

Parish News

December 2020



Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Plan Group

A warm Hello to all Parish residents

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Who would have thought that, on nearing the end of 2020, we would still be in the grips of a worldwide pandemic!

Adapting to local and national lockdowns has been a challenging time for everyone. In true community spirit people throughout the Parish have pulled together to help each other out and be the wider family to those who have needed help and support at this time. Many residents have answered the call for help and engaged in volunteering, some for the first time, and have realised that giving their time freely brings joy and friendship to themselves as well as support and comfort to others. It's this show of caring and kindness that keeps community spirit alive!

Sadly our community groups, facilities, school, churches, Pre-school and pubs have all had to close for long periods or have had their opening times restricted. Thankfully with positive news of vaccines on the horizon we can all look forward, with renewed hope, to 2021 and a time when we can freely socialise once again. Contact details for groups and facilities are included in this newsletter for reference for such a time. Information about our local community groups is also on the community website (see below).

Many positive things have been happening in the community in the past six months and by producing this booklet, funded by the Parish Council, we hope to share some of them and bring some good cheer.

Enjoy the festive season and lets continue to keep each other safe.

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.com

Community Plan Group Chair: **Andy Eaves 07368 970112**



Community Village Shop

533 Manchester Rd, Hollins Green WA3 6JU

0161 775 7022

On behalf of the community we would like to say a thank you to the shop staff and wonderful band of volunteers who have turned their hands to keeping our community shop open during this pandemic. Whether helping in the shop, packing home deliveries, dropping off deliveries or doing a butchers run, volunteers have carried out these tasks with a smile on their face...even whilst wearing a face mask!

Your local shop is looking festive and has lots of special lines in for Christmas including cards, wrapping paper, a range of Darlington's special edition chutneys and preserves, speciality cheeses from the Cheshire Cheese company and other bespoke goodies ideal for hampers. Small and large pork pie orders, Christmas bread and Greenhalgh's orders are now being taken. Orders from Howarths butchers, Flixton can be placed through their website - add a special note to state delivery to Hollins Green and your goods will be delivered to the shop for collection. Howarths also have Veg boxes available.

Bespoke hampers are also available from the Village Shop, and can now even be delivered to your door, thanks to the kind help of the shop volunteers who continue to support the much appreciated Home Delivery Service.



A reminder that, as well as a large range of fresh food and essential provisions, the shop also sells stamps and offers a cash back service and are now a Hermes drop off/collection point. For details of Christmas opening hours and who to contact for the Home Delivery service see the back page.

With the recent closure of our village Post Offices, the shop have expressed an interest in having the Post Office within the Village Shop. This is a long process however which, if they are approved, will take around nine months.

In Thanks and Remembrance

Visitors to the Parish, as well as residents, have been deeply moved by the many tributes that have been shown over the past 9 months.



In Spring blue ribbons magically appeared on trees and lampposts throughout the parish to say 'Thank You' to all frontline workers. Whilst the ribbons have now faded and the weekly clapping has ceased, our thanks for all those that care for others struck by Covid-19 has not diminished.

The cenotaph in Hollins Green has also been adorned twice this year, firstly for VE Day and then again in time for Remembrance Sunday, stopping passers by in their tracks to take in these moving and beautiful tributes. The Parish wish to thank the ladies who kindly created and installed these fitting and wonderful displays...you know who you are!



Once again the I & C Poppy Committee volunteers did the district proud by putting poppies on lampposts in Hollins Green as well as along the length of Irlam and Cadishead.



This wonderful spectacle of remembrance brings a warm feeling to all who see it and is a fitting tribute to all those who lost their lives in major conflicts. In addition the 'timeline of the fallen' along the cemetery railings is also a wonderful tribute seen and appreciated by many.

Religious Services

Sadly, the three churches in the parish have been closed or have had their services curtailed during the pandemic. To find out what services are available currently, and over the Christmas period, please see the Community Contact section in this newsletter for details of who to contact.

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall

As residents will know, the Community Hall Committee have been working hard to plan a major renovation of the Hall facilities. Unfortunately, the dream to completely rebuild the Hall is not a viable proposition, therefore a smaller yet still significant refurbishment was planned.

Thanks to the support of the Hamilton Davies Trust and the Parish Council, a significant proportion of the required funds has been pledged, however, due to the Covid pandemic this year and the financial constraints, the development has had to be postponed for the time being. Please note that the committee are still keen to progress with the project, and are continuing to work behind the scenes to make this happen.

The Committee thank all of the Hall's regular users for their continued support, and look forward to welcoming them all back to enjoy the facilities in due course.

Pause : Reflect : Cherish

Due to lockdown restrictions the Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery had to cancel their monthly Action Days in the Spring but, as restrictions eased, volunteers once again rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in to bring the untended cemetery back to looking cared for once again.

The Friends group were looking forward to a special launch event in March to celebrate the completion of their 2 year project to install a memorial in the cemetery to remember all those, young and old, resting in graves unmarked and unvisited. Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled due to Covid, but hopefully it will go ahead next year.

The memorial stands proudly to the right of the entrance gates for all to see and to remember loved ones by.



Carols around the tree - Christmas Eve 6.30pm - 7pm



With singing still not an option indoors, singing Carols outside around the Christmas tree at St. Helen's Church, Hollins Green will be even more meaningful for many this year. For nearly 30 years now residents have come together in voice on Christmas Eve to join in singing a few Carols, starting their Christmas festivities alongside family and friends. Obviously this year will be slightly different, as members of different households need to ensure they stand 2 metres apart from other households. Please respect this space if taking part.

Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school

Unable to host their usual fundraising events this year, Pre-School has tried new and inventive ways to raise money, including silent auctions, thanks to donations from local residents and businesses.

Full details of the current auction can be found on Pre-School's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RWGpreschool/>

Their latest fundraiser, the 'Most Festive Front Garden' takes place from Friday 11th December for a week, when there will be a festive trail that families can enjoy by following a map around the parish (available online) whilst at the same time voting for their favourite festive garden. Residents can enter their garden into the trail by making a donation of £5 to Pre-school. The top 3 gardens, as voted for by local residents, will all win a prize including a Xmas hamper worth £60 for the winning garden. Why not join in the fun by entering your festive front garden in the trail?

A poster with details on how to enter can be viewed by visiting:

<https://rixtonwithglazebrook.net/locations/rixton-glazebrook-pre-school/>



Pre-School has places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds - if interested in a place for your child contact the team on **07815 561372**.

Community Plan Group

Despite restrictions this year, local volunteers have kept in touch via WhatsApp to organise parish activities, and have found safe ways to continue to support the local community.



The Group organised a 'Drop & Go' food donation weekend in April to support the Irlam & Cadishead Foodbank, to help those in need during this very difficult time. A second one has been organised for the weekend 11-13th December. Posters with the details are posted around the parish or you can contact the Community Plan Chair Andy Eaves on **07768 970112**.

In small household couples, Group volunteers also planted 500 English Bluebells, funded by the Parish Council, under the trees in Glamis wood to add some lovely Spring colour to the gateway to the parish.

A new walk has now been written and will be published in Spring 2021 thanks to support with printing from the Hamilton Davies Trust. The new walk is in addition to the six existing circular walks that explore the rural public footpaths and lanes throughout the parish and neighbouring area. Walks are available to freely download from the community website www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net



Ultra Fibre Optic Broadband has arrived!

Hollins Green and Claydon Gardens, Rixton has become one of the first parts of Warrington to get Ultra Fibre from TalkTalk with a guaranteed minimum download speed of 450 Mbps.

For more details on how to get connected contact TalkTalk at talktalk.co.uk/ufo

Message from Rixton-with-Glazebrook Parish Council (PC)

What a year this has been! We are all fed up now but hopefully, with the new vaccine, the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight for 2021.

PC meetings continued in the Community Hall, when lockdown rules allowed, but otherwise regular Zoom meetings have been held to keep on top of village matters including planning, grass cutting, hedge and tree cutting, play area maintenance and lighting. Sadly we had to remove a number of sycamore trees from the recreation ground, due to them getting out of control and restricting light to the houses close by and a concern that eventually they would have undermined the walls and foundations.

Earlier this year we helped to fund the cobbles for the new memorial in the cemetery and we have again funded 500 English Bluebells, which have been planted in Glamis Wood by volunteers. We will continue with this funding until there is a beautiful blue carpet under the trees. The PC continues to maintain the trees in Glamis wood and ensures undergrowth is kept down. More daffodils have also been planted, by Cllr. Dave McLachlan, adjacent to the duel carriageway on Manchester Road. The look of the parish is important to us and in 2021 we will be looking into ways of funding areas which need attention.

On the issue of HS2, Cllr. Dave Trenbath is keeping us abreast of what is happening and putting information on our website

www.rixtonwithglazebrookpc.org.uk/hs2

We wish to thank Nick McCarthy, who took up the reins of clerk to the PC in difficult circumstances. Nick has proved very capable and since being with us has been on numerous courses to keep up with technology and our legal requirements. We know we are in safe hands for the future and can rely on his judgement and discretion.

Your Parish Councillors: Liz Clarke (Chair), Maureen Banner (Vice Chair), Dave Trenbath, Dave McLachlan, Maurice Johnson, Bob Andrews and our clerk Nick McCarthy would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas and a better and prosperous New Year.

Parish Council surgeries are currently postponed, due to Covid-19, but your Parish Councillors can be contacted by emailing the Parish Clerk Nick McCarthy at rixtonwithglazebrookpc@gmail.com

Warrington Borough Council (WBC)

The WBC website www.warrington.gov.uk has some useful advice, information and service updates. 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**.

Bin collections are running as usual. You can check the date of your next bin collection, and Christmas collection dates, by visiting the WBC website.



With more people staying at home and more waste being created, WBC advise that you collapse your waste and packaging before placing it in the bins to help collection services run smoothly and efficiently.

For Coronavirus updates visit:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-warrington>

Post Office

With both our postmasters having recently retired, our Parish sadly no longer has a village Post Office. On behalf of the parish we wish to thank both Pete and Liz for the many years of service they have given to the community and to wish them all the best for the future.

Stamps are available from the Village Shop and post boxes, at the following parish locations, are still operational: Manchester Rd near the Barbers; Chapel Lane nr Claydon Gardens, the corner of Moss Side Lane and Moat Lane; and Station Rd, Glazebrook. Currently our nearest Post Offices are at:

- Anvil Stores, 104-108 Liverpool Road, Cadishead, M44 5AN
- Irlam Post Office, 570 Liverpool Road, Irlam, M44 6NZ

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

If any of the contacts are unavailable, please contact Mandy Eccles on **07767 075211**

All Creatures Veterinary Centre	Reception	0161 777 8484
Belly Dancing	Michele	07525 456291
Camsley Grange Riding for the Disabled	Helen Sharp	07379 905163
Chapel Crafts	Margery Green	0161 775 4372
Community Plan Group	Andy Eaves	07768 276922
Community Shop - Hollins Green	Julie Atkinson	0161 775 7022
Dance Rhythm and Adult Tap Class	Liz Rainford	07723 093920
Friends of St. Helen's C.E. Church	Alan Domville	0161 775 9360
Friends of St. Helen's C.E. School	Tina connor	07734 681239
Friends of Hollinfare Cemetery	Pete Higson	0161 775 2802
Glazebrook Methodist Church	Mylvia Hunt	0161 775 2263
Glazebrook Women's Institute	Judith Barnard	0161 775 9934
Hollins Green Art Class	Rachelle	0161 775 0524
Hollins Green Beavers	Gareth Turner	07764 477034
Hollins Green Indoor Bowling	Neil Trownson	0161 775 0302
Hollins Green Cubs	Dave Wallington	0161 775 1433
Hollins Green Scouts	Cathy Wallington	017901 557067
Hollins Green Sequence Dancing	Doreen Herridge	0161 775 7248
Irlam and Cadishead Leisure Centre	Reception	0161 775 4134
Karate	Lynn Nelson	07711 363831
Messy Church	Linda Ogden	0161 775 2340

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Metafit Impact Training Sessions	Vicky	07841 756449
Moat Cafe	Diane Jennings	07950 482752
Parish Carnival Committee	Neil Fairfax	0161 777 6957
Parish Council	Liz Clarke	0161 775 7838
Rixton Claypits	The Ranger	0161 777 9726
Rixton Dog School	Debra Adderley	07815 855016
Rixton Methodist Religious Worship	Rev. Linda Bishop	01925 416780
Rixton Tennis Club	Brenda Jeffrey	01925 813298
Rixton Tots	Linda Ogden	0161 775 2340
Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall	Bookings	07851 267891
Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school	Elizabeth Patten	07815 561372
St. Helen's C.E.Aided Primary School	Simon Jones	0161 775 2935
St. Helen's Church and Sunday School	Alan Domville	0161 775 9360
The Black Swan	Reception	0161 222 4444
The Rotary Club of Irlam	David Alletson	07760 100927
Village Green Barbers	Jayne Norris	07867 656659
Wasps Out of School Club	Karen Ward	07582 719725
Warrington Borough Council	Cllr. Andrew Hill	01925 419481
Woolston Neighbourhood Hub	Reception	01925 813939
Ye Olde Red Lion	Reception	0161 775 1314
ZStyle - dance style Exercise Class	Michele	07525 456291

VILLAGE SHOP

Serving the Community



Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	7am - 3pm
Christmas Day	closed
Boxing Day	closed
Sunday 27th Dec	8am - 1pm
Monday 28th Dec	8am—1pm
Tuesday 29th	8am—1pm
Monday 30th Dec	8am - 1pm
New Years Eve	8am - 1pm
New Years Day	closed
Saturday 2nd Jan	8am - 5pm

FREE HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

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

TO PLACE AN ORDER

Phone or text Helen on 07530 895677 between 10am - 1pm only or
Phone the Village Shop on 0161 775 7022 between 1pm - 4pm only

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

NO CASH HANDLING

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