



# Rainford Heritage

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## News



Dear Members

First of all I must apologise for a brief newsletter, but family problems are a big issue at the moment.

We have had an amazing year fundraising, even though we had to cancel a couple of events. A big thank you to Joan Dagnall and her family for the amazing Photographic Exhibition which raised far more money than any event we have ever done. I would also like to thank members Dennis and Linda Mussell for their generosity in sponsoring a brilliant Lancashire Evening which raised over £900.

All our efforts have been concentrated into realising the ambition of converting the barn at Bridge Farm. The initial drawings have been done by architect Mark Cowing and are under discussion by the committee before the final drawings can be submitted to St Helens Planning Department. Must say, I think they look great!!

It is getting more difficult to organise events, do promotions, run and clean the Heritage Centre at Inglenook with the small committee we have. If you can help in any way or would like to join the committee please let me know.

Many thanks for your help and support over the last year for which I am extremely grateful.

Have a lovely Christmas with your families and here's wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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# News in Brief

## 'True Stories & Memories of Rainford'

The Society's new book entitled 'True Stories and Memories of Rainford' is now available, priced at £9. Please give us a call if you would like to purchase one.

## January Indoor Meeting

The first indoor meeting of 2020 will be on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Junction Pub when Dr Tom Preston will present an illustrated talk 'Great Lancashire Comedians'. This will also be membership renewal evening. All membership fees will remain the same for 2020.

## Professional Advisory Group

The Society has an advisory group of professionals set up ready to help us to get the new heritage centre up and running. Unfortunately the solicitor we had hoped to work with now feels he will not be available to give advice. It would involve only 2 to 3 meetings a year, commencing middle of 2020 for maybe 2 years. If you are a solicitor and would like to give something back to the community please contact me.



# Business News

## **BJC Photography**

Did you know that Barbara Hurst also does heritage talks for groups, Care Homes etc. Any donations or money raised is for Heritage Society funds. Please give her your support at any forthcoming talks.

## **Bridge Farm**

Bridge Farm is glowing with its Christmas lighting!! There are still some Christmas trees of all sizes for sale. For trees, plants, caravans and camping phone Janette on 07975 93536. Phone Cafe for breakfasts, lunches, afternoon teas and special evening meals on 01744 883734.

## **Wendy's Flowers**

Well done for a fantastic fund raising effort once again, and for making the village pink. The shop does lovely Christmas gifts and flowers so call in or order on 01744 885363.

## **Satellite Finance Limited**

Special Thanks to Peter and Sue Lewis who stepped in at very short notice to make the Film Evening a success by running the raffle. We would have been in real trouble without your help!! You can contact Peter for business on 07891 917962.

## **Junction Pub and Draper Haulage**

Big thanks to the Draper Family for the huge amount of sponsorship they have given to the Society during 2019. For weddings, marquee and Function Room bookings, Sunday lunches, evening meals and Christmas meals please phone the pub on 01744 882868.

## **The Rainford Deli**

The Deli will be serving Christmas lunches right through to 27<sup>th</sup> December. For bookings and further information phone 01744 884999.

***Big thanks to all our business members for support during the past year.***

# Rainford Heritage Society

## Joining Form 2020

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code: ..... Tel No. ....

E-mail: .....

Gift Aid: Yes / No

Membership Group (please tick)

- ◆ £10 Individual
- ◆ £15 Family
- ◆ £20 Business

Please send to: Ray Waring, 4 Reeds Brow, Rainford, St Helens WA11 8PN

*\* If we already have your full details you will only need to sign the form & attach your payment*

