



Rainford Heritage News

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Dear Members

How time has flown since our last newsletter!

We had a lovely Garden Party in April thanks to the generosity of Charlie and Barbara Hurst.



The Spring Fayre at X Sports and Social Club was opened by Cllr David Grice, Chair of the Parish Council. The Fayre made a decent profit but unfortunately lacked support from local people.



The Summer Fayre was well organised with lots going on, including some wonderful entertainment organised by Paul and Gel at the Junction Pub. We again made a decent profit but the Fayres are a lot of work for what we get back.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank business members, members and friends for their generosity in providing help and raffle prizes for all these events.

If you have any suggestions for fundraising or new speakers for indoor meetings 2018 please let us know as soon as possible.

Ray Waring, Chairman

Events for your Diary Fund Raising

Summer Quiz at X Sports & Social Club, Bushey Lane, on Friday, 11th August at 7.30. Tickets inc hot pot £7.

Saturday, 9th September, 'Tough Mudder' Mud Run. Cllr Rob Reynolds runs in this 10 mile gruelling obstacle and mud race to raise money for Heritage Society funds. See sponsorship form on back page; please help he deserves your support!



Sunday, 10th September, Open Heritage event, see page 3.

Saturday, 11th November, Junction Pub, Entertainment & Meal, featuring renowned Liverpool Entertainer Andrew Marx performing 70s Songs. Includes meal of chicken goujons & chips (vegetarian option on request). Tickets £12, Raffle and interval game.

Detecting News

It is with regret that we have had to accept Phil Taylor's resignation as the Detecting Group Leader due to an ongoing back problem which he has had for some considerable time. We thank Phil most sincerely for all his time and effort.

At our last committee meeting Denis Brownbill, who is our most experienced member, was appointed in Phil's place. He is an excellent detectorist and has supported every fundraising event we have held this year.

It was also agreed that those members who had shown they had joined for detecting only and not to support the aim of a new Heritage Centre, would no longer be invited on group detecting outings. As it does appear to be the people from outside Rainford who feel they cannot give the Society the support and time we need, for the foreseeable future only people from Rainford will be allowed to join the present team members.

The detecting team is Denis Brownbill (leader), Ray Waring, Phil Taylor, Tony Hiron, David Pye, Martin Rigby.



The committee continues to support metal detecting as it produces evidence of Rainford's Heritage which can be displayed to the village.

OPEN HERITAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, 10th September 2017

at

Rainford Village Hall

10.30 am — 4.00 pm

This year's theme — Victorian Times



The official opening will be conducted by Cllr David Grice, Chairman of Rainford Parish Council at 11am.

We are planning several table displays including a reading table and a photographic display. There will also be a children's corner and a video 'A Victorian Medley' will be presented in the Reception Room by Tony Foster and will run throughout the day.

The WI has kindly offered to run the cafe once again and there will be the usual Brownies Tuck Shop for children's treats.

As in previous years, the Parish Council will open the Council Chamber to members of the public and a Councillor will be on hand for an informal chat.

At 11.45am Liverpool City Town Crier, Terry Stubbings, will make a proclamation outside Wendy's Flowers to declare Open Heritage Sunday. Bring family, friends and a camera for this special occasion.

At 12.30pm our live entertainment this year will be the fabulous Mucky Mountain Morris Dancers.

At 3.15pm Terry Stubbings and his wife will intrigue you with the story of their work as town criers.

The day's proceedings will come to a close with the raffle draw at 4pm.

The Society would welcome any Victorian memorabilia you could loan us for display.

Business members are given free advertising on our sponsors' table so please let us have your flyers or business cards a few days beforehand.



Looking Ahead

As many of you will be aware, we are making plans to go into partnership with Bridge Farm, Rainford Junction, to convert an old barn into a permanent Heritage Centre for the Parish of Rainford. The building is almost 200yrs old and is 35ft x 75ft with a partial upper floor. It requires a new roof, upper and ground floors, underpinning and bringing up to an acceptable modern standard for members of the public.

As a charity and with the work we have done over the last 5 yrs we fit every criteria to get a Heritage Lottery Grant to carry out this work. We are also fortunate to have a local builder as one of our members who is capable of carrying out every aspect of the work from start to finish. Of course a grant doesn't come gift-wrapped and entirely free and we will need to find 10% of the money we are given. As the barn is not available until October 2017 we are unable to draw up final plans for submission and costing but we are carrying out as much pre-work as possible.

Bridge Farm is in an ideal situation; it is on the bus route for St Helens, Ashton/Ormskirk, has train links to Liverpool and Manchester and has hundreds of local of houses within 10 minutes walk.

Janette and John have been members of the Society since its formation and have contributed a great deal. They are also opening a cafe and providing new parking areas which will complement the centre and their other businesses.

We hope you can now see why we have been pushing our fundraising this year and if members and business members feel they can help a little more in the coming months we would be extremely grateful.



First Indoor Meeting

**Monday, 18th September
7.30pm at Junction Pub**

**Chris Bentley
‘Ormskirk – A Journey through History’**

Business News

One of our business members has been making some changes which will be of benefit to all the community. No longer do you need to go into St Helens for all your DIY goods, Paul Bromilow at the Post Office and general store at Rainford Junction has made some sweeping changes to what was already a very popular shopping venue. Lack of parking in the village centre had already sent him more business to his Kendal Drive store and an enlightened Paul has now given them even more reason to travel those extra few minutes.

As an ex-tradesman and DIY enthusiast myself, I am very impressed with the range of goods that have been carefully and sensibly set out for his customers to browse through. All types of tools, nails, screws, mastics, fillers, gardening, electrical and plumbing items are just a few of the many goods you can now purchase and save petrol and valuable time.

It is a long time since we had Ron Raspin's DIY shop in the village and now we have the modern approach to this valuable asset to the business community.

Well done Paul, what a great idea, as you are aware you have already saved me personally a lot of time going to B&Q. Also sincere thanks to you and your excellent staff for their support for the Heritage Society. I hope all our members will come and see the wide-ranging changes you have made to your business.



We really do value the support from local businesses so if you are making changes you wish to publicise why not contact us, perhaps we could make this a permanent feature in our newsletter.

All business members and sponsors have free advertising in the Heritage Centre. Simply provide business card or flyers and we will put them out for you.

Sponsorship Form



Saturday, 9th September

Name of participant: Rob Reynolds

Name:

Address:

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Post Code:

Tel No:

Email:

Amount:

Gift Aid: Yes / No

Gift Aid: *(Make your donation worth more. Please note, you must be a taxpayer paying more tax than the amount we reclaim in order for us to claim Gift Aid from your sponsorship)*

Thank you for your help and contributions