



Rainford Heritage Society

Christmas Newsletter 2021

Dear Members

Seasonal greetings to everyone. The Heritage Society has had another very eventful year, having to cancel early events because of Covid 19. We have however finished very strongly with all other events going ahead. There have been some great quizzes and an amazing Afternoon Tea for which we owe a lot to Cllr Melanie Lee and to Beth Robinson. Big thanks to everyone else who helped.

As you will be aware, we are the Parish Chairman's Charity for this term, which runs May 2021 to May 2022. We are grateful to Cllr John Long for choosing us and hope you will support all the events he is arranging in the Parish Hall. The Society has been in existence for 10 years so I was pleased we were at last recognised by the Parish Council.

There is a full programme of events and indoor meetings for 2022 so we hope you will once again support us by renewing your membership for next year. The fees remain the same, we have never changed them, Individual Membership £10, Family £15 and Business Membership £20.

The Society lost two committee members recently for personal reasons and we thank Steve Jervis and Julie Arnold for their contributions.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact me for a chat about our meetings and about how you could help.

The first meeting of 2022 will be on Monday, 17th January when Tony Foster will showcase the brilliant photography of the late Bernard Bibby and the late Bill Highcock. As usual, this will be at 7.30pm in the Function Room at the Junction Pub.

I hope you all have a special Christmas with family and friends. See you in the New Year.

Ray Waring
Chairman

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Fundraising

The Society always needs help in raising funds and as we are now applying for a grant to convert the barn at Bridge Farm, we will still need to raise funds to keep it going. Please help at events if you are able to.

In 2022, as well as the Chairman's Charity Events, we plan to hold Quizzes, a Fashion Show, a June Barbeque with Western theme at Bridge Farm and a Lunch and social event in the Junction Marquee. We also have some bric-a-brac left over from other events and will be looking for an opportunity to do a stall with this in the Spring.

We also would be grateful for any good quality raffle prizes you may be able to help with for next year.

Sue and Ray
'Fundraising Team'

Business News

Bridge Farm & Cafe

Christmas trees, wreaths, grave pots and Christmas gifts for sale until Christmas Eve. Orders for floral arrangements by Alice (Christmas week). The Cafe is open 7 days a week throughout December but closes for Christmas Day/Boxing Day. Open again from 27th to 31st, closed New Year's Day.

From Sunday, 2nd January normal winter hours resume. Bookings welcome for Christmas Lunch, Afternoon Teas, private parties and the Christmas Cosy Caravan. Give a special gift to friends and family with one of our gift vouchers, ask in the shop or phone 01744 883734.

BJC Photography

Barbara makes all kinds of excellent cards, from vintage to modern, for every occasion during the year. She is also a brilliant and creative photographer. Why not order a lovely Rainford Christmas card for a special friend or family member?
Phone 07534 494490

The Rainford Deli

Open Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am to 2.30pm, not open Sundays or Bank Holidays. Turkey Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, mince pie, tea or coffee and after dinner mint for only £9.50. 1 sitting per day at 1pm until 17th December. Bookings only.

In the New Year from 10th January we will also be open Mondays 9am to 2.30pm and we look forward to seeing you. Tel 01744 884999

Junction Pub, News Lane

The excellent Christmas menu at the Junction is priced at 1 course £12.90, 2 courses £16.90 and 3 courses £20.90. The Christmas Carvery is also on this menu.

Lunch with Santa - Saturday 18th December Midday until 4pm. The Carvery will be served, prices as above. There will be a special kids meal for £10 which includes a gift!! Booking is essential for this event, to avoid disappointment please phone 01744 882868.

New Year

Join us for a great Brass Monkeys Classic Car Rally on New Year's Day. Bring your classic car, van or whatever you have! Enjoy the day with friends, food and frostbite! Start is at 10am, hot drinks and food available all day. Everyone welcome to see these special vehicles from bygone years.

Look forward to seeing you soon - Paul, Gel and all the staff.

Junction Shop

What a great asset to our Parish is this shop! It's a post office and newsagents with a very well stocked grocery area and an excellent small DIY department, also a friendly staff. I was about to go to St Helens as I had no gutter hooks to put up the Christmas lights. Suddenly I thought to try the Junction shop. Did they have them, of course they did!! Saved time and petrol money.

Well done Paul and staff.

Planting for the Future

In January/February 2022, in order to comply with Council regulations, John and Janette at Bridge Farm will be purchasing and planting 10 native deciduous trees on the caravan site and I thought this would be a great project for the Heritage Society to become involved.

You are invited to support the environment and the Society by paying £20 to have your name, or the name of a loved one, put on one of these trees. The name would be burned into a piece of wood so that it blends in with the surroundings. What a great way to raise funds; please let me know if you would like to participate in this unusual event.

Rainford's Roots Growing Strong

My research into my family history has kept all the family busy during the last 18 months of lockdown and restrictions. Having moved away from Rainford at the age of 8 it has been fascinating to trace my roots in Rainford. I was also surprised to discover that a childhood friend from Cross Pit Lane was my 4th cousin. The books that members of Rainford Heritage Society have published have been a valuable source of information in my research. Not to mention the vast local knowledge held by heritage society members. I have also just received my Rainford Heritage Society Calendar which will take pride of place in my kitchen for 2022.

Heidi Southworth, Southport

Membership Renewal 2022

We hope you will renew your membership for 2022. If you would like to pay directly into our bank account you are very welcome to do so. However, we would be very grateful if you could email or phone to say you have rejoined as it is a month later when we receive a statement allowing us to check and tick you on our membership list. If you would prefer to pay by cash or cheque please sign the form below and return to Ray.

The Society details are:
Barclay's Bank, St Helens
Sort code 20 80 33
Account Number 83792382

If you joined in November or December 2021 you will be a member for 2022.

Many thanks from the committee for your continued support.

Membership Secretary
01744 885547, rayw91141@gmail.com

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Joining Form 2022

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*

