

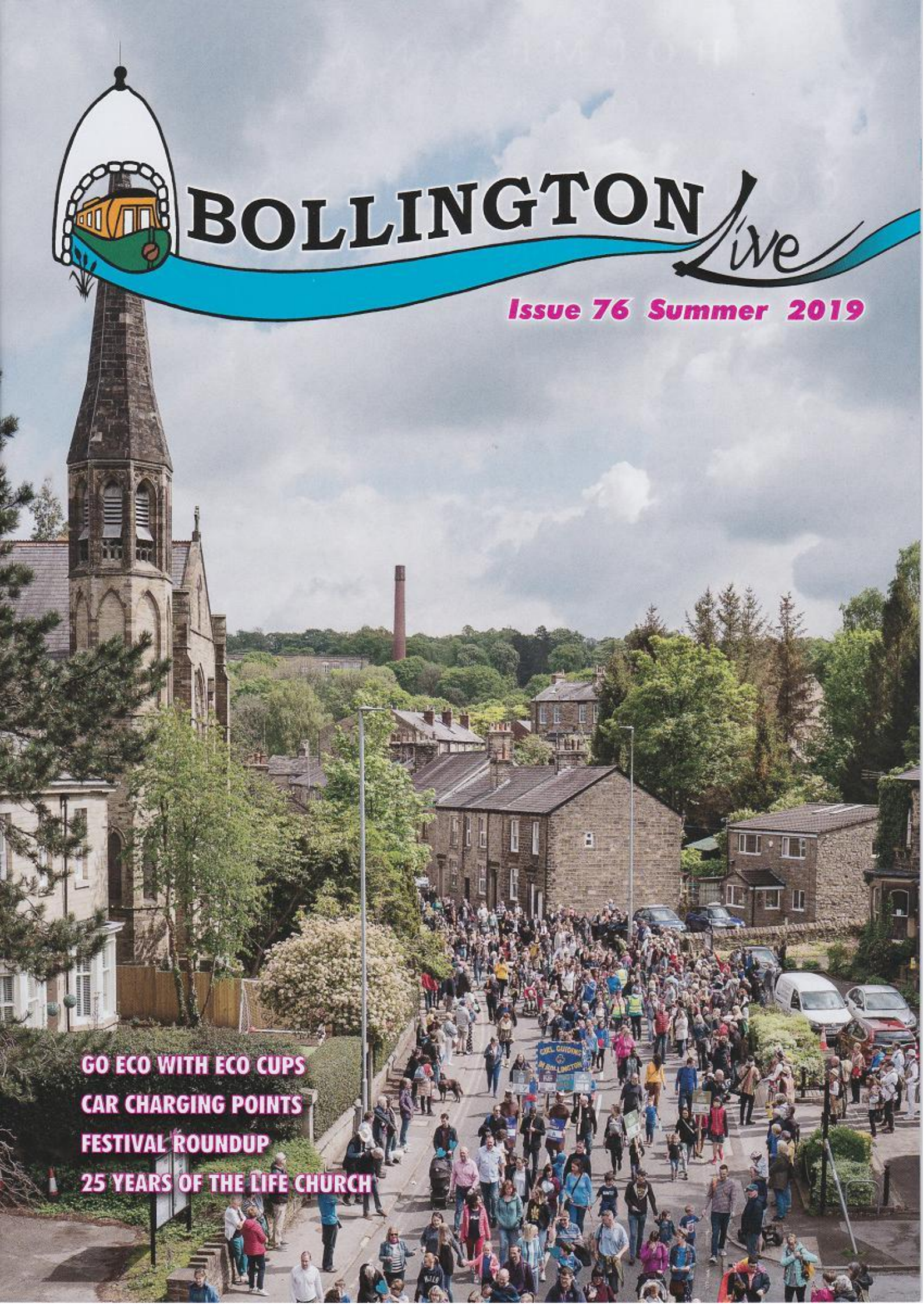


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Following Malcolm Bailey's excellent piece in the Winter Edition of Bollington Live entitled 'NO CARS!' you may be interested to learn that lots of discussions have been taking place about 'hook-up' points for hybrid and electric vehicles (EVs) in Bollington.

Transition Bollington has been talking about this in relation to reducing emissions in Bollington by the reduction of dependence on petrol to more sustainable types of energy. We have made a presentation to Bollington Town Council Strategic Planning Committee about introducing EV charging points on their car parks for visitors to the town in



particular and also for residents. Government grants are currently available for the installation of such points. The council are seriously considering this proposal and how it fits into their overall transport policy.

We are wondering if there are any businesses – pubs, offices, shops – who may have space for a charging point and are looking at their environmental impact? Transition Bollington has a good deal of information about EV charging points which we can send you to help you with your decision-making.

There are quite a number of Bollington residents who have already changed to EVs and in the UK more than 200,000 electric and plug-in hybrids have been registered up to January 2019 and the number is growing.

So, maybe Malcolm's predictions about Bollington Town Council's Report on Public Transport 2030 may be accurate and residents may have changed to electric and hybrid vehicles and this may happen sooner than we think!

Transition Bollington
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



It doesn't seem a minute since we were all looking forward to Roxy Magic or Steve Jones talk about getting out in the sun and now the Bollington Festival is over. But what a wonderful event to bring our small community together. I hope you enjoy the photos and the reviews of some of the events in this issue of Bollington Live as well as the winning stories in the Festival writing competition for children.

Also in this issue you might notice a number of articles by young people that were spontaneously emailed to me for consideration. What great young writers live in our midst! From electric cars to ecocups the environment figures large as it should do, but if you are still not tempted by any of these topics read on there's loads more inside!

If you have a story you would like to share with us, please do get in touch – we'd love to hear from you, please email me at liveditor@happyvalley.org.uk.

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GO ECO WITH ECO CUPS

Tytherington Eco Cups is a Young Enterprise company that sources and sells ethically produced bamboo drinking cups. Motivated by their desire to reduce the number of single use plastics people use, the team set out to find a solution that was sustainable and would appeal to customers. Their idea of people personalising the biodegradable cups with designs of their choice, gave them a USP and this proved particularly popular in sales.

After building their brand and their digital presence through using digital channels like Instagram and Facebook to connect with customers, sales started to grow, resulting in Tytherington Eco cups having the most views and sales on the Young Enterprise Marketplace of all companies in Wales and the North West.

On Wednesday 27 March Tytherington Eco Cups competed in the Cheshire and Warrington County Showcase Final. Here the finalists representing their counties competed for a place in the North West Final. Six judges from industry had the difficult job of selecting two companies to progress from the twelve finalists, judging each company on their report, presentation, digital presence and team interview.

After giving their presentation to a packed audience at Chester University, it was announced that Tytherington Eco Cups would be progressing to the Young Enterprise and HSBC North West Regional Final at Lancaster Management School after being announced runners up.

The team were delighted that all their hard work had paid off and their efforts on the night had been rewarded. Holly Brockbank, Managing Director of Tytherington Eco Cups, was particularly proud of the team's achievements: 'I am extremely proud of everyone in the



Photo: Names left to right: Emma Brier, Connie Tobin, Ben Willis, James Bridge, Holly Brockbank, Alex Stokoe



team for what we have achieved! It was a brilliant evening and we were able to meet new people and practice our selling skills. We have all worked very hard these past few weeks, we can't wait for the North West Regional Final!

Tytherington Eco Cups plan on continuing to expand their business, contacting local shops and selling the cups online via their own website. Meanwhile, the team are constantly referring back to their company focus of reducing single use plastics and taking advantage of the incredible opportunity Young Enterprise has opened up for the students, allowing them to work on

pressing topics they are extremely passionate about.

In May the team competed in the North West Regional finals hosted at Lancaster university management school. Against stiff competition the team were very pleased to present their journey to the judges. They were involved in a number of activities during the day including employability workshops and a talk about facing your fears! The team thoroughly enjoyed the day despite the fact they didn't win an award there. The company will continue selling their cups for the remainder of the school year.

Holly Brockbank (Year 12)

DEAN VALLEY DADS

In May a new era entered PTA fundraising for Primary schools. Yes, that's right - a record number of dads got involved to represent their kids' primary school in a 5-a-side football tournament.

The idea was inspired by Dean Valley School PTA and was made possible due to the excellent support and facilities provided by Tytherington High School, who were keen to embrace this community event.

The event proved to be a success, where the children got to witness their dads doing the run a round for once! Sixteen school teams entered, and the day ended with a spirited final between Park Royal and Nether Alderley,



with Nether Alderley winning 3-2.

A successful day, where dads came together in raising money and showing children the way forward by using exercise to socialise and raise funds. Over £1200 was shared between 4 Primary schools. A huge thank you to sponsors IAS STEIN, PennWhite, GEKKO, AH Property and Olympus Trophies. This event will become an annual tradition due to its success.

Omar Lamptey

ST GREGORY'S #LITTERHEROES

Over 100 staff and pupils from St Gregory's Primary School recently joined in The Great Big School Clean Up, tackling some of Bollington's litter grotspots.

From the youngest to the oldest, everyone got involved to remove rubbish from hedges, pavements and grassy areas along Albert Road, Moss Brow and Wellington Road. 'We couldn't believe how quickly the bags filled up' said Zara Bradley, a Year 6 pupil, 'it was mainly fizzy drink cans, crisp packets, sweet wrappers and lots of plastic bits from bottles and containers.'

Led by the School Council, they joined an army of more than 175,000 children nationwide to clean up litter from our streets, parks and waterways.

Part of the Great British Spring Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy each year, this call for mass action resulted in the collection of 957,377 bags of litter.

This is just one of the ways that St Gregory's is empowering its youngsters to improve their local environment and learn how local action can have a big impact. 'At St Gregory's we want our children to understand that they are global citizens. We want them to be engaged in the political, social and environmental issues facing the

world today. It is our duty to shape them into people with passion and self-belief; to know that they can make a difference and that their voice is important' said Head teacher Mr John Daley.

St Gregory's has pledged their commitment to support local causes wherever possible and are taking steps to reduce single use plastics. The children were further inspired by discussions with local businessman and environmentalist Chesney Orme and Greenpeace volunteer Niall Macfadyen.

Year 5 and 6 pupils polished up their persuasive writing skills to challenge supermarkets about palm oil products - one of the major contributors of global warming. 'Palm oil is in so many things - soap, shampoo, bread, pizza, chocolate, ice-cream - but if we can check the ingredient list and only buy food marked with a sustainable palm oil logo then we can start to make a difference' said school council representative Caelan Ainscough.

Inspired by Greta Thunberg, the school is supporting its pupils taking part in School Strike for Climate, an international movement of pupils demanding action to prevent further global warming and climate change.

Alison Ellis



LOVING BOLLINGTON MARKET

The monthly Love Bollington Market was held in May during the Festival on our lovely village green.

The success of the day led me to reflect on my own involvement with this, now regular, Bollington institution. Markets are wonderful opportunities to wander and browse the stalls and chat to friends and neighbours; so much more fun than Amazon's click and collect.

The Love Bollington Market is the inspiration of a group of Bollington Ladies, all of them artisans who sell their wares locally. They wanted to set up a local market selling local crafts and produce and keep it on a not-for-profit basis, with any profit benefitting local charities. Sarah Hodgkinson is the administrator and facilitates the smooth running of the market. However, it is a

team effort and each member contributes equally to the overall success of the enterprise.

I became involved early on as I had got to know Barbara, Edwina, Jane, Jane, and Sarah as fellow stall holders at the market held at the Clarence Mill. The first Love Bollington Market was on a cold Sunday in February 2017 at the Methodist Church and over the road outside the Town Hall. We were inside, a luxury to us, we would be warm and cosy. We stayed there until June that year.

In August the first market at Ovenhouse Farm was held, thanks to the kindness of John and Edwina Wood. Still summer, so we didn't experience the negative side of trading in the great outdoors in our unpredictable climate. It was in November we spread our wings

and set up in the grounds of the Medical Centre, and in December went onto the Green for the Christmas Market. The changes in venue allow us to include different areas of Bollington and enable more people to come and see us.

The market is enjoyable when the sun shines as it did during the Festival. With a band playing, folks browsed the stalls, chatted and sat on the grass with a picnic. The Green residents are very welcoming and deserve thanks. Bollington is so good at these community events encapsulating what Dr John Coope wanted to do when he started the Bollington Festival, bringing a sense of community and well-being to the town. I am proud to be a small part of this place I call home.

Sandy Milsom

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BOLLINGTON FESTIVAL

FACTS AND FIGURES

By every measure, the 2019 Bollington Festival has been a tremendous success.

On behalf of the organising committee and my fellow trustees I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Festival be they volunteers, performers, organisers, sponsors or donors and you the people of Bollington who came along and bought tickets in such huge numbers. The community spirit seen in Bollington leading up to and during the Festival was something to behold and is part of what makes our small town so special.

Jon Beck

(Chairman, Bollington Festival)

10,201 tickets sold

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12 Venues

1 Fabulous Festival

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The dots on the map in the background show the postcode from which people bought tickets



ROXY MAGIC & DOVEDALE DUO

I wanted to offer a review of two completely contrasting concerts which took place on consecutive evenings - firstly the tribute band Roxy Magic in the Big Tent, and secondly the violin and piano recital by the Dovedale Duo in the Arts Centre.

Roxy Magic were indeed magic! Admittedly I haven't been to many tribute events (in fact only one, Simon and Garfunkel here in Bollington last year) but I imagine that the key task of a tribute act is to look and sound as identical to the 'real thing' as possible.

People like me who grew up in the 1970s and 80s have a very clear recall of Bryan Ferry's major hits, even if we don't have the CDs or LPs anymore, so I was prepared to be critical. But Roxy Magic's Kevin Hackett and his band had achieved a sound which did, in my view, pretty much fulfil that task without actually being Bryan Ferry and his band. Equally importantly Mr Hackett had the Ferry mannerisms and dance moves down to a 't'.

However, I might suggest he puts on a white tuxedo and a bow tie casually draped around his neck the next time! The audience seemed as impressed as I was, given the appreciation and excitement which grew as the evening went on. By the end of the gig well over half were on their feet dancing away.

The Dovedale Duo features Bollingtonian Emma Purslow and Eleanor Kornas on violin and piano respectively. Emma and Eleanor had first got to know each other as school friends at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. For their recital they performed a variety of music from the classical repertoire along a theme of love. Not only was the standard of their playing truly exceptional but their presentation was spot on, as they took turns introducing their pieces with poignant or whimsical stories about the composers.

Sometimes classical musicians are let down by poor communication skills, lack of eye contact etc, but both Emma and Eleanor were spot on in this department, clearly also having huge fun which was infectious and created a thoroughly magical atmosphere. These two young musicians are making their way in what is a very competitive world, but I predict successful careers for them both, and I am sure Bollington will have even more cause in future to be proud of Emma and her friends.

Although the offerings in these two concerts were entirely different, the key similarities between the overall musical experiences are surely the most important ones. Both performances were given by great musicians, whether vocalist, saxophonist, keyboard player, violinist, or guitarist. Both performances also created a sense of inspiration and joy in their audiences, and reminded us all what the transformative nature of music can be. Bravissimo!

Claire Moreland



Photos: Emma Purslow (top) and Eleanor Kornas (bottom) are the Dovedale Duo



SECRET WORLD OF SPORT

The Secret World of Sports Writing, Presenting and Commentating with the BBC's Chief Sports Writer, Tom Fordyce

On Sunday 5 May a large audience attended a Bollington Festival halo event at the Arts Centre. Everyone had come to hear Tom Fordyce, an award-winning writer, presenter and commentator on BBC Radio 5 Live, talk about his work and career.

During the evening, Dan Gooding, a BBC producer, friend and colleague of Tom's, through his pertinent questioning, fluently steered and progressed the conversation from topic to topic. This enabled the evening to become both entertaining and informative.

In their discussion, we heard how Tom travels to some of the world's most prestigious sporting occasions. He has covered Olympic Games, World Athletics Championships, Wimbledon, Tours de France, Ashes Series, Ryder Cups and rugby World Cups. Subsequently, he gets to meet and work with some of the biggest international sporting stars.

To date, he has ghost-written award-winning books with Tour de France winner Geraint Thomas; West Indian cricketer Chris Gayle; footballer Peter Crouch; the tri-athletes the Brownlee brothers; and multiple Olympic gold medal winners cyclists Laura Trott and Jason Kenny.

Tom also presents two incredibly successful radio podcasts. One is for cycling enthusiasts called 'BeSpoke' and the other for football fans, 'That Peter Crouch'. Excerpts from these podcasts and other radio commentaries were intermittently played during the evening. However, although most were humorous, there was one commentary on the funeral of Irish rugby star, Anthony Foley, who sadly died far too young, which showed Tom's empathetic, poetic and lyrical journalistic style.

We also heard how Tom, after hours of listening to commentaries on the radio and television, was inspired to become a sports journalist. He also revealed how he always wanted to write books about sports people that reached the personality behind the professional persona.

Through his relaxed conversational delivery, we had an insight into how Tom gains the trust and friendship of these top athletes. Thereby, they willingly share their thoughts and opinions on all aspects of their personal and professional lives. Tom, without breaking any confidences, relayed lots of amusing gossip and anecdotes from behind the scenes!

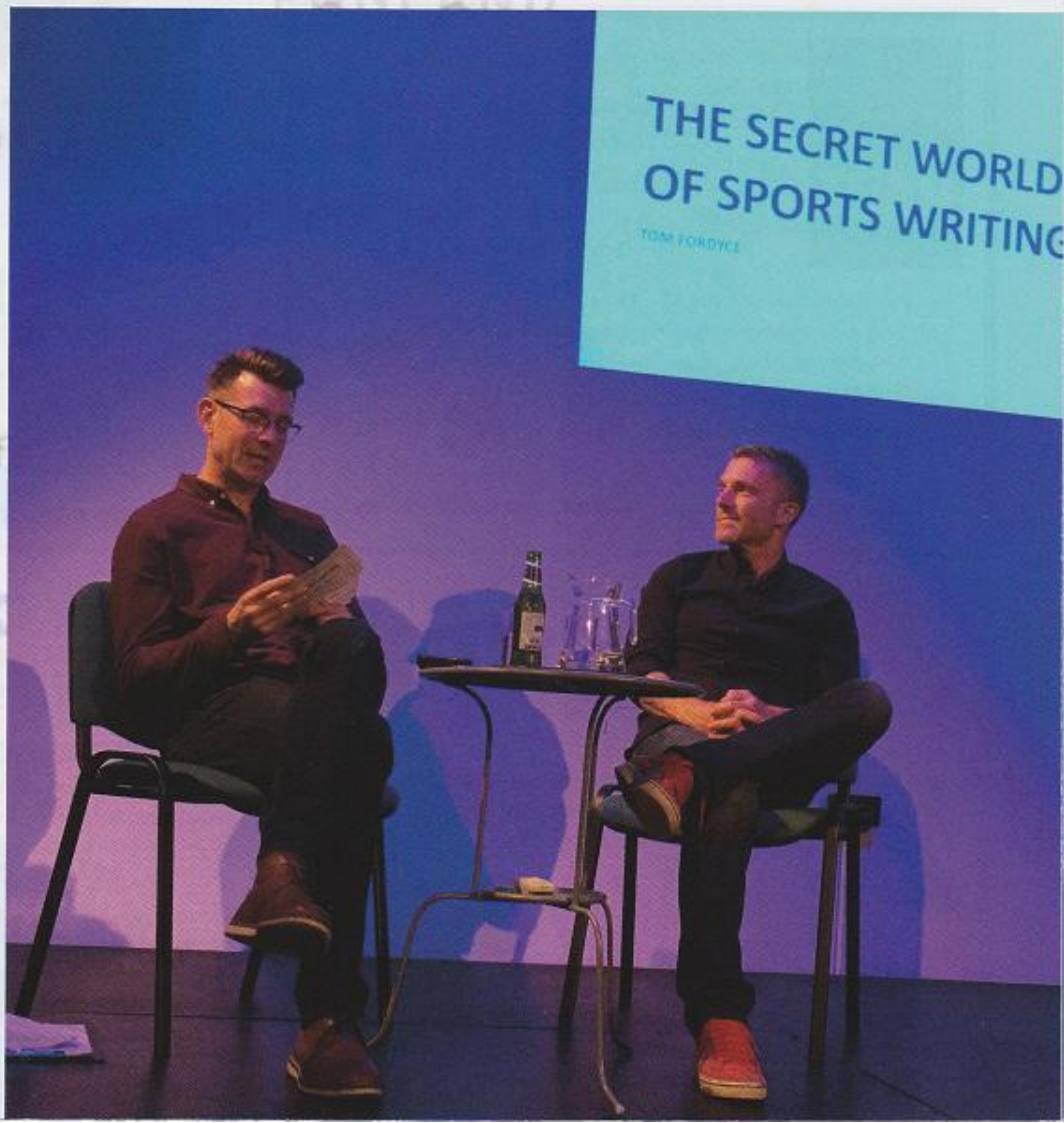
When asked by a member of the audience, 'Who is your sporting hero?' He replied 'Usain Bolt' and

went on to explain that his reasons were based on the uniqueness that Bolt had brought to athletics and the wider sporting world. Tom then added that he would really like to write a book with another intriguing athlete, the tennis player, Bjorn Bjork.

The success of the evening was borne out by the large number of questions that came from the floor. Everyone present, from the non-sporting enthusiasts and young football fans to the more mature cyclists, wanted to know more and the evening was all too short.

However, the audience made sure that before Tom left, he had pledged to try to persuade Peter Crouch, and some of his famous footballing colleagues, to buy Macclesfield Town Football Club!

Kate Gooding



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LIFE CHURCH 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Life Church was founded in September 1994 by Rev Steve Thomas and his wife Teresa. It has grown from six people praying in a small room on a Sunday morning, to seeing over a hundred people through the main doors, enjoying a band-playing traditional and contemporary songs and then listening to biblical-based messages relating to real life issues.

This year sees the 25th Anniversary of founder and Senior Minister of Life Church, Rev. Steve Thomas. Steve is one of the longest serving ministers in the history of Bollington churches. Here we ask Steve some searching questions...

Why did you start Life Church?

I grew up in Bollington and attended what was back then 'Zion Tabernacle' church, where my dad was the pastor. We moved to the East Coast in 1972. As a young man at the point of my decision to personally follow Christ, I was filled with an almost immediate desire to return to Bollington one day to re-establish the church, as it had failed and closed in the mid 70s.

What have been the biggest changes since 1994?

What hasn't changed is our passion for building a Christ-centred community that demonstrates the love of God. What has changed is our style and methods. People have changed in the sense that in any group people come and go.

What was your biggest challenge pastoring Life Church?

The church had a fairly torrid time before it closed in the 70s and many thought it would be impossible to re-establish it again. Discouragement from people was never far from earshot. We started from scratch and with a few committed and faithful people we slowly grew against the predictions.



What have been the most enjoyable times pastoring Life Church?

Whenever we see people begin a journey of faith in Christ that truly sees life transformation is a hugely enjoyable moment for me. Over the years the number of people being baptised is always a massive high point. Our annual Christmas Carol service and hog roast is always a high, to see so many people join together to reflect and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Have you achieved what you set out to do 25 years ago?

In a word no! I started out with a plan to really reach people with the Good News of the gospel, and I really believe there is a long way to go. Many people either don't understand the Christian faith, or believe it is irrelevant and boring. While people exist with those world views, there is much to be done.

What are your plans for the next 25 years of Life Church?

I plan to continue giving people an opportunity to understand who Jesus is, what He came to do and how to follow Him. We believe this to be the primary purpose of the church, and we believe that people who authentically follow Christ will bring wholeness and life to a community for the good. I'm sure I won't be around for another 25 years in the capacity of leader of the church, but my plan is to leave a legacy for those who follow on.

Maria Wood

Steve being interviewed on Canalside Radio

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Saturday 6th 11.30am

Bollington Well Dressing Opening Ceremony

Greg Fountain, Flash Lane Entertainment will be provided by St. Gregory's Primary School. This year's theme is 'Nursery Rhymes'

Saturday 6th – 7.30pm

Dr Jazz and the Cheshire Cats

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Hunt for Clues walk
Coach trip to Disley
Coach trip to the Roaches
Boggy Doodles art walk

Plus various events: social on Friday 20 September at The Cotton Tree;
Folk evening at the Arts Centre on Friday 27 September,
Outdoor-themed film night; quiz at The Poachers.

For up-to-date information check out

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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 circle (weekly)

Friday

10.30am Choir

MONTHLY EVENTS

Love Bollington Market

2nd Sunday of the month
10am-3pm, see Facebook page

White Nancy Breakfast Club

Last Sunday of the month
From 7am, see Facebook page

Sip & Knit

2nd Wednesday
8pm Vale Inn Free 575147

Knit and Natter

2nd & 4th Thursday 2-4pm
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Arts Centre tickets:

www.bollingtonartscentre.org.uk

WELL DRESSING

Can you help us put up and/or take down the Well Dressing Boards in July?

If you are a practical person who can spare three days in July, to help put up and take down the well dressing boards, please get in touch with Councillor Jon Weston.

We are very lucky to have a really well-established Well Dressing here in Bollington. The team enjoy the camaraderie of getting together once a year to fill the wooden boards with clay and create the fabulous colourful designs with petals, seeds, stones and other natural materials.

We need these 'creatives' to put together the designs and press all of these natural



materials into the clay. The team will meet this year from 9.30am on Monday 1 July to Friday 5th July at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, and anyone who would like to help would be very welcome. No previous experience is required, and it is an absorbing, and some say, therapeutic, way to spend a few hours working in this very traditional way with friends to celebrate nature.

We also need the 'practical' folk who can use a hammer and nails and are happy to put the heavy wooden boards in place around the Town. The scaffolding to hold the boards is erected first (on Thursday 4 July), then the boards are put in position (on Friday 5 July), then taken down at the end of the Well Dressing (on Monday 15 July).

Jon Weston

jon.weston@btconnect.com or
07973 442763

HORT. SOC. NEWS

Bollington Horticultural Society has already had two big events this year. The first was a very successful Spring Show. The winner with the most points in the show was Roger Morley, who exhibited in several categories.

The second was a 2-day trip to Kew Gardens for the orchid festival. This year was a celebration of the wonderful orchids from Columbia,

home to more orchid species than anywhere in the world. It was an explosion of colour of orchids of many different shapes, sizes and shades.

The group also stopped at the English Heritage property, Chiswick House, known for its sumptuous house interior of old master paintings, velvet wallpapers, ornate ceilings and the impressive conservatory with over 30 varieties of camellias. Good weather made it all a very memorable excursion.

Margaret Mirrlees

THE WRITE STUFF

As part of Bollington Festival a children's writing competition was held, with every child who lived in Bollington, invited to get involved.

The children were grouped by each of the three key stages (ie Early years 3-5 years; Key Stage 1 - 5-7 years and Key Stage 2 7-11 years). They were asked to write a poem or a short story about 'A Journey' in approximately 150 words. 160 entries were submitted and judged by a panel consisting of the Festival Literature Group and a librarian from Bollington Library.

The standard of writing was very high but finally the judges chose the following as the winning entries. The winners each received a book token; an opportunity to read their submission on Canalside Radio and to have their entry published in Bollington Live! Every child who entered received a certificate.

Well to do to all the children who entered and especially well done to our winners.

Kate Gooding

Early years – aged 3-5 years

Journey Writing

Once upon a time there was a girl called Elsie. She went under water. Suddenly she turned into a mermaid and she sang a beautiful song. Every single fish in the sea, even the sharks and whales turned into mermaids as well. Suddenly a bad eel stole Elsie and took her to a scary dark cave. The bad princesses stuck Elsie into a sticky web. A prince turned into a scuba diver and he saved Elsie. They married. The End.

Sophia Woulfe age 5 years

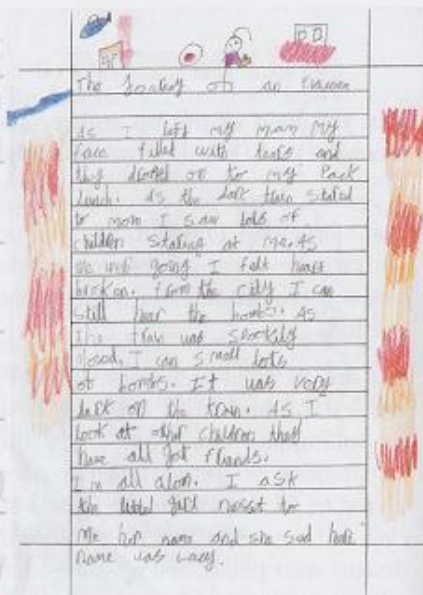
Adlington Primary School

The Journey of a Seed

I am the tiny seed and
I can see the desert.
I can see the sandy hills and
I can feel the hot air.

Kit Cotton age 5 years

St John's C of E Primary School



The Journey of an Evacuee

As I left my mum my face filled with tears and they dropped on to my pack lunch. As the dark train started to move, I saw lots of children staring at me. As we were going, I felt heart broken. From the city I can still hear the bombs. As the train spookily moved, I can smell lots of bombs. It was very dark on the train. As I look at the other children, they have all got friends. I'm all alone. I ask the little girl next to me her name and she said her name was Lucy.

Emily Beever age 5 years

St John's C of E Primary School

Key Stage 1 aged 5-7 years

The Journey of an Evacuee

As I arrived at the station my heart was pounding. From London all I could see was rubble and blown up houses. The train driver started the engine. The train puffed slowly along the track. It became really fast. My suitcase clunked as the train went along some bumpy tracks. I cried bitterly if I would ever see my mum again. There were lots of other evacuees on the train. Just then I felt my lion on my badge. I had to be brave, but it was too late, already crying. I could see in a distance a bomb dropped onto a house and it exploded. The train pulled into the station. The billeting officer said, 'You are going with nanny and nanny said, 'I only want girls!' I felt sad. Then the billeting officer said, 'I will find another person.' I felt really petrified.

Lucy Jones age 7

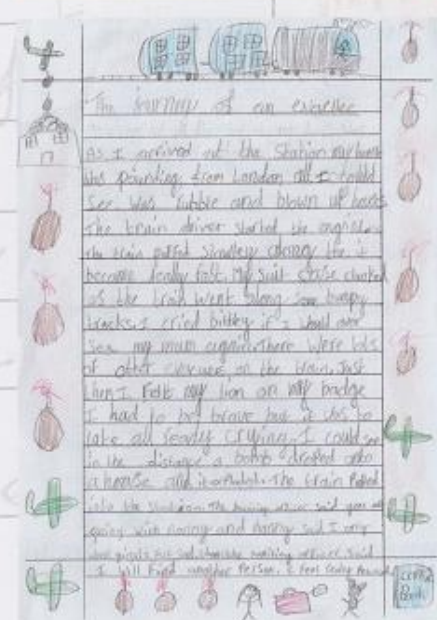
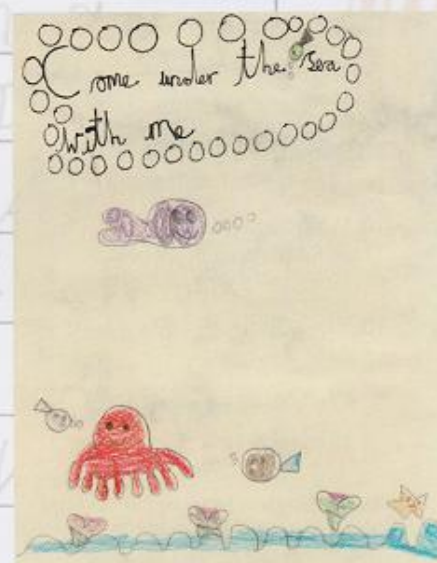
Bollington St John's C of E Primary School

Come under the sea with me

Today I am going to go into the sea. I am hoping to see lots of coral, more than 1 million fish and even a blue whale. Come on, you can come with me. We are going in a submarine. I made it myself just with a little help. We are going in now! I can see an octopus but not a blue whale. I can see coral. I can see more than 1 million fish. I can't count them all. Can you? I can see a star fish facing flat on the ground. 'Please can I drive? No, ok I get it, I get it.' There is a great white shark ahead and it is going to give a big bite. Ok, how do we get out before we talk about that? To be continued...

Harriet Ireland age 7

Bollington Cross CE primary School

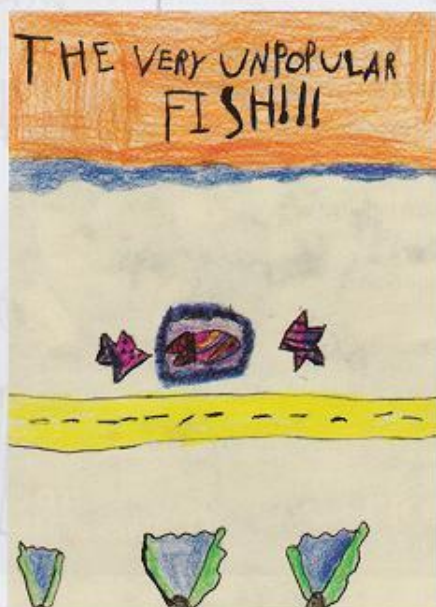


The very unpopular fish

Once upon a time there lived a very sad fish. The fish used to be famous in the ocean because he had amazing talent! But then he lost all of his talent and he became so unpopular. After he lost all his talent, he became lonely and sad but then a submarine came down and said, 'Hey little one, if you see everyone is having fun come on.' 'But I am not good at making friends.' 'I'm sure you will make lots of friends.' 'But, but, but what?' said the astronaut. And then the astronaut said, 'Do you want to be my pet?' and the fish said, 'Yes' and do you know they lived together for eight years. A few years later all the astronauts got a pet fish and had a party with their fishes. They played and played until midnight struck. The end.

Maya Smith age 6

Bollington Cross CE Primary School



Key Stage 2 - aged 7-11 years

Hunted

The boat is docked

Still

Ready

Waiting

The girl steps out of the trees.

Towards the boat

Her bare feet leave the curve of the earth and find the wooden hull.

The pole is heavy in her hands.

Slowly the boat drifts off the bank.

Across the lake.

Away from the town

Towards the mountains

CRACK

They have noticed

But of course, they have noticed

Nothing is ever kept a secret from them for long.

The girl rows faster

Panic feels her eyes

Sparks dominate the sky

She knows what this means

They are hunting her

Tracking her scent

No one lives when they are hunted

No one

The girl goes faster

She's almost on the other side

Maybe she will be the first to escape

Maybe she won't

It depends on how far she gets

They can't cross the water

But they'll go round it

They'll catch her.

Finally, she is there

She is safe

For now.

Tabitha Nixon age 11

Bollington St John's CE primary School

It's called Mount Everest

A cold and frost-bitten mountain named Everest is in view. They say, 'It's impossible to climb'. They say, 'You'll slip or run out of oxygen.' They say, 'I can't'.

Well, I have never been one for popular opinions anyway. I have always loved travelling. When I was five, I went on a world trip with my parents, family and friends. Just watching the chefs, glass blowers and especially climbers inspired me to follow my dreams. Now I am here ready to venture up this brutal and unforgiving mountain 24 hours later. 'The air is really thin I don't think', she begins. Her foot slipped. Arrrggggh! She starts falling 'Janice' a little voice says. It repeats 'Janice.' I wake up with a few machines hooked up to me, I glance at my mother who appears to have tears in her eyes. 'You've been in a coma for 2 years.' My mother cries. I sit up and look at my feet one of them seems to have the initials M E carved into it. I bet you can guess what I thought of (if not, it was Mount Everest)

Eden Christensen age 9

Pott Shrigley Primary School

A Dog's Journey

I love walks, any time of day

Just to relax, have fun and play

I love the rec and the Middlewood Way

The canal is a very nice place

It's my favourite place to race.

When I go on walks, I love to run

I love to jog and sprint because it's fun

I hear excited dogs barking

And the sounds of cars parking.

I can see horses, birds and frogs

I can see green grass and muddy bogs

I can feel the fresh summer air

Against my fluffy hair.

Florence Goford age 9 years

St Gregory's RC Primary School



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TRACY MILLS



This year Tracy is celebrating five years of practicing Reflexology and holistic therapies from her home and mobile to clients' homes, sometimes offering treatments outside when the weather permits.

She launched her business, Top to Toe Treatments, offering taster treatments, at the Festival 50th Anniversary, five years ago. Appropriate because the festival started by Dr John Coope with wellness in mind.

Tracy has lived in her Bollington home for 20 years and has always had an interest in wellbeing. Bollington attracted her because of the easy access into the hills; in addition to her business, she enjoys leading walks for health for the Bridgend Centre, the Walking Festival and Ramblers groups, as a volunteer.

Tracy studied Genetics at The University of Birmingham. She conducted biomedical genetic research for 21 years, first at the Cancer Research UK laboratories, Birmingham, and then at AstraZeneca, where she discovered a gene responsible for pain sensation.

Tracy integrates her scientific understanding into her treatment packages, closing the gap between conventional and complementary approaches to health. She has written regular health articles for the Local People magazine and last year was credited by Dr Rangan Chatterjee, one of UK's most influential GPs, with inspiring some of the content of his latest best-selling book, 'The Stress Solution'.

She is often asked how her work in Reflexology and holistic therapies links to her work in Biomedical Genetics. She explains that there is a logical link; genetic research shows that it is not just genes but how they interact with our environment and respond to stress that affect our health. Stress increases inflammation and is linked to many chronic conditions, including pain, depression, even cancer. 80% of GP appointments are estimated to be due to stress related conditions. Reflexology is understood to reduce stress and anxiety, promote sleep and improve mood, bringing the body into balance, creating a sense of wellbeing.

Tracy is a member of the Association of Reflexologists (AoR) and on the Professional Standards Authority register for Reflexology referrals from other healthcare professionals including GPs. This assures clients that she holds a nationally recognised diploma and is committed to continual professional development, updating her skills and knowledge regularly. Reflexology should not be used as an alternative to seeking medical advice.

Sandy Milsom

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IN OUR MIDST

Hannah, one of our editorial team on the Bollington Live committee, snapped these great photos of the wild life in our midst. She spotted these kingfishers at the Mill Pond on Shrigley road.

If you snap any good photos please send them to us to include in the magazine.



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LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Bollington community pulling together in June for Dementia - a Festival for Life

Today we hear of many people suffering from Dementia; in fact there are 850,000 people in the UK living with this condition. Just over 40,000 of those are younger people with what is called Early Onset Dementia, affecting the under 65s. Dementia has just become the leading cause of death in the UK overall, overtaking heart disease and cancer, but its research funding is not huge and more could be done to prevent or treat more effectively this debilitating condition.

June is 'Dementia month' and we are encouraging people to do something to raise money to support Dementia research at any time, as by the time you receive this issue June will be over.

If every member of our community gave £1 we would exceed £10,000; unfortunately that won't happen. But if every public house, restaurant, company, or group held an event or made a donation to support Dementia research this would not only help raise the valuable profile



and awareness for Dementia but also valuable funds to fight this life-threatening ailment and a give our great community the opportunity to show what can be achieved by coming together as one.

To show your support, sponsorship or donations please contact myself, Helen Ellwood, on 01625 572086. All monies raised will be 'gift aided' ensuring we receive a further 20% from government.

Make June 'Dementia Month' and let's put Bollington on the map for community spirit.

Helen Ellwood

HELEN'S STORY

My younger sister is 51 years old and as a result of Dementia lives in residential accommodation in Macclesfield.

She had her initial stroke in 2012, which prevented her from working in her beloved department at Woodford Park Garden Centre which she created and managed.

Since then her condition has rapidly deteriorated – epilepsy from the strokes, and cerebral amyloid angiopathy, which 18 months later resulted in a diagnosis of Frontal Lobe Dementia.

My baby sister is now partially sighted and has behavioural issues and as a result is agitated, frustrated and tired.

Every penny we raise is needed to highlight this condition, to give it recognition to provide research, relief and respite. It's too late for Jane but not for others – please help us to help.

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The dynamic of the game changed, as early into the second half news seeped through to the players that Notts County had taken the lead at Swindon, meaning that as it stood Macc were destined for another season of non-league football. The players pressed for a goal with the Silkmen managing to break through the Cambridge defence again - this time with an end product - Brice Ntambwe's chipped ball over the top to Elliott Durrell who calmly finished into the U's goal sending the loyal Silkmen fans into ecstasy.

A cacophony of noise erupted from the ground, because they knew that all they needed was one point. The Macc fans were soon cheering again when news of Swindon's goal vs

Notts County reached the terraces. The Star Lane end became like a party – everybody was singing and dancing like they had just won the league. The creative spark that Cambridge had shown much of in the closing period of the first half had all but disappeared, with the visitors creating very little in the second period.

When the six minutes of added time was over, the relief on the faces of the blue-clad warriors was tangible and the relief and joy of the players was reciprocated in the stand, or more precisely on the pitch, as hundreds of the Macclesfield fans in attendance flooded onto the pitch to celebrate with the heroes of the hour. From being seven points from safety

when Sol Campbell took over at the end of November to finishing the season three points adrift of the relegation zone is a magnificent feat.

A miracle perhaps.

Chris Ainley aged 14



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WILLIAM COLLARD SMITH 19TH JULY 1830 - 20TH OCTOBER 1894

It all started with a simple, almost throwaway sentence, 'Lt. Colonel W.C. Smith, M.L.A. was born (in Upper Lord St Bollington) 1830 and died in Ballarat; he was twice Mayor of Ballarat' This was in a 1920s local history book, written by an Anglican vicar.

I had read the book previously, but this time it obviously struck a chord. The crucial element was the mention of Ballarat, in Australia, because that is where we were planning to visit, and it seemed too much of a co-incidence for us to ignore

Once in Ballarat, we went to the Town Hall to find out more about this man, but sadly there was no information to be gleaned, even though he had been the Mayor twice!

The staff were very helpful, if a little confused at our interest in a chap from almost 200 years ago but

suggested that the library was our best source of information.

When we found the library, we were lucky that a staff member was the local history expert, and after quite a while searching records we finally found him! The shout of triumph which echoed around the library caused a few disapproving glances, but we had at last discovered our man.

And what a man, arriving in Australia in 1852 as a bachelor of 20, he proved himself very able in business, working initially as a Land Agent and auctioneer. Mining interests took up a great deal of time, as Ballarat was the epicentre of the gold mining boom.

He also became the shareholder and director of a foundry. Business aside, he was elected to the Legislature of Victoria in 1860, at only 30 years old. He then went on to become Mayor of the City



of Ballarat (1874-75 and again 1887-8).

Commonly called the Major, he was a captain in the Ballarat Rifle Rangers in 1861, major in 1872 and retired in 1884 as an honorary lieutenant-colonel. He was a man who revered learning and in later life, as Minister for Education, one of his major concerns was the bringing in of a Bill supporting free and compulsory education. At the same time, he was Minister for Mines, and was much involved the movement suggested by Ballarat citizens to erect a memorial to the British soldiers who had been killed in the infamous battle at the Eureka Stockade. Twice married, he died in October 1894, leaving a widow and stepdaughter.

Truly a remarkable man, and not bad for a Bolly lad!

Sylvia Roberts

AW MUSCLE AND FITNESS

You may have noticed that there have been some changes to the gym in the Adelphi Mill. Emily and Alex Wilkinson bought Fitness4All in November last year, rebranding to AW Muscle and Fitness.

Alex is a Personal Trainer with over 10 years' experience in the fitness industry. He has worked with many clients of all ages and abilities. His aim is to give his clients the confidence and the skills they need to continue progressing and to meet their personal goals.

Emily is a Nutritionist and Appetite Psychologist, previously working for Nestlé and leading initiatives in health and employee wellbeing. Emily is trained in Mental Health First Aid and methods to improve resilience and mindfulness. The couple are on a mission to promote good health.

A new class timetable has been designed to boost motivation,

suitable for everyone: novices through to avid gym-goers. The gym boasts a wide range of strength and weight equipment, which continues to expand, to ensure there is something suitable for all members. A premium membership includes small group training sessions – a maximum of 4 members per session – bringing a team feeling to training.

'Alex and I got married in June last year in Leeds and moved to Cheshire to pursue our passion in fitness and health. We've always wanted to work together to spend more time with each other – the gym in Bollington gave us the perfect opportunity to live our dream.'

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Alex and Emily Wilkinson



BOLLINGTON BY CHRISTABEL BURGESS

Christabel was born in Bollington during the war and, in her early childhood, lived with her mother and grandparents in Greenfield Road. Her grandfather, Ted Billingham, was a teacher at Water Street School. She has happy memories of her Grandfather and she herself attended Water Street School. When her mother remarried, they went to live at Stake house End at the top of Grimshaw Lane at the boundary of Kerridge and Bollington. Christabel has a wealth of tales about her life in Bollington and was happy to share some of them. Although she has no children of her own, she is an honorary aunt to a friend's children and nanna to their children. She feels part of a wider family.

What was your first job?

I was planning to do a shorthand and typing course at college, but during the summer, when I had left school, I went to see Dr Jean Coope. Dr Jean told me about a clinic for children with cerebral palsy, in those days called a 'spastic' clinic. A lady called Mary Braddock had set it up to help her own daughter. It was held in the grounds of the Waterhouse and Dr Jean suggested I might like to volunteer while I waited for college to start. When it was time to go Dr Jean suggested I train as a nurse instead.

I became a nurse cadet at Parkside. I continued working as a nurse at Booth Hill Children's Hospital, Birch Hill premature baby unit and Stockport infirmary. So, a meeting with Dr Jean had redirected my career. I did take a break from nursing and during another trip to the surgery I agreed to become a cleaner, child carer and general help to the Coope family. At this time, I took on several childcare jobs, including working for a couple of years for Mary Berry, the cookery writer, and looking after her boys. I remember trying out good food and getting on well with Mary Berry.

In 1971 I became a district nurse. I loved the job and felt really valued by the families I worked with.

What changes have you seen in Bollington?

The biggest change, apart from the spread of new housing developments, is the

general demise of shops. At one time there were two Co-ops, a haberdashery, grocers, greengrocers, a wool shop, several butchers and bakers, to name a few. Each street corner seemed to have a small shop.

What is better and worse about Bollington now?

I like that so many new residents have become involved with helping in the community and have joined organisations. The festivals have also fostered a sense of community. There are also some lovely cafes and pubs, so many dog-friendly.

I get frustrated with the unpredictable bus service. Elderly people can feel isolated when they can't get to where they want to go. I miss the banks here too.

I know dogs are part of your life, tell me about them?

I find that when walking a dog, you stop and talk to so many people and often visitors to Bollington and of course other dog walkers. My last three dogs have all been whippets from Whippet Rescue, lovely dogs all of them.

What is your favourite place in Bollington?

The Bridgend Centre, of course, such a warm welcoming place, and the Church House too.

Are you still volunteering in Bollington?

I am a member of the Civic Society still, having been a very early member of a group of residents that picked litter, tidied the village and collected old photographs. This group gradually became the Civic Society. I now volunteer at the Discovery Centre. I enjoy my life in Bollington and have many interests, such as art and music. I like to be involved in the many things that happen in this thriving little town.

Christabel has many more tales to tell and a great enthusiasm for life, a love of people and animals and a joy in talking about her varied interests.

Sandy Milsom





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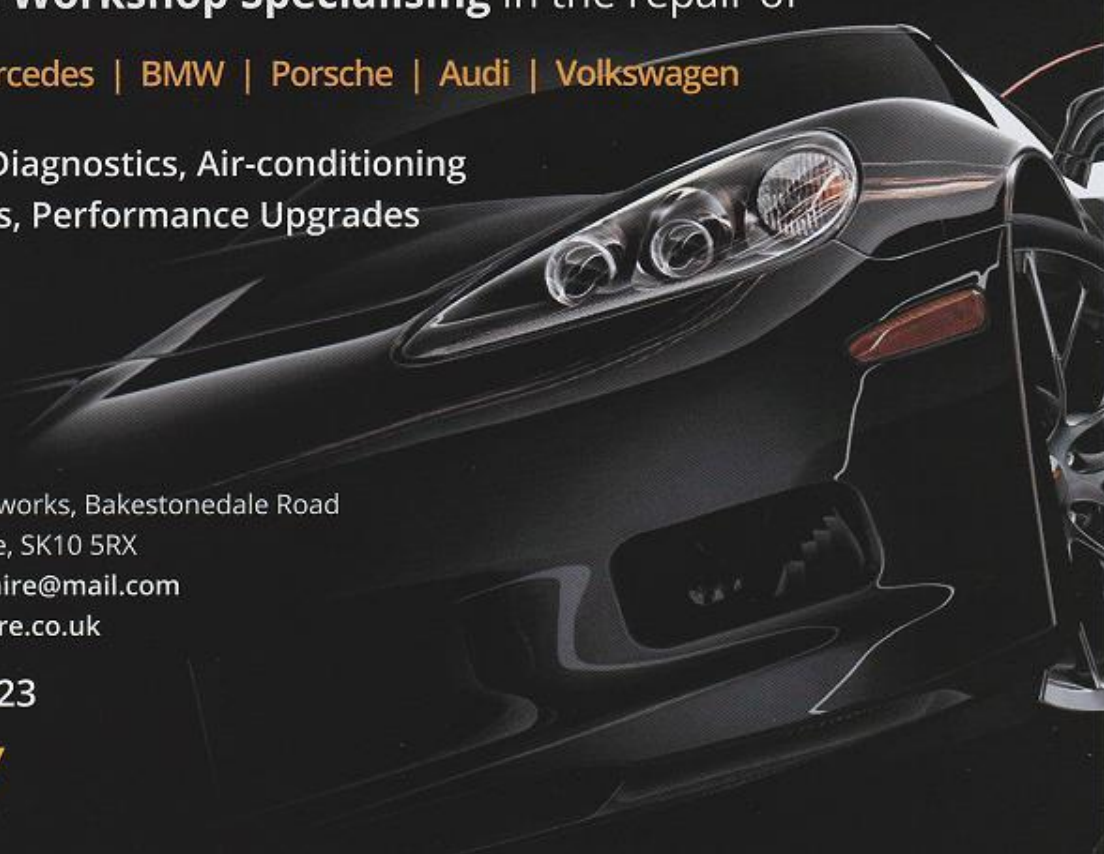
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Editor's note: it is always a delight to receive unsolicited articles, especially from young people. Thank you to Chris for such an excellent article – I was gripped by the story of the match and I don't even like football!

Sol Campbell's Silkmen retained their EFL status with a draw against fellow strugglers Cambridge United on Saturday 4 May. A second-half Elliott Durrell strike gave the Silkmen the point they needed to stay ahead of twenty-third placed Notts County, who suffered relegation from the football league for the first time in their history.

The game began nervously with no real chances in the first ten minutes. From then on Macclesfield really started to dominate the game and Harry Smith squandered a good chance to put the Silkmen one goal to the good. However, the boys in blue kept pushing for that break-through goal to

put some daylight between them and the relegation zone.

The Silkmen fans thought that their team's domination had paid off as Ben Stephens latched on to a deflected Durrell shot in the box only to put this golden opportunity wide of Dimitar Mitov's left post. Following this, Cambridge were starting to get a foothold in the match and it was lucky for Macc that Hayden Coulsen slipped at the most pivotal point and his header looped over Kieran O'Hara's crossbar and away to 'safety.'

Then Cambridge broke from a failed Macclesfield attack and Paul Lewis – an ex Silkman - put the U's ahead from a deflected shot off Zak Jules that wrong-footed Kieran O'Hara, sending the boys from the south in at half-time with a smile on their face.

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