# **Parish News**

## December 2024

**Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Plan Group** 

#### A warm Hello to all Parish residents

This Parish News booklet, produced by the Community Plan Group, provides local residents with contacts for community groups and their activities, upcoming events and latest news. It also contains contacts for local facilities and council services.

Since the last edition in June, many volunteers have been busy putting on various fundraising events and social activities, as well as helping to improve the look of the parish. Thank you to all who give their time freely for our community.

The Community Hall continues to thrive and grow thanks to its kind committee and volunteers who give a lot of time and energy to ensure the Hall has a variety of regular activities on offer for all ages, as well as managing private bookings. See the following pages for 'What's On' at the Hall and other Parish facilities. For festive events around the Parish, see the centre pages for what's taking place. Putting on events takes a lot of time, so please go along and support as many as you can.

Parish facilities and activities on offer cater well for our young people too. As well as our long established Pre-school (over 50yrs), there is now a nursery at St. Helen's School. Scouts are also re-introducing the Beavers section for 6-8yr olds. See their page and the churches page for contact details and further information .

For a relatively small parish we have many community groups, which means there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. If you're at a stage in life, young or old, when you are looking to do some volunteering, then check out the Volunteering Opportunities page for groups that could use your support - every little helps!

Our thanks to Rotary, our Parish Council (PC) and Hamilton Davies Trust (HDT) for their continued financial support to our parish community groups and local facilities. Also to our PC and HDT for supporting the funding and printing of this booklet.

The HDT team welcome our community groups getting in touch should they need admin support e.g. printing, photocopying or a message putting on the Digital Information Board. Email **hello@hamiltondavies.org.uk** or call **0161 222 4003**.

Mandy Eccles (on behalf of the Community Plan Group)

Community Website: rixtonwithglazebrook.net

Community Plan Group Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/RixtonwithGlazebrookParishPlan/

Community Plan Group Secretary: jill.eaves@hotmail.co.uk Community Plan Group Chair: Andy Eaves 07368 970112



#### **Community Village Shop**

See back page for address, opening hours and home delivery

Looking for a lovely festive gift for family or friends? Then look no further than your Village Shop who are doing Bespoke Christmas Hampers made up from goods of your choosing from the shop. Available to order now - <u>deadline is Fri 20th December</u> for latest collection of your order from the shop by midday 23rd December.

The shop are hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December to get us in the festive mood - see poster centre pages for details.

Stocking a wide range of fresh foods, as well as a large range of essential provisions, the Village Shop can cater for many of your shopping needs. Orders from Howarth's butchers, Flixton can be placed at the shop, or via their website - add a note to state 'delivery to Hollins Green' and your goods will be delivered to the shop for collection. The shop also sells stamps, National Lottery tickets, offers a cash back service, and is an EVRi drop off/ collection point. If you're not already a customer then pop down to your local shop to see what's on offer, you'll be guaranteed a friendly welcome!

#### 'DROP & GO'



#### A Time For Goodwill and Giving!

At this time of year, as many of us are planning celebrations with family and friends, we also think of others less fortunate than ourselves. That is why the Community Plan Group have organised a 'Drop & Go' community donation weekend Fri 13th - Sun 15th December for the Irlam & Cadishead Foodbank who support those in need in the local community. Look out for posters /drop off points around the Parish.

#### **Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall**

The Hall continues to be busy with various community activities, events and bookings including celebrations, concerts, cream tea, Village Show, indoor car boot sales and lots more!



A warm welcome, hot drink and tasty treats await anyone who wants to meet friends old and new at our Monday coffee mornings. Bring your dog along too! Or simply come along and check out the hall's extensive book and jigsaw exchange.

Warburtons continue to donate 100 bread items to the hall every Monday which is distributed to local schools, community groups and Warrington Salvation Army.

We are currently collecting hats, coats and scarves for Warrington Salvation Army - please leave any items in the foyer at the front door.

Thank you to the children at St Helen's school who regularly sing for us, and the Warrington Living Well Service offering Autumn COVID and Elyypperiodians and health sheek was

and Flu vaccinations and health check-ups.

Our fortnightly Friday Film Nights are now in full swing. Film titles are displayed in the foyer. Look out for the family Christmas Film! Don't miss our Community Christmas Fayre - Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November and Christmas lunch - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Hall committee continue to improve the facilities at the hall including installation of



upgraded WIFI throughout the building and the purchase of large circular celebration tables. We are also hoping to gain funding to purchase additional kitchen equipment and table linen. The Hall wouldn't function without amazing volunteers. If you would like to help in any way please contact <u>bookings@rixtoncommhall.co.uk</u> or call **07894 263895** 

# 'What's On' at the Community Hall

Regular Bookings	Activity	Duration	Contact
	Community Coffee Tea, coffee and tea cakes, books and jigsaw exchange	10:00 - 12:30	Andy Eaves - 07368 970112
Monday	Rixton & Woolston Councillor Surgery (small room)	10:00 - 12:30	Cllr Lawrence Sheridan cllrlawrence.sheridan@warrington.gov.uk
	Charlie Barlow Psychotherapy Service (Appointments only - small room)	13:30 - 17.00	Charlie Barlow - 07955 793961
	Indoor Bowling	13:30 - 16:30	Ken Schofield - 07733 760169
	Yoga	19:00 - 20:00	Denise Fraser - 07952 680598
Tuesday	Chair Yoga	10:00 - 11:00	Denise Fraser - 07952 680598
	Tai Chi	18.45 - 19:45	Vera Cheng - 07308 878588
Wednesday	Yoga	09:30 - 10:30	Denise Fraser - 07952 680598
weanesday	Indoor Bowling	19:00 - 22:00	Ken Schofield - 07733 760169
	Fitness Class for over 50's	09:45 - 10:45	Susan Chin - 07702 810248
	Art Class (Committee Room)	10:00 - 12:00 13:30 - 15:30	Rachelle - 07724 052628
Thursday	Yoga	18:30 - 19:30	Holly Bailey - 07732 733862
	'Treading the Bored' Drama Group	19:45 - 23:00	Laurence Harrison - 07483 404349
Friday	Film Nights From 4 October 2024 (fortnightly)	19:00 - 22:00	Andy Eaves - 07368 970112 Film titles displayed in Hall foyer

To hire the Hall for a one-off function or community activities, or for Hall enquiries email: bookings@rixtoncommhall.co.uk

#### **Community Plan Group**

Community Plan volunteers meet 3 or 4 times a year to plan Action Days to help improve the 'Look and Feel' of the Parish and to see how they can support activities to bring the community together.



Since June 2024 group volunteers have organised a guided walk, litter pick, and planted more English Bluebells, and this year also Snowdrops, on the edge of Glamis Wood on Swan Brew.

In July walkers and

dogs enjoyed being led around our rural Parish footpaths and Rixton Claypits on an evening guided walk. We are fortunate to live in such a lovely



Parish with clearly marked footpaths and beautiful fields and lanes to enjoy.



Thank You to the ten

volunteers who kindly picked up 20 bags and various items of other people's

rubbish at the Litter Pick held in June. Thanks also to those individual 'Litter Legends' who kindly pick up litter on a regular basis keeping the Parish looking cared for. The next Group litter pick is on **Sunday 9th February** - meet Black Swan car park 10am. Litter picks and hi-vis provided, bring your own gloves.

The group volunteers will be holding a village sign cleaning session in Spring 2025, following on from the one they did in August 2023, which made a massive difference to the look and feel of the parish.

**Community Plan Group Meetings** held at Rixton Methodist Church are open to the public. The next meeting is on **Monday 17th February 7pm**. Please come along, we would love to see more residents involved. To find out more call Chair Andy - **07368 970112** 

### **Making a difference**

#### Friends of Glazebrook Station

The Friends have made good progress with the Community Garden and Orchard areas, having received many donations of plants and other items



from their volunteers and the community and planting fruit trees in the orchard. The platform planters and hanging baskets gave the station a lovely show of colour through the Summer and Autumn months. Given all the hard work, the volunteers were delighted to receive a level 4 Established award from Britain in Bloom. The Friends are hosting Carols on Glazebrook Village Green on Sunday 22nd December at 2.30pm - see poster on centre pages for details. There's always work to be completed at the station and the group are looking for green-fingered volunteers in particular to help them transform the garden areas and also for further donations of plants. For more info call Julie **07979 266352/julie.eastty@btinternet.com** 

#### **Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery**

In October Friends volunteers celebrated 14 years in operation at their annual dinner, and reflected on all they have achieved through working together towards their aim of 'Improving the Look and Feel of the Cemetery'. The Group welcomed two new volunteers in the 'Green Gym' this year and also some young Scouts and their leader gave a helping hand with leaf busting. The group have been busy



fundraising and purchased two new benches and new equipment, thanks to a grant from Rotary and Hamilton Davies Trust. If you enjoy being outdoors, and can spare an hour or two, then please pop along to any of

the action days held on the last Saturday of the month February to November between 10am - 1pm. All tools/equipment are provided, simply come along or call Mandy on **07767 075211** to find out more.

#### **Bringing People Together**



#### **Parish Carnival**

Another good turnout for the RwG 2024 Carnival which offered a range of attractions for all ages, with great

live performances and displays. The Carnival Committee wish to thank all the performers as well as local businesses and groups who set up and ran stalls. Local groups benefitted not only financially but also in terms of raising their profile to attract new members. Thanks also to the numerous volunteers who gave their time to help set up and clear the site, manage entrances and attractions, assist the public and help create a really enjoyable day.

The Carnival could not run without financial backing from the Parish Council. Currently it costs £4.5k- £5.5k to stage a carnival and any event funds raised by the Carnival Committee will be put back into running next years carnival which is **Saturday 28th June.** 

If you are keen on volunteering for the event or would like to join the organizing committee, which meets monthly, please contact Anne McArthur on **07891 838085** or **annemcarthur16@gmail.com** 

#### **Village Show**

Rixton, Glazebrook & District Chrysanthemum & Horticultural Society held another successful Village Show at the Community Hall in



September, showcasing home-grown produce and hand-made crafts. For information on next year's event contact Neil Trownson on **01925 266538**.

#### We Will Remember Them

Hundreds of people gathered at the cenotaph in a moving Remembrance Day tribute to honour those from our Parish who gave their lives in conflict.

#### **Recreation and Leisure activities**

3 mile FREE guided walk taking place on Monday 6th January 2025 starting at 9.45am prompt from the Black Swan car park in Hollins Green.

If interested, simply turn up on the day - for more details contact John on **07971 580113**.





#### 'Footpaths

**around Rixton'** guided walks, written and sketched by local residents and printed by the Hamilton Davies Trust, are freely available to pick up from all Parish facilities and to download from the community website **rixtonwithglazebrook.net** 

#### **Rixton Claypits SSSI Nature Reserve**

Offering various public footpath routes and wonderful scenery, this natural Site of Special Scientific Interest is a hidden gem in the Parish worth exploring .. and it is FREE, including the car park which is located off Manchester Rd near to the corner of Chapel Lane.





#### **Festive Activities**

Looking for some fun Christmas activities for you and your family to get you in the festive mood? Then check out these community events that are taking place right on your doorstep throughout December!





#### Santa Claus is coming to Hollins Green and Glazebrook





Father Christmas is coming to town!

Spare change at the ready ..... all for a good cause!

Tuesday 17th December - Hollins Green / Claydon Gardens Wednesday 18th December - Glazebrook Lane / Carlton Way

## **Keep Moving!**

#### Are you looking to burn off a few extra calories?

Then check out these dance and exercise classes held weekly in Glazebrook Methodist Church Hall. There are even more fitness, Yoga, Pilates and Wellbeing classes held regularly at the Community Hall - check out the 'What's On at the Hall' page for details.



#### **Dance Rhythm**

Dance classes for all ages!

Held weekly on Tuesdays at Glazebrook Methodist Church, WA3 5AY

Mini Movers	5.00pm - 5.45pm
Stompers	5.00pm - 5.45pm
Teenagers	5.45pm - 6.30pm
Adult Tap	6.30pm - 7.15pm
<b>Dance Fitness</b>	7.25pm - 8.10pm

For more information about any of the above classes contact Liz Rainford **07723 093920**  Scottish Country Dancing Weds 7.30 - 8.30pm

Glazebrook Methodist Church All over 18s welcome £5 per person

> Raising money for RwG Pre-school

For information call
Colette - 07870 966217

Looking for somewhere to hold a celebratory dance or fundraiser? The Community Hall makes a fantastic venue and dance space.

#### Churches

As well as weekly services (check out church notice boards for times) St. Helens C of E Church, Rixton Methodist, and Glazebrook Methodist all host weddings, christenings, funerals and coffee mornings - see Contacts page for who to call for more details.

**Rixton Methodist** is home to Rixton Tots - Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am term-time only - cost £3 for parent/carer and 1 child with £1 for any further children. 'Time to Talk ' for parents/carers is also offered at

the same time - £1.50 (includes a brew and toast). Chapel Crafts is held on the second Tuesday (7.30pm) and the last Tuesday afternoon (1.30pm) each month. A Coffee Morning is held on the third Saturday of each month 10am - 11.30am. All welcome.



**Glazebrook Methodist** is home to Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school - see their article in this booklet. The church also holds a Coffee morning on the 1st Saturday of each month 10am-12noon. Dance Rhythm's dance and exercise classes are held weekly on Tuesday evenings for youngsters and adults - see poster centre page. Scottish Country Dancing is held every Wednesday evening see posters and details for both on centre page.

St. Helen Church holds a Coffee morning on the 4th Saturday of each month 10am-12noon. Church House is home to the Village
 Green Barbers (see Contacts page for who to call for opening times). More information about the church's activities can be found in their own printed monthly news bulletin which is freely available from outside the Village Shop.

Post boxes around the Parish include: Manchester Rd, Chapel Lane, Moss Side Lane, School Lane, Glazebrook Station, Glazebrook Village Green and the corner of Woolden Rd, Glazebrook Nearest main Post Office - Liverpool Rd, Irlam, M44 6NZ Sub Post Office - Anvil Stores, Liverpool Rd, Cadishead, M44 5AN

#### **Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-School**

#### Operating from Glazebrook Methodist Church Hall, WA3 5AY

With the Pre-school setting being so close to Glazebrook Station, the group this year organised several outings involving trains! In summer they took the train to Liverpool to visit Liverpool Museum to learn about dinosaurs, Egyptians and space. Everyone



had a fantastic time. In October they boarded the train to visit Warrington Museum and then attended a gymnastic class designed especially for under 5s - a new experience all round! They also had several trips on foot to see Mr Domville's model railway including a replica of Glazebrook Station, followed by visiting the real thing before heading back to Pre-school for even more fun activities!

To enquire about a place for your child contact the team on **07815 561372** or email **r-w-gpreschool@outlook.com** To find out more about the provision check out their FB page https://www.facebook.com/RWGpreschool/



#### St. Helen's C.E. Primary School

Birch Road, Hollins Green, Warrington WA3 6JS For details visit **www.sthelensprimary.uk** Head Mrs Catherine McDonald

#### **Scouts**

Home to Scouts, Cubs and Beavers the Scout Centre sits on the Village Green in Hollins Green. Open to both boys and girls



the following Scout sections offer fun activities and experiences for young people **Beavers** 6-8yrs / **Cubs** 8-10.5yrs / **Scouts** 10.5-14yrs Thanks to the group leaders and volunteers for giving their time to support this much valued youth facility. For information about the groups or to hire the Scout Centre for activities or small events please call Scout leader James Taylor on **07793 002025** 

#### **Pubs and Cafes**

The **Red Lion** and **Black Swan** in Hollins Green both offer food and drink, with dining spaces indoors and out. Contact them direct for their opening times and latest offers. Both pubs have green spaces outside where children can let off some steam!

The Black Swan, boasts a beautiful village pond right on their doorstep, as well as extensive outdoor seating areas and children's play area. It also has 14 rooms for those looking for a place for family or friends to stay over - visit





theblackswan.co.uk

As well as their regular offering, the **Red Lion** also has an alternative menu, with Indian food and takeaways being served by **Lal Sher** restaurant which opened on the premises last year.

**The Greenery** café at 96 Glazebrook Lane, WA3 5BE has become increasingly popular. As well as selling fresh flowers, wreaths, gifts and cards, they also serve delicious coffee, cakes and a variety of tasty refreshments to eat in or takeaway. Opening Times are: Tues - Fri 8am-5pm and Sat & Sun 9am - 4pm.



Moat Café on the corner of Moat Lane and Manchester Road offers a cooked breakfast, lunch and more. Open Mon-Fri 8am - 1.30pm and Sat 7am - 12.30pm it is a great morning stop off for walkers and cyclists, being close to Rixton Claypits Nature Reserve.

For contact details for the above facilities see Contacts page

#### **Volunteering Opportunities**

The Parish would not be the community it is without the support of all the kind volunteers who give their time, skills and energy for the benefit of all who live and work here.

Whatever your age, if you can spare a few hours on a one-off basis, or a bit more regularly, please get in touch with any of the following groups who would all welcome your voluntary help and support.

The Village Shop	Julie Atkinson - 0161 775 7022
Scouts	James Taylor - 07793 002025
Community Hall	Andy Eaves - 07368 970112
Community Plan Group	Jill - jilleaves@hotmail.co.uk
Parish Carnival	Anne McArthur - 07891 838085
Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery	Mandy Eccles - 07767 075211
Friends of Glazebrook Station	Julie Eastty - 07979 266352

Hamilton Davies Trust also work closely with volunteers in order to facilitate support for community groups in Rixton-with-Glazebrook,

Irlam and Cadishead, to help them with various tasks such as gardening, litter picking and more.

# Call 0161 222 4003 or email hello@hamiltondavies.org.uk

The HDT team are looking forward to donning their Elf outfits again for some festive fun. They would love for you to join them at their Community Coffee Morning or Carol Singing events, or to give them a wave as they set off from Hamilton Davies House on the Elf Trailer - see poster for dates and times.



#### Message from Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Council (PC) Chair - Julie Eastty

"Work has been completed on the playground in Hollins Green to repair the damage, and all surfaces have been cleaned. Its lovely to see the newly installed football nets have been well used!

I recently attended the Remembrance Service at St Helen's Church and had the privilege of laying a wreath and reading the poignant lines 'We Will Remember Them'. Our community always ensures this event is so well attended to honour those who have served, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in times of conflict.

The Parish Council continues to deal with various issues within the community and I would like to thank everyone for continuing to raise issues. Also, a big thank you to all the hardworking community groups.

I look forward to the carol singing around the Christmas trees in Hollins Green and Glazebrook!

Whether you are celebrating Christmas, or simply enjoying the festive season, I wish you all peace, happiness, and good health.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

<u>**Parish Councillors</u>** - Julie Eastty (Chair) : Liz Clarke (Vice Chair) : Dave McLachlan: Julie Givvons : Keith Whittam : Jayne McKay : John Silke</u>

**Meetings** are held at the Community Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except August & December) starting at 7pm.

2025: 15th Jan : 19th Feb : 19th March : 16th Apr : 21st May 18th June : 16th July : 17th Sept : 15th Oct : 19th Nov

Details are on our website rixtonwithglazebrook-pc.gov.uk

Meetings are public and anyone can attend and observe. If you have anything you want discussed at a meeting, please contact our clerk Nick McCarthy by email on **rixtonwithglazebrookpc@gmail.com** 

#### Warrington Borough Council (WBC)

WBC Cllr Hilary Cooksey - cllrhilarycooksey@warrington.gov.uk WBC Cllr Lawrence Sheridan - cllrlawrence.sheridan@warrington.gov.uk WBC Cllr Rob Tynan - cllrrob.tynan@warrington.gov.uk WBC website - www.warrington.gov.uk Issues, such as potholes and streetlights can be reported by visiting: https://www.warrington.gov.uk/report-and-apply Fly tipping can be reported via their customer contact centre on environmentalcrime@warrington.gov.uk or call 01925 443322.

#### Police

Our local PCSO, Bethan Roberts, continues to patrol our Parish.

- Non urgent incident reporting **101** (ask for Cheshire Police)
- Emergency incident reporting 999



Rixton-with-Glazebrook, Irlam and Cadishead have 20 publicly accessible defibrillators. Our nearest 3 are located at: Glazebrook Station, Hollins Green Community Hall, and on Mytholme Avenue, Cadishead. The map, produced by the Hamilton Davies Trust, lists all locations and can be downloaded from **irlamandcadishead.net** or picked up from Hamilton Davies House.

#### **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

All contacts were correct at the time of going to print

All Creatures Veterinary Centre	Reception	0161 777 8484
Baby Yoga and Baby Massage	Katie Payne	07701 057427
Chair Yoga	Denise Fraser	07952 680588
Chapel Crafts	Margery Green	0161 775 4372
Community Coffee	Andy Eaves	07368 970112
Community Plan Group	Andy Eaves	07368 970112
Community Shop - Hollins Green	Julie Atkinson	0161 775 7022
Dance Fitness	Liz Rainford	07723 093920
Dance Fitness and Barre Pilates	Suzanne Rogers	07917 445506
Dance Rhythm and Adult Tap Class	Liz Rainford	07723 093920
Fitness Class for over 50s	Susan Chin	07702 810248
Friends of Glazebrook Station (FROGS)	Julie Eastty	07979 266352
Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery	Pete Higson	07806 994718
Friends of St. Helen's C.E. School	Reception	0161 775 2935
Glazebrook Methodist Church	Mylvia Hunt	0161 775 2263
Glazebrook Women's Institute	Maureen Banner	01925 815707
Hollins Green Art Class	Rachelle	07724 052628
Hollins Green Beavers	James Taylor	07793 002025
Hollins Green Indoor Bowling	Ken Schofield	07733 760169
Hollins Green Cubs & Scout Leader	James Taylor	07793 002025
Hollins Green Scouts	James Taylor	07793 002025
Messy Church	Linda Ogden	0161 775 2340
Moat Cafe	Linda Shuker	07584 296783
Parish Carnival Committee	Anne McArthur	07891 838085
Parish Council	Julie Eastty	07979 266352

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Pilates - Stretch & Release	Gina Cottam	07889 966339
Psychotherapy Service	Charlie Barlow	07955 793961
Rixton Claypits	The Ranger	0161 777 9726
Rixton Dog School	Debra Adderley	07815 855016
Rixton Methodist Religious Worship	Linda Ogden	0161 775 2340
Rixton Tennis Club	Margaret	07815 484863
Rixton Tots	Linda Ogden	0161 775 2340
Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall	Bookings	see Hall page for email
Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school	Elizabeth Patten	07815 561372
Scottish Country Dancing	Colette Fairfax	07870 966217
St. Helen's C.E. Aided Primary School	School Office	0161 775 2935
St. Helen's Church	Rev Cannon Bob Lewis	07789 402954
The Black Swan	Reception	0161 222 4444
Tai Chi	Vera Cheng	07308 878588
The Greenery - Cafe & Flowers	Anne & Mark	0161 775 7095
The Rotary Club of Irlam	Gill McLaughlin	07906 839227
Treading the Bored (Theatre Group)	Laurence Harrison	07483 404348
Village Green Barbers	Jayne Norris	07967 232803
Village Show	Neil Trownson	01925 266538
Warrington Borough Council	3 Councillors	See WBC page
Ye Olde Red Lion	Reception	0161 775 1314
Yoga	Denise Fraser	07952 680598
Yoga	Holly Bailey	07732 733862

# VILLAGE SHOP

Serving the Community



#### **Opening Hours**

Monday - Saturday Sunday 8am - 6pm 8am - 1pm

#### 533 Manchester Rd, Hollins Green WA3 6JU

#### FREE HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

Available to all Rixton-with-Glazebrook residents subject to volunteer and produce availability

**TO PLACE AN ORDER** 

Phone the Village Shop on 0161 775 7022 between 1pm - 4pm only

Deliveries will be made next day from Monday – Saturday / <u>No deliveries on Sunday</u>

#### **NO CASH HANDLING**

Payment will be taken over the phone once your order is ready for dispatch

For more information about your local shop visit their website www.hollinsgreenshop.com