths around the town. There are always new routes to discover. I also like the sense of community in Bollington. An example of this is the excellent Festival held regularly in the town, which has got better and better, and the number of thriving activities held each week.

Is there anything you don't like?

I don't like the linear nature of the old cotton town. There is no single focus for activities. Also, any disruptions to the single main road bring the traffic to a grinding halt.

What do you enjoy doing now you are retired?

I am a member of the Bridgend Creative Writing Group and enjoy writing stories and poetry. I am a member of the Macclesfield Chess Club's first team (there is no chess club in Bollington – yet). I used to enjoy watching Manchester United but it's not been so pleasurable recently. People who like football will know why! To relax I enjoy reading – thrillers and non-fiction history and science.

What is your favourite place in Bollington?

White Nancy on a windless sunny day after a rainy period so the atmosphere is clear and you can see the Welsh mountains.



Alan & Joan Nicholas

I talked to Alan while he was carrying out his duties as a caretaker at Pott Shrigley School so it is evident that retirement is still in the future although he only works part time now.



When did you and Joan come to Bollington?

We have been here for 37 years. We came in 1980.

What do you like about Bollington?

It is a very friendly place, and when we moved here we soon got to know lots of people, and although the town has grown quite a bit since we came I think it has retained that warm inviting feeling.

Joan and I have always been involved in the community and I ran the Sea Cadets at one time. We also love the surrounding countryside and love to walk in the area.

Is there anything you don't like about Bollington?

Nothing at all. Well, perhaps parking is a little bit of a problem, but that's a small thing.

Why do you still work, Alan?

I'm still enjoying it.

When you do have time to relax and enjoy your hobbies?

Joan and I really enjoy geocaching, which involves quite a lot of walking, following GPS and recording co-ordinates. We can geocache all over the world and we still have quite a bit to go at yet.

A happy birthday to all our rising 70s. There are many more folks in Bollington of this era (some were far too modest to admit it!), so to all of you, keep living busy rewarding lives and keep reading many future editions of Bollington Live!

Sandy Milsom

CELEBRATIONS AHoy!

Some eagle-eyed amongst our readers will have noticed we have a celebration mast-head; the bit at the top of the page saying 'Bollington Live'. In our Spring issue we ran a competition asking people to submit their suggestions for a new mast-head.

Jennie Hammer emailed in her sketches and over the last months Jennie, an artist and designer herself, has, in collaboration with the Printshop, created our 70th issue celebration mast-head. It is a wonderful representation of Bollington with White Nancy and the canal – all the committee loved this design.

Many thanks to Jennie for all the time she spent designing and refining the mast-head.

Annette Hurst

Kate & John Gooding

Kate and John moved to Bollington in 2008. Kate was an Early Years Consultant and John is a retired headteacher.



What brought you to Bollington?

We had family in Didsbury and they wanted us closer and having been to Bollington they felt that it would be just the place for us as we were looking for a community. We had enjoyed city life in Birmingham but found our ideal house in Bollington.

What makes Bollington ideal for you?

There are so many positives, the sense of community, the lovely surrounding countryside, but also so many restaurants with such varied cuisine.

How do you fill your time now you are retired?

John: I am a member of KRIV and keep fit with hard graft and drystone walling every Friday. I am also a trustee at the Bridgend Centre.

Kate: I am the chair of Bollington Live!, a Trustee of BIT and I sort and sell vintage stuff at the Bridgend.

How do you relax?

We are both avid readers, we do crosswords, watch TV and enjoy travelling. We try and set a day aside (Tourist Tuesday) to visit places we have never been before.

And your favourite place?

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MOVING MOSAICS

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You see that for the range of activities I offer - mosaic, glass fusing, calligraphy, silk painting, encaustic art, paper bead and jewellery making, canal boat art, card crafting, to name a few - I need all the materials and equipment required to teach them.

I have delivered thousands of workshops, from the Isle of Man to Leicestershire, through Manchester and back to Cheshire, in schools, community groups and for charities. I have helped bring out the creativity of all ages, from toddler to 106. Hundreds of those workshops have been from my Clarence Mill studio.

Rarely in my studio, now, I deliver projects elsewhere. I am currently facilitating my fifth public art project for High Peak Community Arts, with one of their mental health well-being groups for mosaics to be installed at Furness Vale.

My passion is community art. I am sure there are few who have not seen the mosaic at St Oswald's Parish Church, completed a couple of years ago. 846 members of the local community put a piece in that mosaic.

My other great love is to facilitate creative therapy sessions. Since 2011 I have helped residents at Mount Hall to create mosaic mirrors and silk painted cards, and each summer I help them with their well-dressing boards.

Birthday, Anniversary and 'just because' parties for all ages have been held at Clarence Mill. A couple of years ago I was pleasantly surprised to be asked if I offered hen parties. Since then there have been quite a few. Increasingly, women are looking for a fun activity that does not require a weekend abroad, drinking their own body weight in cocktails.

I recently visited the new owner, Carole, at Hollin Hall, to discuss students from further afield staying there for my weekend courses. We did, of course, discuss hen parties. The result being that I can offer a craft hen party for up to twenty participants, at the Hall, with their very gorgeous afternoon tea to finish off their day. I am a little bit excited about this!

Just over a year ago Mike and I were very lucky to be able to move to a house with lots of room and a downstairs loo (can you say 'loo' in *Bollington Live*?) and since then it has been getting increasingly difficult to tear myself away from the amazing views of White Nancy and Blaze Hill. 'Hmmm' I thought, 'I wonder if I could move my studio here...'

For those who have been in my studio - I can feel your pain. 'You're going to do what!' I hear you cry. Yup, I'm going to move. ALL my stuff. Home.

I'll give you a moment - It's all in hand and the best thing is, very little will change! I will still hold small classes of 4-6 and deliver the same range of quality and fun workshops with a constant stream of brew and biscuits. Commissions will still be taken: mosaic White Nancy, numbers, pet portraits or any other mosaic related project

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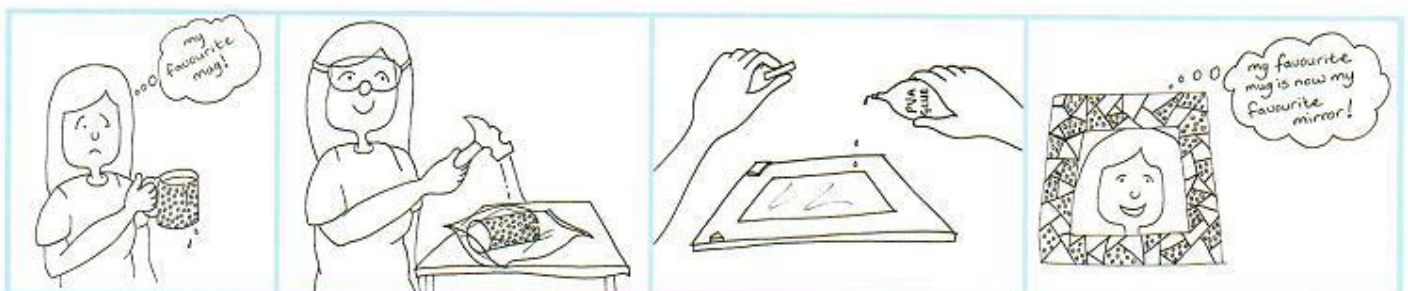


you may have in mind. I am quite partial to covering blank walls with thousands of pieces of glass - just take a look at Macclesfield Town FC. Plus, you can still come to see me at the brilliant Love Bollington Market, second Sunday of the month.

My current programme offers workshops at Clarence Mill but this will change when I produce the next one. Of course, any student booked on to a course likely to be affected by the move will be notified.

Having my mosaics on permanent display at the mill is something I will miss but this means I can offer a 30% discount to any on my wall (including the 'Bollington on the Water' which was shown on the 60th Anniversary cover) in the corridor. It is time for me to create some new, exciting mosaics, particularly as I have a solo show at Bollington Arts Centre, beginning of 2018.

It's time to make my mosaics move.
Debra Tracey



NAME THE LAMB

As our 'Name the Lamb' fundraiser for Prostate Cancer UK draws to a close for this year, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have supported the initiative and joined in the fun.

We started fundraising midway through the lambing season last year, when a friend of ours asked if we could name a lamb for him in memory of his mum who had passed away. This gesture struck a chord with us, as both our families have been touched by cancer, so we carried things on, eventually reaching a total of £1,500.

The rest, as they say, is history... We got ourselves organised at the end of January this year. We set up a 'Just Giving' link and a dedicated Facebook page. We also communicated the idea to friends and the wider community. We were very quickly inundated with responses, and generous donations to the cause started to roll in.

On 23 February our first lambs were born and the naming began. We named lambs after people's favourite footballers (Claudio Bravo and Øle Gunnar Solskjær,



to name but two). People were naming lambs after their children and other family members. Most touchingly, people were naming lambs after loved ones who were on the cancer journey, or battling other serious illnesses, and also in memory of loved ones who had passed. It really was getting quite emotional.

Our last lambs were born at the beginning of May and we signed off this year's fundraising activity with a fun quiz night at the Bulls Head in Kerridge, which raised a fantastic £275.

In total, 324 people have donated to the cause, with over 400 lambs being named and a final total raised of over £5,700. We have been completely overwhelmed by people's kindness, generosity and support. It has been hard work at



times, but has been a whole lot of fun and so worthwhile.

The support and generosity of our community and friends has been truly inspirational.

Thanks to you all once again.

Helen Sheldon / Chris Thompson



HARROP ROAD RESIDENTS' GROUP

There may be numerous new-builds going up in Bollington, but one group of residents are determined to turn the clock back on a small corner of the old quarter, and in doing so, provide much-needed recreational space for children to play.

The newly formed Harrop Road Residents' Group has already made significant improvements to the established eastern residential area in Old Bollington — and has a mission in mind to reinstate a long-lost yet cherished landmark.

Following many years of sorting out many different issues on behalf of his neighbours, Anthony Morgan decided to take councillor Bill

Livesey's advice of forming a residents' group when his friend Sean Heathcote received a letter from the housing organisation stating that the former children's play area on Turner Rise might be sold.

The play area had always been a 'mini-landmark' of the area; the play equipment had been removed years ago and was missed, particularly as Old Bollington has nowhere for younger children to play. Anthony and his neighbours decided to try and save it.

Taking their name from the former Harrop Farm that was in the area, the Harrop Road Residents' Group submitted a petition to Peaks and

Plains, and councillor Jon Weston jumped on board to help push the campaign. A couple of meetings were set up, and Ken Edwards also gave his support.

A proposal was submitted to Bollington Town Council for purchasing the land from Peaks and Plains, who had agreed to sell as long the legal fees were met by the purchaser.

Bollington Town Council agreed to the proposal and over the last year the Residents' Group has begun to set about raising the necessary funds. Their first fundraiser was a quiz night and raffle held in the Church House Inn in March, and more recently a very successful

ST GREGORY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1957 the resident Parish Priest, Fr Thomas Osbyrne, oversaw the move of St Gregory's church from the original site, just behind Church Street, to the building we can see today on Wellington Road. This year we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of St Gregory's church in its present location.

I interviewed one of our older parishioners and in the process discovered we had something in common. We realised that our baptisms and confirmations had taken place 50 years apart, mine in 2014 under the guidance of Fr Francis.

A parishioner recalls

'After marrying a born-and-bred Bollington Catholic in 1952 at St Edward's Church in Macclesfield because the local parish priest was ill, I was received into the church on 12 November 1954 under the guidance of Fr Osbyrne.



I came to live in Bollington in September 1948 to work in Clarence Mill in the first-aid and personnel department. I continued to work once I was married and in my spare time, in addition to working with St John's Ambulance as a volunteer, like many others in the parish, I helped to raise the funds to build the new church and to decorate the interior.

People in the parish pulled together and joined in with whatever skills they had. At the weekend various stalls were set up selling everything from homemade cakes to children's clothes. Knitting was done all year round to produce a steady supply of jumpers and cardigans. There was a hardware stall and a stall called 'Thrift'.

Fr Osbyrne set a ticket service for the thrift stall whereby tickets could be saved up and exchanged for goods, which could be ordered for you if an item you wanted wasn't readily available. These tickets were also often saved up and used at the Christmas fair to buy presents, etc. The ticket service wasn't confined to the church but rather anyone in the village could use it. There is a splendid coffee table in my friend's home, which was acquired in this way.'



Photo Left: St Gregory's altar mosaic taken by Ian Wilson

Right: Stained glass windows above the sanctuary taken by Pat Scanlon

Below: Entrance to church taken by John Appleyard



'The social life of the parish was very active in those days. There were pantomimes at Christmas time and other shows throughout the year and Savio House hosted concerts and strawberry teas in the summer months. There was a men's club night and ladies' modern sequence dancing on a Wednesday evening. There was also a Sunday night social club.'

We made some new memories for old and young alike on 11 June with a special Family Mass followed by an afternoon of celebrations at Savio House to commemorate the 60th anniversary of St Gregory's church on its current site.

Rebecca Patterson

80s night at the Spinners Arms compered by ex-Canalside DJ Denis Slater, who kindly donated his fees. The next event will be a quiz night at the Poachers Inn in September.

Two benches have been donated by Martyn Heath of MRH Fabrications, ready for the reinstated play area, and many local organisations have donated items for fundraising, including the Viceroy, Shrigley Hall, Bellfields Bakery, Bollington Real Ale Ramblers, Heathcotes Butchers and M. Chadwick Newsagents.

'We're aiming to get the whole area back to the great little place that it was – but better. The more we achieve, the better the place gets

and the more everyone is motivated to achieve more,' said Anthony.

'The area was a park when we were kids, we want it to be there for our kids – only better.' And as a gardener, Anthony is well placed to know how to improve the area with appropriate planting: 'We're looking to get small blossom trees around the play area, and fruit trees elsewhere on the estate where they can be best managed.'

'There's no real boundary to the area; it started with Turner Rise, Sowcar Way and Lowther Street, but we now have Chapel Street, Silver Street, Harrop Road and Turner Street involved too.'

Anthony Morgan
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Facebook group:
'Harrop Road Residents Group'

The group are on Facebook and all are welcome to join with ideas for fundraising or projects, adding to the knowledge bank in terms of local history or grant opportunities, or just contributing to the chat and photograph albums.

And the Group's plans for the future? ... Watch this space!

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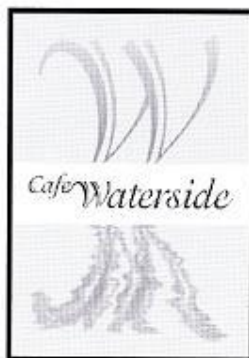
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If your answer is yes to any of these questions, the eighth Bollington Walking Festival from 23 September to 1 October, generously supported yet again by Bollington Town Council, is for you.

It will offer the largest number of walks ever, currently 46, with at least three options every day and on some days as many as seven! There will be the usual combination of innovative options and tried and tested favourites.

New for this year, in partnership with local businesses, we have the 'Ramble to Cream Tea at Hollin Hall', the 'Random Apple Walk', the 'Lunchtime Café Crawl' supported by local cafés, and 'Working Up a Thirst', which involves a visit to Wincle Brewery.

We have expanded our range of options by using local transport in the bus walks from Buxton, the Cat and Fiddle and Lyme Park, which involve getting the bus and walking back – not as far as they sound!

Many of the walks are themed, including an art walk and opportunity to paint led by a local artist, a photography walk with expert advice, four heritage walks led by local historians, KRIV (Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale conservation group) and the Civic Society, and two nature walks led by East Cheshire Rangers.

We even have a walk to search for lost pubs organised by Walkers are Welcome (Bollington being the first place in Cheshire to gain their accreditation), led by a local expert. The good news is that you will eventually find a pub that is open!

On a more cosmic level, we have the ever-popular 'Milky Way Night Walk', led by a local astronomy enthusiast.

If you want to walk at any pace in any direction for as short or long a distance as you like, we have it covered. We have three short health walks, one of which is organised by the Medical Centre, and have introduced two short 4-mile strolls for those who want to admire the countryside at a slow pace.

We have a variety of walks in the popular 5 to 7 mile category and a range from 7 to 15 miles, plus the 20-mile walk led by the Long Distance Walkers' Association. We are also pleased that the 'Mayor's Boundary Walk' is back as part of the Festival and appropriately takes place on the first day.

We also have, once again, the specialist sensory walk organised and led by the Macclesfield Eye Society, and two Nordic Walking events, led by a local instructor, one for the experienced and the other for those who want a free opportunity to learn the technique.

Last, but by no means least, accompanied children are welcome on many of the walks, and in addition we have specific activities aimed at them – the well-established 'Bear Hunt' led by Bollington Library staff, the Bridgend 'Children's Walk' and, new for this year, 'Fun Family Orienteering' on the last Sunday afternoon of the Festival.

Owing to the more extensive and ambitious nature of this year's programme, more walks (though still a small minority) require you to book ahead – so please ensure you check the website, pick up one of the walking leaflets which will be available throughout Bollington, or contact the nerve centre of the whole operation, the Bridgend Centre, on 01625 576311, before the Festival opens.

As ever, the Festival will rely on the contributions of the volunteers who organise and lead the walks. In addition to the organisations already mentioned, we are grateful



Photograph:
Terry Heathcote

to the East Cheshire and Marple Ramblers, the Manchester and District Walking Group (MAD), the East Cheshire Outdoor Group (ECOG), Cheshire Walkers and, for the first time, Bollington Real Ale Ramblers and Footprints Walking Club. In line with all the other organisations mentioned, they would welcome you joining them for walks or other activities they organise outside the festival.

Finally, the contribution of the Bridgend Centre is vital to the success of the Festival, in planning, leading and hosting walks, and if you want to try the pace pre-Festival, they run regular walks of varying lengths every Wednesday at 10.15am and on the first Saturday of every month at a cost of £3 – and there is also a new programme of gentle morning and evening walks in Bollington and the surrounding area, all under 2 miles (leaflet available at the Bridgend) – just turn up; no need to book.

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BOLLINGTON



13TH WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL

Bollington goes to the cinema
Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th July

Saturday 1st July 11.30am

Opening Ceremony

Greg Fountain, Flash Lane, with the Mayor elect.

Entertainment provided by St. John's C of E Primary School

If you would like to get involved in making the displays please join us at Bollington Cricket Club on any of the following days in June:

Wednesday 28th or Thursday 30th between 9am and 8pm or Friday 30th from 9am

July

Friday 7th - 8pm

Evening of Song -

Sarah Doggett & Ben Beer

Arts Centre £10 online

Monday 10th - 6.30pm

Scibar: Building a better light trap

A talk by Professor Gary Davis

Vale Inn Free

Sunday 9th - 11am

13th Nostalgia Hill Race

7.11 mile fun-fest for age 18+ Bridgend Centre.

£6 advance or £8 on the day 576311

Sunday 9th - 2.30pm

Kerridge War Memorial Remembrance Parade

Starting at Kerridge Holy Trinity Church and proceeding to the War Memorial for 3pm service

Friday 14th - 8.30pm

Chris Cleverley at Bolly Folk Club

Dog & Partridge bollyfolk.com

Thursday 20th - 7.30pm

Bollington Horticultural Society -

Hardworking plants for a small garden

By Maureen Sawyer Community Centre
Member £1.50 non member £3

August

Saturday 12th - 11am to 3pm

Family Fun Day

Games, face painting etc
St Oswald's church

Thursday 17th - 7.30pm

Bollington Horticultural Society - Rhododendrons, Primulas, Orchids & the Dalai Lama

By Marian Bray Community Centre
Member £1.50 non member £3

Sunday 27th - 10am

Bollington 10K

Leisure Centre
member £14.50 non member £16
online at bollingtonrun.co.uk

Sunday 27th - 12pm

BCC Presidents Day

Recreation Ground in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Trust
President's XI V Chairman's XI

September

Saturday 2nd - 2pm to 4pm

Bollington Horticultural Society & Flower Show - 53rd Annual Show

Contact: Joyce Burton 572668

Civic Hall Member £1.50

non member £3

Wednesday 6th - 7.30pm

Pott Shrigley Flix in the Stix -

Patriots Day

Village Hall £4 advance £5 on the door
pottflix@gmail.com

Friday 8th - 8.30pm

Tom Kitching & Jon Loomes at Bolly Folk Club

Dog & Partridge £8 online at bollyfolk.com

Monday 11th - 6.30pm

Scibar: Investigating Poisoning

A talk by Ian Watson

Vale Inn Free

Saturday 16th - 2pm to 4pm

Church Garden Party

Annual fundraiser at St. Oswald's Church

BOLLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 1st Oct

Programme of local walks

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Saturday 23rd

Town Mayor's Boundary Family Walk

8.5miles starting at Bollington Town Hall

LEGENDS OF SOUL

Friday 27th October - 7.30pm

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Email: bercar@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 30th - 8pm

Walk of Shame Tour 2017

Arts Centre £12 online

October

Monday 9th - 6.30pm

Scibar: DNA and archaeology

A talk by Professor Terry Brown

Vale Inn Free

MONTHLY EVENTS

Love Bollington Market

2nd Sunday of the month

11am-3pm Daisybank Nursery

White Nancy Breakfast Club

Last Sunday of the month

From 7am, see Facebook page

Sip & Knit

2nd Wednesday

8pm Vale Inn Free 575147

Car Wash

Alternate Wednesday

Recreation Ground £2.50

Knit and Natter

2nd & 4th Thursday 2pm

Community Centre Free 575557



Arts Centre tickets:

www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

To include your event in the next issue, please e-mail: livedates@happy-valley.org.uk

THE BRIDGEND CENTRE

Community kitchen, IT suite
& charity shop

Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm
Saturday 10am-1pm

Monday

10.30am Mindfulness
1pm Jewellery making
2pm Talk and Games (TaG)

Tuesday

10.30 Craft club
11.30am Reading group
(once a month)
1.30pm Art club

Wednesday

10.15am Guided walk
2pm Mahjong
2.15pm Creative writing

Thursday

10.15am Yoga
11am Reading group (weekly)

Friday

10.30am Choir
1.30pm Musical tots

PROJECTS

There are a number of exciting new projects happening at the Bridgend Centre.

Bridgend Buddies

The Bridgend Buddies project is a befriending service funded by Comic Relief aimed at combating isolation in the community.

The scheme is based upon the fundamental principle of the Bridgend Centre to reach out to people in the community by providing non-judgemental support. We will be teaming up volunteer 'buddies' with an individual who has become socially isolated as a result of their personal circumstances.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to the role of Buddy and the key attribute we are looking for is a person who can provide non-judgemental support in a caring and respectful way.

If you know someone who may be interested in this role in the Bollington area or someone who might like to be befriended, please contact us.

Repair Café launch

On 17 June we will be starting a monthly Repair Café at the Bridgend Centre (10am-1pm).

Repair Cafés are free meeting places and they're all about repairing things together. You will find tools and materials to help you. You can bring anything to repair: clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, toys.

At the Repair Café you will find expert volunteers, with the repair skills required to help you.

Please check our website for more information regarding what volunteers and skills will be there at the first session.

01625 576311

info@bridgendcentre.org.uk

BOLLINGTON MARKET

It seems that markets are popping up all over the place, and recently Bollington has joined the trend with its own food, artisan and vintage market. The Love Bollington Market takes place indoors in the Daisy Bank Nursery, Wellington Road, and spills outside the nursery and across the road to the town hall car park.

This latest shopping experience has emerged in what feels like a backlash against the larger department stores and online shopping which have been taking over the retail market. It offers the shopper an array of handmade gifts, organic food and vintage products, and the market has set its sights on capturing the hearts of Bollingtonians.

It is fair to say that one thing Bollington is renowned for is the fiercely independent spirit of its residents, and that is particularly so when it comes to supporting local businesses, whether it is a pie made to a secret recipe or a large-scale movement to stop larger



stores squeezing smaller businesses out of the town. Bollingtonians are one hundred per cent behind the local economy.

Sarah Hodgkinson, one of the organisers, said: 'We wanted to give local people a chance to sell their wares. So many people just can't get on some of the local markets. In fact, you can easily wait four years to get on some of the larger ones. Sixty-five per cent of our stallholders are Bollington locals and we

only look outside Bollington if we can't find what we need here in the town.'

Another organiser, Edwina Wood, said: 'I come from a long line of local shopkeepers; my family own Heathcotes Butchers so I am very aware of how important keeping it local is. We consult other businesses in the area and take advice on what would work best. It's been a great success so far, everyone who has come to support us has shown us that there is a real appetite for shopping locally – it's a testament to the spirit of the place.'

The Love Bollington Market is also 'not for profit', which means that everything is either ploughed back into the market to pay rent, insurance and advertising, or given to charity. There is a monthly charity stall, (see photo) and in May the team donated £300 to the Mayor's charity.

The markets are held on the second Sunday of every month. If you have not yet visited, give it a go – you may find that special gift you have been looking for!

Sarah Hodgkinson

SCOUTING FOR LEADERS

Emily and Lisi (both 12) are showing some Scouts from another unit how to make an emergency water filter from gravel and sand. This morning they learnt how to lash together three large poles to make some sheer legs that could be used to make a bridge.

Robert and Bobby have been showing Tom how to safely use a bow-saw and cut wood for our fire. Oliver and Lolo, who are cubs, learnt how to make dampers and cook them on an open fire.

Tonight, together with thirty other Bollington Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, a couple of hundred more from Macclesfield and Congleton District, they wrap themselves up in blankets and enjoy a 'sing-song' and a few laughs around a huge campfire.

This was a few weeks ago at Scout District camp. Three days of outdoor activities aimed to teach young people new skills and enjoying working, learning and having fun together. Each unit put together their own activity (we chose water purification) and organised activities, for example, rock climbing and archery.

The monetary cost for each young person is small, around £40 for 3 nights and all the activities, but there is another cost, and that's the time and energy of the volunteers who give up their weekends to make it all happen. That's on top of the weekly meetings throughout the year.

We pitch and strike eight tents for sleeping, a traditional 'dining shelter' and a huge heavy-duty

mess tent. The youngsters help as much as they can (and that's a lot), but much of the heavy lifting and sorting out depends on the support of adults.

A small team goes to camp a day before it starts to put up the tents. On the last day after the kids have been picked up, tired and looking forward to a bath and a home-cooked meal, the leaders are still traipsing backwards and forwards, packing gear into cars and onto roof-racks. After a long weekend at scout camp we vow 'never again'.

But of course, we will do it all over again. 2nd Bollington's leaders have all been involved for many years and our motives are not

Anyone wanting to know more about volunteering for the Scouts can email me, Tim Neale, at gsl@oldbro.org or phone 01625 576397

If you can't volunteer for whatever reason we would appreciate any donations via PayPal using 2ndBollingtonscouts@gmail.com

entirely altruistic. It is fantastically rewarding to see youngsters accepting new challenges and achieving goals. It's also great fun; we laugh and joke as much as the kids.

2nd Bollington, along with other local youth groups such as the Guides, and Sea and Air Cadets, needs additional leaders, not just to spread the load, but for new ideas and inspiration. The level of commitment is dependent on the time you can spare, and there is no age limit.

Back at the campsite the youngsters cook marshmallows over the glowing embers.



Photos - above: Lisi Dearden and Emily Sidaway show how to create an emergency water filter

Below left: 2nd Boll. Scouts

'Don't poke that fire', I shout, as young Tom pushes his prize stick into the glowing coals to enjoy the sparks. A small flame appears at the end of the stick and he whooshes it into the air.

'I've told you before, don't do that - you'll burn someone.' I've said it about fifty times at every camp I have been on. I had it said to me forty years ago and I expect my dad had it said to him when he was a scout back in the 1930s. The allure of the campfire is eternal.

2nd Bollington is at its strongest for many years, with around ninety young people coming to meetings each week at the hall on Albert Road. The Beaver and Cub sections are nearly full, and the Scouts section is not far off. We have eight leaders, parent helpers and also our group Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all working together to support scouting and the upkeep of the hall that is used both for Scouts and many other community groups.

Two weeks have gone by; camp seem a long way away. It's Friday night, and Liam is showing William how to tie a clove-hitch. In 10 minutes William can do it with his eyes shut. Half an hour later they are making ice cream with banana milk shake, ice, salt and a couple of freezer bags.

That's Scouting!

Tim Neale



LOLLIE FOR WARRIE

Have you seen this posters around the village with the words, 'Raising Lollie 4 Warrie', and have you wondered what it's all about?

Well, this charity has been set up to raise money for Kidneys 4 Life in memory of a local boy, James (Warrie) Warrington. At the age of 7 James had a kidney transplant which unfortunately led to complications and sadly, kidney failure. James's family and friends have been raising money for 9 months in his memory.

Kidneys 4 Life offers support for kidney patients and their families in the north west of England. Without such charities, James would not have been able to spend the last few years of his life receiving dialysis. His precious time would have been spent on hospital visits and not with his family and friends.

The very active fundraising team has held events in Macclesfield to support the charity. There is a motor



bike painted in the Kidneys 4 Life colours which James's friend, Adam Rees, races in competitive track events. Cakes are sold trackside at these events to raise money and awareness for the charity.

Recently James's uncle Richard Gratton and his nephew, Ollie Barber, ran the Manchester Marathon for the charity. You may have spotted them in local runs sporting their Kidneys 4 Life running vests.

Local businesses have kindly donated auction and raffle prizes to be used at forthcoming events. The fundraising team have currently raised more than £6,000 and will continue their fundraising into the autumn.

Details of the fundraising can be found on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/raisinglollie4wallie/>.

James's parents, Clare and Paul, and his sister Mollie, along with the rest of the fundraising team, (photo) would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated not just money but prizes and their time.

Rebecca King

AIR CADETS - 30 YEARS ON

2017 is an extra special year for 236 (Bollington) Squadron as we are celebrating 35 years since an air cadet flight was set up in the Village and 30 years since we were officially established as 236 (Bollington) Squadron ATC.

A number of special events are being planned, but the highlight of our anniversary celebrations will be our Annual Dining In Night on Saturday 14th October 2017 at Shrigley Hall Hotel. We are very excited that we already have provisional agreement that our Guest of Honour and speaker will be our Regional Commandant, Group Captain Mark Leeming.

We are hoping to make this year's dinner extra special with cadets, staff, parents and supporters joining us on the night for this milestone event. We'd also love to reconnect with any former cadets, staff,

civilian committee members and supporters so that we can invite them to celebrate with us.

To deliver the full air cadet experience, the Squadron is continuously applying for grants and undertaking fund-raising activities. As part of our ambitious 2017 fund-raising plan we will be running an Anniversary Raffle, and we will be selling tickets in and around the Town from the beginning of May through until the Draw at the Annual Dinner on 14 October.

We do recognise and appreciate the challenges that the current financial climate is having on everyone but we are hoping that local businesses and individuals might feel able to donate a prize for our Anniversary Raffle. Size really doesn't matter and anything that you do feel able to donate as a prize would be

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very much appreciated. We will ensure all donations are gratefully acknowledged through our website and Facebook pages as well as at our Annual Dinner.

Thank you Bollington for your continuing support for our amazing air cadets.

Nicky Loveday



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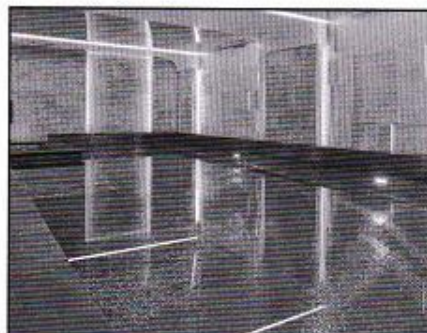
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FAMILY HUB VISION RECEIVES MAJOR BOOST

A consultation exercise to explore the views of Bollington residents was launched on 13 May at an open day at the Water Street Centre.

With over a hundred people coming to see inside the building, visitors could discuss the architect's plans for its refurbishment and parents and carers completed a questionnaire as to what facilities they would like.



Other visitors were able to provide their views too. Former pupils were present to share their memories. This included those of the very last pupil who attended the secondary school, and another who was able to name all the pupils on the class of 1953 photograph!

Consultations with 'focus groups' of parents, grandparents and carers also took place in May and June, and Bollington residents will get to have their say about the project over the next few months.



The former Water Street Secondary School is an important and significant historic building in the Bollington Conservation Area, as shown by the responses from residents in the Neighbourhood Plan. In 2015 Cheshire East Council transferred the building to the Bollington Initiative Trust (BIT) so that it could provide facilities of value for the community.

The not-for-profit Bollington Pre-school is the tenant on the ground



floor. However, currently the top floor of this building, apart from its use by the Brownies and Guides, remains empty.

In order to make the building watertight with a much-needed new roof and to undertake internal refurbishment, BIT members have made bids and asked for financial support from the Town Council, the National Lottery and several other funders.

Recently, the Trust successfully attracted a £14,750 grant and additional business support through the 'Power to Change' Bright Ideas programme. This funding will enable the working group to undertake consultation, develop their business case, survey the building to understand refurbishment costs and develop potential management models.

THE FEASIBILITY WORKING GROUP

A group of volunteers has been formed to undertake a feasibility study. Members are all local residents and include members of BIT, staff of a local charity, parents, carers, grandparents, town councillors, schoolteachers and others, with new members always welcome. Locally, a national charity that supports the development of community businesses is supporting the group and Cheshire East Council's Early Years Manager is also giving advice. The group has already agreed a mission, vision and objectives statement.

A 'FAMILY HUB'

The aim is 'to refurbish the former Water Street School building to create a high-quality environment, where children and their extended families can access support, make friends, play and learn together'.

Photos:

Far left: Open Day

Above left and below: Water Street Centre

The term 'Family Hub' was adopted by the group as it reflected the services and activities that could take place in the building.

These include:

- pre-school provision for children aged 2-5, for 30 hours a week
- out-of-school and crèche provision for children aged 0-12
- sensory sessions for families, including those with children with additional needs
- learning and recreational opportunities, with break-out rooms and crèche facilities
- advice and support services from service providers
- workshops and activities run by local groups and businesses
- community group meetings for regular and occasional bookings.

However, it must be emphasised that the aim is to provide new services that are not available in Bollington, and it is not intended to compete with or replicate any current provision.

FURTHER CONSULTATION

Discussion has begun to take place with service/activities providers who may wish to hold training, meetings or activities at this family hub. This includes uniformed groups such as the Brownies and Guides, creative activity providers and baby massage trainers.

In July a questionnaire will be delivered to every household in Bollington. When Completed it can be returned via various venues throughout the town. There will also be an opportunity to complete it online.

This is an exciting time for the Trust, and after the successful conversion of the former toilet block to form what is now Turners Lodge on Ingersley Road and the ongoing management of Tinkers Clough Wood near the Adelphi Mill, the Water Street Centre represents the third and largest project being tackled by the Trust.

Kate Gooding



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PARADOX REIGNS

We all love living in Bollington. But we all need to move in and out of our Town – for work, education, health services, shopping and visiting friends and family.

We do this principally by car; the train disappeared in 1970, buses are at specific times only, and our hilly streets are a barrier to walking.

We have become dependent on the car. So where do we put our cars and how can we move safely and efficiently in them? A 21st Century dilemma is imprisoned in the corset of 19th Century architecture. Architecture designed for a pedestrian age.



The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire allowed residents to share their views on the use of the car and its impact on parking and traffic flow in Bollington and share them you did!!

Over 1,800 separate and detailed comments on traffic problems that demanded a response were analysed.

These comments highlighted the threat to pedestrian safety from speeding traffic, the problems of inconsiderate parking and the lack of safe crossing points on the main road through the Town. Problems for parents with young children walking through the town or using child buggies were mentioned on a number of occasions. Attention was focussed on sections of our main road lacking pavements for pedestrians.

Paradoxically, the Neighbourhood Plan has to deal with land use and housing, not traffic flow and parking, but this overwhelming response from our residents could not be ignored. A Traffic and Transport Group was created. All the comments were analysed.

Write and tell us what you think by visiting our Facebook Discussion Page or emailing: np@bollington-tc.gov.uk

Information was collected regarding traffic accidents, and what was remarkable was that there were no serious accidents recorded for the whole Bollington area.

The Cheshire East Highways Engineers saw Bollington as a safe place to live, work and go to school. What became obvious was that in spite of the perceived fears of residents, nothing would be done unless some action was initiated in Bollington itself.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee commissioned expert traffic engineers and public realm architects to examine the situation and asked them to come up with practical and imaginative suggestions for action. We asked them to observe the following requirements:

(a) Provide improved arrangements for safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

(b) Improve the ambience of the Town to make it more attractive for the visitor economy.

Amongst other constraints they were asked to retain the need for parking for terraced houses fronting directly onto the road, and to maintain the flow of traffic throughout Bollington.

Bollington must also support efficient access by delivery, service, and emergency vehicles. At the same time, Bollington should be an attractive place to shop, eat, drink, work, play, do business, meet, study, hang around and look at!! A tall order. The engineers found a novel way to improve the situation. We want to know if you agree with them.

The Report concentrates on the B5090, the main road that snakes through our Town and looks in detail at four lengths of the road. The expert team noticed that in many places, due to the presence of parked cars, the road width was insufficient to allow two-way traffic. In these locations, traffic had to wait to move in turn.

Since parking at the side of the road was necessary for residents, they suggested that the alternate flow

restrictions should be built in with improved public realm features. Hopefully this would achieve safe and efficient traffic movement and an enhanced appearance to the Town. So the experts' solution was to take the basic fact that traffic has to wait in turn to use the road and turned it into a virtue to create more space and to slow traffic down deliberately.

This article concentrates on proposals for Bollington Old Town from the site of the former Congregational Church - now offices - through to the site of Heathcote's butchers shop on the brow of Palmerston Street, including proposals for transforming the entrance to Pool Bank Car Park.

The Proposals set out:

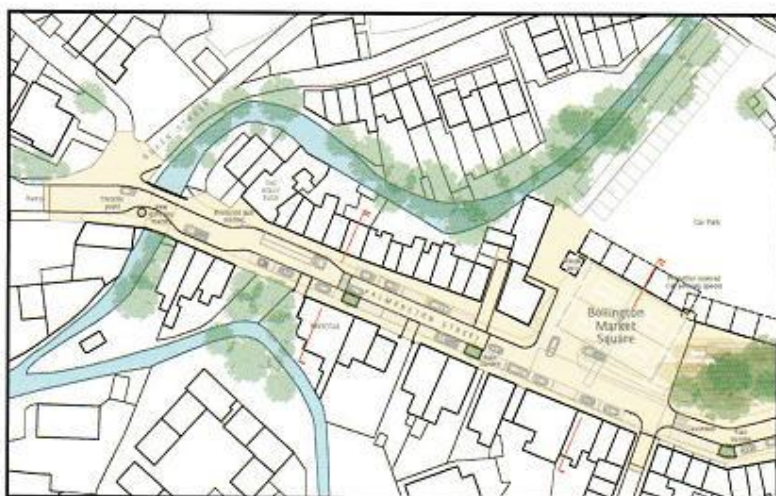
- *Reinstating and reinvigorating the Town's historic centre*
- *Ensuring that the heritage features are retained and enhanced*
- *Ensuring that this focal point of Bollington makes shopping and eating out attractive to residents and visitors alike.*

Starting from the junction between Palmerston Street and Queen Street where Sowcar Brook is crossed a "GATEWAY" is created with a single track 'pinch point'. This is designed to slow traffic as the main historic area is entered.

The narrowed road increases outside space for the Hollybush pub so drinkers can watch the busy world go by. A further narrowing of the hill road offers on-street parking on each side to facilitate shopping and visiting.

The street then widens into a newly conceived Civic Space or Market Square with an Information Kiosk and public toilet facility.

The Market Square is a badly needed public urban space in the centre of the Town available for local markets, street theatre and musical events. The Market Square would return part of Pool Bank to public use as in the past but would be available for parking when not required for community/public use.



The rest of the area would be retained as a public car park.

A new landscaped area to the north of Pool Bank provides an informal green space echoing centrally the rural setting of our Town. This green area is picked up and emphasized in the trees planted at the entrance to Tullis Russell.

The whole revitalised area exits with a ramp by Heathcote's butchers shop.

Our designers believe the reordering of public space in this way will:-

- Slow drivers down as they enter the historic triangle
- Increase awareness by drivers of the presence of people
- Use bus stops and parking sections to keep speeds down

- Provide high quality formal paving finishes to create the new public square

- Tidy up the belt of mature trees to make the space inviting for informal use.

The cost for this area is estimated to be in the region of £1.2 million. The long term benefits to the Town of rebalancing the needs and quality of life of pedestrians will generate well-being as well as economic development which it is suggested will far outweigh the cost.

What do you think? Do you think that the approach described is a good way to achieve the objectives?

Article prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Group

JOBS OR GREEN SPACE

The article regarding the Tullis Russell sale of the Bowling Green was intended to inform all residents of Bollington of the kind of issues that evolve from developments both in the business world and in land use.

Bollington Live! is regarded by many local people as a magazine of record, and the loss of open space and the reasons for that loss are a serious matters for our Town. The article addressed those issues recognising the challenges faced by Tullis Russell as a business and the pressure on scarce community resources such as public open space. *Bollington Live!* is pleased to act as a forum for local opinion on these matters and welcomes your letter.

It is common for businesses to have to reorder their assets in the face of changing markets. The additional machinery Tullis Russell requires to produce a different range of commercial papers is too large for any accommodation they have available and they are planning a much larger building. Buildings are difficult to fund whereas machinery that is directly productive can be funded commercially.

Tullis Russell has compensated for the loss of the facilities on the Bowling Green by creating a Bowling Green elsewhere, and in addition has paid a sum of £39,000 in recognition of the Open Space lost.

Bollington Town Council wishes to support local businesses in the Town that provide employment. The article was designed to recognise the genuine dilemmas faced by Councils when considering planning applications. We make no apology for bringing these issues to local attention and will continue to do so. **Ken Edwards**



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'LIVING WELL' AT THE SUNFLOWER CENTRE

(EAST CHESHIRE HOSPICE)

In July 2015 I was diagnosed with Myeloma which is a blood cancer affecting the bone marrow. Myeloma is not a curable cancer but it can be treated, and many people survive for many many years with it, some enjoying long remissions, some struggling with the problems it creates and some unfortunately succumbing to it.



East Cheshire Hospice
Where people come to live

It had already attacked my right thigh which was in great danger of fracturing, so I was put on two crutches to prevent this before I had an operation to insert a titanium rod from my knee to my hip to strengthen my femur. Afterwards I started my chemotherapy treatment for six months which gave me a remission for the whole of last summer. My monthly blood tests showed my paraprotein levels were continuing to rise slowly (that is how they check the progress of Myeloma), so I started another course of chemotherapy just after Christmas this year and so far so good, as the levels are again dropping and I am not suffering too many side effects from the chemo. Although having to have steroids with it along with their usual side effects makes for a very interesting day to day roller coaster ride!

However, the point of this article is to let people know about the wonderful 'Living Well' programme run by East Cheshire Hospice on a Thursday from 10 – 3 which I have attended since August 2016. It is to help anyone whose life has been affected by the diagnosis of a life-limiting illness. You can self-refer or be referred by a GP or Healthcare professional.

Such a diagnosis can come as an enormous shock to patients and their families. You may feel fearful, anxious and isolated, but at the

'Living Well' programme you are offered a range of services to support you.

Each Thursday starts with a 'meet and greet' with coffee/tea/biscuits followed by an educational talk about, for example, coping with anxiety, fatigue management, dietary advice and help, relaxation techniques, financial and benefit advice etc.

The group sessions are facilitated by a team of qualified and experienced healthcare professionals.

After lunch people can access a variety of sessions such as physiotherapy (there is a small gym), counselling, family support, reflexology, reiki, massage, hairdressing, occupational therapy, and individual sessions with a nurse.

The programme can accommodate approximately 15 people but just now there are on average just 6 or 7 of us. Perhaps the word 'hospice' puts people off but honestly don't let it – hospices are no longer places where people just go to die – at the Sunflower Centre we go to learn how to live without the fear and anxiety and isolation.

It was my GP who had a flash of inspiration to refer me there as I sat in tears in her surgery about twelve months after my shock diagnosis of myeloma and all it entailed. I knew I was over the shock side of it but just seemed to be at a very low ebb and did not know how to move on.

I can honestly say that after a very nervous first couple of weeks at 'Living Well' I feel much more confident, positive about the future, able to control my anxieties and able to share my problems with other people.

If anybody feels they would also benefit from 'Living Well' we could do with some new faces to join us on a Thursday! The staff and therapists are all so very understanding, very welcoming and extremely supportive to us.

Pat Murphy

All the services provided by East Cheshire Hospice are free of charge, but the Hospice receives less than 17% of its funding from the NHS. This means they rely on the support of the local community to remain open, and they have to raise more than £7,500 each and every day. If you'd like to find out more about how to help support East Cheshire Hospice, you can contact the fundraising team on 01625 433477 or visit: www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk

Sunflower Centre
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POET'S CORNER

TRUE GRIT

One misty morn at Clarence Mill,
Cafe Waterside was inundated -
A queue of new customers, narrowboat folk,
Whose journeys had been abated.

A sign had gone up overnight,
"Macclesfield Canal is closed", it read,
"No through route until further notice"
Due to holes in the muddy bed.

And beneath the bank at Bollington Rec
The Cricket Club folks were frenetic
Their hallowed turf had become a bog
And had dog poo floating on it.

Along came the council, the civic folks,
The man from the Canal & River Trust
Who stood on the bank and frowned and said,
"Those holes want filling fast."

And in amongst the dignitaries,
The Facebookers and the bemused,
A solitary hero's voice rang out,
"I'll fix those holes for you's!"

"It's Bob!" the townsfolk cried,
"He's the man to fix the seep!"
A little bit dodgy, it has been said,
But true to his word - and cheap!"

The boat folk and the powers that be
Knew Bob of old and agreed
And roped him in to deal with the holes
For a damn sight less than they feared.

So Bob called up Marty, a mate on Lord Street,
Who there and then had a thought,
"There's a load of rubble been left up the road,
Don't look like it's wanted or owt."

The two met at Pappa's for a quick bacon butty
Which they took back to Bob's van.
"I've got a barrer int'back," he said,
"We can park on t'Red Lion's land."

But woe befell the pair of fellers
When they arrived at thingy street
The building site was devoid of life or stock
And even the wall had been nicked.

Marty had another idea,
"Try Dave!" the lad exclaimed.
"Skinful Dave? I texted him first thing,
He ain't got back and is probably hammered."

"We need some stone, and quick" said Bob
Marty looked right grave.
"Lay-by", he blurted back at Bob
And they both ran to the van.

Down the Silk Road the van did speed
Towards the Gawsorth bends they bolted,
But the Highways lads had used the lot
And their cunning plan was halted.

Back in the Spinners and sore at ease
The pair stared deep into their beer
When Skinful Dave staggered over
"Just got your text, Bob mate

If it's stone you need, I know a load
That's going nowhere fast
Few quid, like, it's yours but keep it shut
Or this job will be your last."

The notes changed hands, pints were downed
And Bob and Marty fled
Bob pulled the van off the double yellows
And to Albert Road they sped.

Boldly Bob backed up the van
But the hardcore they couldn't see
"It's in these trenches, look", said Bob,
And Marty grabbed a spade

They worked real hard, all afternoon,
Filling the barrow and the van
Even a passing dog walker remarked
How good it was to see things getting done.

Back through Bolly in the setting sun
The pair made it back to Clarence
And hurriedly filled the holes with their stone
Because early doors wouldn't stay early for long.

So ask not why from time to time
The puddles reappear,
And shiny new homes across Bollington
Are sinking more each year.

For men like Bob are worth his weight
(And thanks to the beer that's more than some)
True to their word they see the job through
And are the true grit of Bollington.

H. Wright

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

We all enjoy browsing through old
photographs,
Transporting us back to times gone by.
Those days with our school friends,
The end of term picture,
All sat in rows...my doesn't time fly?
I often wonder where they all are now.
I have to admit, I've completely lost touch.

Careers send people down different
paths,
But to find some again would please me
so much.

The holidays abroad all captured on stills,
Are filled with so many sun-tanned faces.
The days on the beach and the nights on
the town,

Adventures that happened in exotic
places.

Some I still contact especially at
Christmas

And inside their cards I recall the past
year.

But others I meet from time to time,
On foreign soil or somewhere quite near.
Like beautiful Bollington along the canal.
White Nancy too and Middlewood Way.
These pictures remaining so close to my
heart,

Were ones that were taken
On bright Summer days.

It's good to look backwards, just to
remind us,

Of good times that turned into barrels of
laughs.

As the years disappear, fading into the
past,

Where would we be without old
photographs?

Bob Cooper

BOLLINGTON

On a dark gloomy day, I have to confess
Bolly's long grey main street did not
impress.

Bridgend soon put me right, with its local
walks,
Pointing out mills, and giving history talks
Past waterfall through woods to the ridge.
Across a stream on an ancient stone
bridge.

I soon saw the beauty that is all around,
And in Bollingtonian's, caring compassion
I found.

There's no time to be lonely, with so
much to do.
Arts centre, folk club, and Life church
too.

For us oldies, there are meals very hearty,
And once a year a fantastic party.
All over the world I like to roam,
But there is nothing quite like arriving
home.

P.S. Home is where the heart is and
my heart is in Bollington.

M Hill

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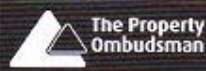
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People who love gardening know all the benefits, such as the magic and satisfaction of seeing something small that you have planted turn into something good to look at or good to eat.

They enjoy being outside seeing nature and burning calories without realising it, or perhaps just creating a colourful quiet corner in the open air where they can relax and read *Bollington Live!*

Quite a number of studies have shown that people who garden have good levels of physical as well as mental health and, for the older ones among us, more nimble hands. Regular energetic gardening, such as digging, weeding and lawn mowing, has been shown to provide the same health benefits as jogging or swimming. Gardening uses many body muscle groups and provides an all-round 'work-out'. In addition gardening is relaxing,



Photo: Pauline Smith, Kay Lake and Joyce Burton on the land train at the National Arboretum

and you can stand back and admire the fruits of your labour.

If you are tempted to try a spot of gardening, a good idea is to visit a local garden, because the soil will probably be the same as yours so the same plants will do well. Look out for 'Open Garden Days' on Bollington noticeboards.

Bollington has its own gardening club in the shape of Bollington Horticultural Society, which always welcomes new members. Whether you are a garden novice and want to learn new skills or whether you are an experienced gardener, the Society has something for everyone in the form of their programme of talks, town flower



shows and garden-related trips, such as the recent one to the National Arboretum near Burton upon Trent. The 15-year-old site covers 150 acres and there are 30,000 trees surrounding the 300 war memorials.



Some enthusiastic members of the Horticultural Society are already thinking about their entries for the Annual Show on 2 September at the Civic Hall. Details can be obtained from Mrs Joyce Burton on 01625 572668 or email bollington.horticultural@hotmail.com

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