



Rainford Parish Council Newsletter October 2016

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Rainford Parish Council

A note from the new Chairman of Rainford Parish Council (RPC)

I am delighted and proud to have been elected to serve as Chairman for 2016/17.

Each year the Chairman selects a charitable cause to benefit from the year's fundraising. This year we will raise money for the construction of a village War Memorial which will be placed on the grounds to the front of the Village Hall. We also plan to redevelop this area, which will be done in conjunction with Rainford in Bloom. You can find more information about it in this newsletter. I am very grateful to Vice-Chairman, Cllr David Grice for all his support and enthusiasm for this project.

This is an exciting time for the village with the redevelopment of the Village centre now complete. We are using this newsletter to publicise various Village events and initiatives, some of which the Parish Council has involvement in. Any feedback is much appreciated – please see contact details above.

Councillor Diane Nichols Chairman Rainford Parish Council 2016/17

One of the first official engagements for the new Chairman was to attend the annual Summer Concert as guest of the Rainford Welfare & Old Folk's Treat Committee.

The Chairman is pictured here with RW&OFT Committee member and former Councillor, Peggy Lyons.



Diary dates 2016:

RPC full council meetings: (7pm): 10 Oct; 28 Nov; 19 Dec (followed by festive refreshments)

RPC Finance/planning meetings: (6.30pm): 5 Oct; 23 Nov; 14 Dec

Borough Councillors' surgeries: (11-11.30am): 1 Oct; 5 Nov; 3 Dec;

MP's surgery: (5.45-6.15pm): 14 Oct; 9 Dec;

Chairman's Charity Fundraisers: Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall 9

October 2.30-4.30pm; Village Sponsored Walk

Sat 5 November 12noon; Traditional Lancashire

Evening 25 Nov 7.30pm Proclamation, Lancashire

Day Sun 27 Nov 12noon;

Blood Donors: 6 Oct

Civic Service at Corpus Christi Church Sunday

30 October 9.30am

Consecration Village War Memorial: Sunday

6 November 12 noon

Community Cinema: Star wars 18 Nov 6.30pm

Village Christmas Fayre: Saturday 3

December

Christmas Party night: at the Village Hall 16 Dec



Rainford Christmas Fayre 2016

A community event by the village for the village

This will be held in the village on

Saturday 3 December 2016

The more money raised, the more local organisations will benefit.

The Committee is seeking stewards to help on the day, please.
Contact Sue Black 882538

Now an annual village event, the Rainford Christmas Fayre, will take place on 3rd December 2016. This is an event by the community for the community.

Proceeds from the event are paid to local organisations who apply, after retaining a small proportion to fund the next year's event.

In June 2016 the following organisations were recipients of funds:

Rainford Amateur Dramatics; Rainford Silver Band; Rainford Bowling Club; Rainford Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association; Rainford in Bloom/Scouting Allotment; Corpus Christi Primary School; Crank Bowling Club; The Heritage Society; Rainford Ladies Choir; Rainford Tennis Club; Rainford Scouts; Rainford Maritime Cadets; and The War Memorial Fund.



The presentations of cheques were made at the Village Hall in the presence of the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of St Helens, Cllrs David and Jeanette Banks.



First showing by Rainford Community Cinema: 18 November 2016

Rainford Parish Council is proud to present Star Wars: Episode VII The Force Awakens.

Tickets are available on Yapsody and are £3 for an adult and £1 for a child (under 16).

We'll be selling popcorn. Drinks will be available from the bar and we'll be giving prizes for the best Star Wars fancy dress.



The show starts at 7pm, Saturday 18 November.

<https://rainford.yapsody.com/.../star-wars-the-force-awakens>

Paint Rainford Pink!

Wendy Downey of Wendy's florists in Rainford is organising this week commencing Monday 17th October 2016 to For more information, please email wendydowney@btconnect.com

Rainford Heritage Society news

The society has finished its two-year project to survey and catalogue (more than 270) wells across the parish and has published its findings in a book, "Rainford's wells: a record and history" which can be bought from the society for just £7.

Village War Memorial



(Picture courtesy of Barbara Hurst, Rainford in Bloom)

As mentioned on page 1, the Chairman's fundraising for 2016/17 is to build a War Memorial outside the Village Hall.

This is an ambitious project and we will be raising funds in a number of ways, including social events and a grand draw for which tickets are now on sale at £1 each in books of five.

There are many great prizes, including vouchers kindly donated by local businesses and a top prize of £200 cash.

If you would like to make a donation to the fund for the War Memorial or purchase draw tickets please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Village Hall on 884709 or your local Parish Councillor.

In the meantime we have an interest free loan so we can get on with this work. We will be keeping people informed of progress via a new Facebook page dedicated to the War Memorial.

The War Memorial is being supplied by Ormsby of Scarisbrick. It will be Indian stone and the base has already been laid.

We aim to have the War Memorial in place for this year's Remembrance Sunday (13 November 2016), although work will probably not be fully completed until 2017.

The plan is to have War Memorial consecrated the week before Remembrance Sunday, on Sunday 6 November at 12 noon.

Rainford in Bloom

By now you won't have failed to notice that 5 July was this year's judging day by North West in Bloom. In the week of the judging, our Facebook page registered over 7,000 "post reach"!

The Rainford in Bloom initiative was originally set up by Rainford Parish Council but now is a separate entity which operates through a steering group of residents and Parish Councillors. Bloom has expanded this year (the second year of entry into the North West in Bloom Awards) and in addition to the Village Centre, the judges also visited the Junction, including the allotments; Hill Top; Crank and King's Moss; and the three village primary schools

Judges John and Julie were welcomed to the Village Hall by a beautiful display arranged by Norma Cunliffe of Rainford Flower Club and after touring the village enjoyed lunch courtesy of the Rainford Welfare & Old Folk's Treat Committee

We have received notification our entries have been nominated for awards for 2016, and we will find out if we have been successful at the end of October when we will attend the presentation event in Southport.



Rainford in Bloom also held a "Best front garden" competition and received over 50 nominations. From the entries the team announced at the Rainford Show:

Gold Award: 76 Church Road
Silver Award: 1b Highfield Drive
Bronze Award: 11 Rufford Road
Highly Commended: 12 Leyland Road
Highly Commended: 4 Graces Close

Rainford in Bloom is always looking for helpers and if you would like to be involved, please contact the team via the Clerk to the Parish Council at the Village Hall on 884709 or the Rainford in Bloom Chairman, Gaynor Culshaw.



Please book in advance 01744 884709
Email clerk@rainfordparishcouncil.com

**Afternoon Tea
at Rainford
Village Hall
Sunday 9th October 2016
2.30pm – 4.30pm**

Tickets £6.50 including a glass of Prosecco
All Proceeds to the Chairman of Rainford Parish
Council's Fund for
"Rainford Village War Memorial"



Congratulations to three Rainford organisations
celebrating 40 years:
Rainford Flower Club; Rainford Band and
Rainford Rangers

**Rainford Parish Councillors' contact details
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RANDLE

Keith Aspinall (884098)
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Linda Mussell (638290)



Rainford Village Hall



Rainford Village Hall is a wonderful building in the heart of the village. Over the past twelve months the Parish Council has invested in the building by having the main hall decorated. New chairs have been bought and extensive repairs to the roof have been carried out. The War memorial project will include landscaping to the front of the hall in conjunction with Rainford in Bloom.

The hall is a fabulous location to hold a wedding reception, and other celebrations and events, offering competitive rates and flexibility.



The Parish Councillors wish to send warm congratulations to the Administration Assistant & Bar Manager, Vicky Nelson, who is marrying Rob Swainbank on 28 October (and holding her reception in the Village Hall!)