



# Ravenfield Parish Council

## Newsletter

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### Have your say on local change and development!

Ravenfield Parish Council is in the process of updating our Community Plan. As part of this review, we are seeking residents' views on their priority areas within the Parish.

Enclosed within this newsletter is a short questionnaire. By completing this, your views and ideas will inform and help the Parish Council to set priorities that are important to you and your family over the next few years. Ideally, we would like everyone in your family to fill in the questionnaire, so please encourage everyone in your household either to go online to complete it or request extra copies from the Parish Council.



The questionnaire is available online: at <https://forms.gle/wnUs9R4Sxashhegd8> or hold the camera of your smartphone up to the QR code and the link will appear in your browser.

### The Elizabeth Parkin Centre welcomes you!

The Elizabeth Parkin Centre is located at the junction of Longfield Drive and Smeaton Close. It is owned by Rotherham Borough Council, but is a community asset for all of Ravenfield to use and enjoy. The Centre is named after Mrs Elizabeth Parkin, a rich Sheffield socialite who had inherited a fortune from family commerce in 1756. She used her wealth to replace the medieval church in Ravenfield with a new one designed by the York architect John Carr. Mrs Parkin also employed Carr to build a new Georgian mansion on the site of the Westbys' old house. Elizabeth, a spinster, had adopted a relative named George Osborne whose education she supervised until he became the manager of her estates. On Mrs Parkin's death in 1776, George Osborne inherited the estate.

The Centre at the crossroads, holds two bingo sessions each week on a Tuesday and a Thursday, 7pm-9pm. For £4 you get 14 games of bingo, tea/coffee and biscuits. There are usually some home-made cakes available too, brought by residents. This is open for everyone to attend. Every other Tuesday there is a coffee morning, 10am-12pm. This costs £1.50p for tea/coffee and cake and a raffle (£1 a strip) to raise funds for the centre to put other events on. Up to October the centre has funding from RotherFed to have a weekly fitness class. This takes place on a Thursday morning 10.30am-11.30am. This is free to attend, so if you are interested, just turn up. It is hoped that the funding will continue. The Centre, with its spacious hall and integral kitchen, can also be booked online through the RMBC website for small gatherings/parties.



### Reduced Bus Service in Ravenfield

Our MP John Healey is supporting a petition to 'Save our Bus Service', which is available online until the end of October. Hard copies of the petition can be obtained from Gemma, Clerk to the Council, and also Ravenfield Stores and the Coral Fish Bar: Add your name to Save our Bus Services.



<https://www.rotherhamlabour.co.uk/buses/>

Contact SYPTE - to obtain up to date information:

Telephone: 0114 276 7575 Email: [communications@sypte.co.uk](mailto:communications@sypte.co.uk)

## Ravenfield Parish Council Chair's Report 2021/22

This is my fourth term as Chairman. The Council still feels that rotation of the chairmanship is healthy because all seven Councillors then get involved. Every one of my colleagues plays a part and with support from our Clerk and our caretaker we all pull the same way and I hope run an effective Parish Council.

The last year has again been affected by the pandemic, but life is returning to something like normal. We made a special effort to improve the Christmas lighting and I hope you agree it was a success. The switch-on was a happy affair at the Cavalier on the 1st December but there were some nervous Councillors until all the lights came on! A brave effort by Maltby Brass Band to cheer us up before Christmas was thwarted by heavy rain. However, the band played on - a credit to their professionalism.

The Ravenfield Community Plan Group (supported by the Parish Council) came up with the popular initiative to place large poppies on the main roads in the village. Parishioners sponsored these and the proceeds sent to the Royal British Legion. A big thank you to all involved. With our new Remembrance Stone, we were able to conduct a service subject to limited Covid regulations. This year we hope that more of you will attend and place a wreath if you so wish.



We now know that the Moor Lane South development is to be undertaken by Redrow Homes. The Parish Council had a preliminary meeting with them on 7th October. Although not signed off, yet we believe they hope to start work this year. There will be 305 dwellings and it is expected to take about six years. We also had a meeting with RMBC Cabinet Members and Officers on the 7th February to express our concerns about the health provisions, school places and transport issues that the new estate is bound to create.



### SPONSOR A POPPY IN RAVENFIELD

Poppies are now available to sponsor, minimum donation of £5.00 per poppy. We have 110 poppies to be displayed along Braithwell Road, Hollings Lane, Moor Lane North and Moor Lane South.

Sponsors will be invited to leave a message of remembrance which will be displayed in the Parish Hall, on the Parish Notice boards, Ravenfield Parish Council webpage, and Facebook page.



**All proceeds to the Royal British Legion**

For more information, or to obtain a sponsorship form, please contact the Clerk on: 07462 468050, by email: [ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com), or visit: [www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Sponsorship forms to be submitted by 4 November 2022.

A really special development in Ravenfield this year is the start up of the Allotment Society. The land off Hollings Lane Playing Fields was badly overgrown, but the tremendous effort by those involved is already showing progress. It will be great to have working allotments back in the village. I am not a big fan of social media, but in this case it brought together a splendid group of people in sufficient numbers to make this work.

Sadly, in November, a good friend of the village passed away. Neil McKinnon was a stalwart of the Bowling Club and always helpful to the Parish Council. We shall miss him.

To make sure we do not add to people's financial worries this year, we again have not increased the precept.

Finally, I should like to thank my fellow Councillors. They have always been supportive and helpful. Sarah, the caretaker, has dealt with the difficulty thrown up by the pandemic in terrific fashion. The last thank you is to our Clerk, Gemma. Since she started we have thrown numerous things at her. Alterations to the Parish Hall, pandemic problems, gas leaks, massive housing developments, a new Allotment Society and many more daily emergencies. She has dealt with all calmly and politely and with a good grace that does her great credit.

*David Rowley*

## Parish Hall Timetable (The Parish Hall is available for private hire and parties. Please contact the Clerk to the Council for further details).

	DAY	EVENING
Monday	Baby Group 9.00am-2.30 (Book swap library open 2.30-3.30)	Rotherham Philatelic Society 7.00-9.00 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, March – November)
Tuesday	Baby Group 9.00am-2.30 (Book swap library open 2.30-3.30)	Craft Group 7-9pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month) Art Group 7-9 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)
Wednesday	Ravenfield Old People's Social Fund & Events Group every week (Coffee mornings 10.00 1 <sup>st</sup> week every month)	Indoor Bowling 6.30-9.00pm every week
Thursday	Toddler Group 9.15am-11.15am (Term times only). Bramley Townswomen's Guild Craft Group 1.30-3.30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month)	Parish Council Meeting 6.30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month except August). Women's Institute 7-9pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month) Rotherham Philatelic Society 7.00-9.00 (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month)
Friday	Sewing Club 10.00am-3.00pm every week	Indoor Bowling 6.30-9.00pm every week
Saturday	Dog Obedience 9.00am-11.00pm every week	Available for private hire
Sunday	Community Pop-Up Café 10.30-12.30 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month)	St James Church Service (4.00-5.00 (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each month)

Visit your local website for further details:  
[www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## News from St James Church 2021/2022

2021/2022 at St James Church has been a testing year. With the pandemic situation starting to ease, the congregation was allowed to restart their singing of hymns and to partake in Holy Communion once again. Easter and special services have been down on attendance, maybe due to people's reluctance to mix, due to Covid. The second outdoor Remembrance Service at the memorial stone had more people attending than the previous year, and it is felt that this annual event will grow and grow. Christmas is always a special time with quite a few services including carols at the Cavalier with the vicar Peter Hughes leading. As usual the nativity was very well attended, with organised chaos: the little ones running around and making as much noise as possible with the musical instruments provided. Mums, dads and grandparents were so proud of their kids and enjoyed having a good laugh too.

The church clock now seems to be keeping good time after all the teething troubles we endured in the early stages after the electrification.

We continue our food bank collections, sending on average 85 kg of food, toiletries, and baby products every two months which are gratefully accepted by the Rotherham food bank.

No weddings took place in 2021 though we have three booked for this year in the summer and autumn.

A fund-raising fashion show is booked for October this year. Look out for details. A number of christenings have taken place and sadly a few funerals. Quite a bit of in house maintenance has taken place, done by ourselves, to save money. We try to keep on top of the maintenance but old buildings take some looking after. St James is one of the older buildings in Ravenfield and is of great historical importance. We hold a family service in the Parish Hall on the first Sunday of the month at 4 pm and are grateful to the Parish Council for the use of the facility. Going forward it is our mission to grow the congregation and keep the church alive and available for all. Christenings and weddings can be booked via Rev. Peter Hughes, priest in charge.



*Sandra Pearson. Verger for St. James Church.*






- Are you aged between 18 and 25 years?
- Have you lived in Ravenfield for over 3 years?
- Do you intend taking up Further Education, Higher Education or Vocational training?

You could apply for a small grant from the

**Ravenfield Educational Foundation**

Include

- Your age
- The course you intend to follow
- Name and address of the Educational Establishment to be attended
- Names of 2 referees, with letters, to support your application



Applications must be received by  
**30 September 2022**

Send to: The Secretary,  
68 Bridgewater Way, Ravenfield, Rotherham. S65 4GH



# THE RAVENFIELD CHARITY

Let's spread the word



## How do we help our community?

- Are you in financial difficulty through no fault of your own?
- Need help with an essential purchase or repair?

The only criteria to make an application is that you live in Ravenfield and are in need of help.

No publicity. No red tape

If you feel you fit the criteria, please feel free to contact the charity. All applications will be considered on merit.

Contact via  
The Secretary  
39 Hollings Lane  
Ravenfield  
S65 4PS

Please be assured all enquiries are strictly confidential.

## News from Ravenfield Primary Academy

It's been another busy year at Ravenfield Primary Academy and one full of exceptional experiences for all of our children.

I am pleased to say that in 2021-22 we have had a full academic year with no school closures. Our children have not had a full year in school since 2018-2019. Some of the things that we have all missed doing in school are back. We have been able to have whole school assemblies, music in larger groups, sports day with an audience and just generally play and meals together on a day-to-day basis.

We are keen to give all of our children regular exceptional experiences and this year has been no exception! In April, we took our choir to Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices concert. This was a wonderful chance to be part of a choir made up of thousands of children from schools around the country. Our children were amazing as they tunefully sang songs that they had been practising all year.

In June, we had the pleasure of taking the Year 6 to London on a residential visit. We sailed down the Thames, took a flight on the London Eye, looked at scientific discoveries in the Science Museum, amongst many other experiences. It was an absolute delight to take the children from Ravenfield on a visit that I hope they will remember for a lifetime! Year 3 visited Weston Park Museum to discover mummies and Ancient Egyptian tombs. Year 4 went chocolate tasting at Cadbury's World in Birmingham. Other year groups also visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Potteric Carr and Bridlington.

In June, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style with a whole school family picnic on our field and a fair. We linked up with our Maltby Learning Trust academies via the Internet to sing the National Anthem together. Some of our musicians played as part of this day. We managed to raise some money with our sponsored dance, which featured music from the decades of the Queen's reign.

Over the summer, our school is undergoing a major refurbishment of the classrooms and hall. In September, we will once again be opening our doors to welcome in prospective families to our school. Keep your eyes peeled for details about our open day.

Currently, we have places available in the academy. So please do not hesitate to get in touch, if you are interested. We would be delighted to show you around.

*Caroline Coates, Principal of Ravenfield Academy*





# Reports from Clubs and Societies

## Ravenfield Community Plan Group (Charity 1188553)

2019 saw the setting up of the Ravenfield Community Plan Group to work along side the Parish Council to help implement the community plan. The objective was for the group to achieve charitable status so we could apply for grants to pay for works that are outside the remit of the council. In March 2020 we became a registered charity.

Our key objective is to make the Jubilee Field user-friendly all year round and a place where residents can enjoy quality leisure time. I am pleased to say that in the last 12 months thanks to the help of the Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council, Gemma O'Carroll, RMBC have repaired the broken drains and we now wait until this coming winter to see if this has resolved the problems we see with the field becoming water-logged every winter.

We applied to the Co-Op to join the Local Community Fund and after much effort on the part of Jill Jesson and Kath Ward we were accepted and have received our 1<sup>st</sup> payment In April and will receive our second payment in November.

We hold regular coffee morning at the Parish Hall and that has generated £1100 in income. In conjunction with Parish Council we produced the Love Where You Live leaflet highlighting events in the village, we assisted with the placing of the poppies for Remembrance Sunday and have created a garden group to look after the crossroads.

We are now waiting for the next community plan to set future goals for the group.

*Mike Ward*

## The Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group



In September 2021 our Silverwood Colliery Pop-Up Heritage Centre was launched at the Ravenfield Parish Hall. Attendance and feedback at the event exceeded all our expectations. We went on to hold three more pop-up heritage centres in Sunnyside, Thrybergh and The South Yorkshire Transport Museum

On December 24th 2021, we held our annual remembering Silverwood Colliery at Christmas event, at the memorial wheel situated on the former Silverwood site. This event saw our communities come together to pay tribute to the former Silverwood

workforce with a live brass band, carol singing, mulled wine, mince pies and the illuminating of the memorial wheel. This was a very enjoyable evening that brought great Christmas cheer and community spirit.



On February 3rd 2022, we held our annual tribute and remembrance service dedicated to all who lost their lives in the 1966 paddy mail disaster. In this disaster 10 men were killed and a total of 29 injured.

So far through out the summer of 2022 we have attended a number of gala events, showcasing the history of Silverwood colliery through a selection of memorabilia and artefacts. We have a number of projects and ideas of which we are currently working on. In September 2022 the Pop-Up Heritage Centre will be returning and its first point of call will be Bramley.



In October 2022 if all goes to plan we will have an eight week exhibition at Clifton Park Museum. Our annual remembering Silverwood Colliery at Christmas event is also set to return on the 24th December 2022.



I would like to sincerely thank everyone that supports, helps and is involved with our group. Keep up the great work everyone.

*Neil Bingham*



## Ravenfield Craft Club

Ravenfield Craft Club is held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 till 9pm. We have tried several different crafts over the last year including pottery painting, bottle lights, quilling, and different types of Christmas tree decorations. Sometimes it's just a do-your-own-thing session, when we catch up with what everyone has been up to and to share any new craft skills and ideas for future projects over a cuppa and biscuits.



Coming up over the next few months we have glass painting, macramé demonstrated by one of our members and another visit by Pottering Around to do some more pottery painting.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Jan on 07401 607481

*Jan Bryce*

## Ravenfield Art Group



Our art group has had another very successful year with an increase in membership and the waiting list to join.

Members have received expert tuition from visiting artists and have enjoyed time to work on their own ideas, sharing skills with other members of the group.



At our art exhibition in May, over 70 works of art were sold, while the refreshments provided by members of St James Church and the Ravenfield Community Plan Group, ensured both of those community groups made a profit for their funds.

*Jill Jesson*

## Ravenfield Rubbish Rascal



Individual members of our local litter-picking group continue to clear our streets, parks and beauty spots throughout the year. The group came together again in April for a team effort to clear woodland around Silverwood and Gulling Wood and many bags of rubbish were bagged and later collected for disposal by Rotherham Borough Council.

If you would like to join the team, please contact

*Carol Evans* on 530358 or 07758 027745



## Ravenfield Women's Institute (WI)

Ravenfield WI is now in its sixth year and currently has over 30 members, the majority of whom live in Ravenfield. The WI is an organisation centred on friendship, campaigning, education, and fun.

At the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) annual meeting this year, the resolution for "*Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD - Under-identified, Under-diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-supported*" was passed and will now form the basis of a national WI campaign.

These are the sessions in 2022 we have done so far and have coming up:

- January - Hollings Lane Wellbeing Clinic talk
- February - The Space Angel, a professional organising & de-cluttering service
- March - Ravenfield Annual meeting
- April - "Operation Caddy" a talk about the investigation into the murder of Dr Shawcross
- May - Tote Bags and Name Badge designing
- June - "For the love of hedgehogs" a talk by the local rescue group
- July - Imagination Gaming, interactive games night
- August - Old Ravenfield treasure hunt
- September - A talk by Peter Machan, local author of "Loxley, wanderings in a curious valley"
- October - Pottering Around, a craft evening
- November - Paul Whittaker (deaf musician)
- December - Christmas social



We attended the Ravenfield Fete in June 2022 to fundraise for the Ravenfield Well Dressing display. In 2006 the Ravenfield Events Group were asked to take part in the 250-year celebrations of St James Church and created and displayed a well dressing at the Millennium Stone on Moor Lane North. We are delighted that they have asked us to continue this tradition for the village. We fundraised for Winthrop Gardens and were invited to judge their Jubilee bake off competition. We are sponsoring some classes for this year's Rotherham Show "Made in Rotherham" competition.

Our Christmas Fair is on Sunday 27 November.

For more information about our WI please email: [ravenfieldwi@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldwi@outlook.com) or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RavenfieldWI/>

*Karen Jay, President of Ravenfield WI*

## Ravenfield Old People's Social Fund



We re-started our normal activities the first Wednesday in September 2021. The Committee assessed the Covid situation and thought it was safe to get back to normal or nearly normal. Our first outing was to Brigg Garden Centre in November for a Christmas meal. This year we have celebrated the Queen's Jubilee and Yorkshire Day in the same style, all paid for out of our funds. Day trips this year were to Skipton, Scarborough and Trentham Shopping Village and Gardens. Our

next day out in September is to Whitby, always a favourite. Finally in November we intend to go to Brigg Garden Centre again. They have the best Christmas tree trimmings in this county. To end the year in style we will have our normal Christmas three-course tea followed by an evening of entertainment.



*Geoff Outram*



## Ravenfield Allotment Society (RAS)

Our new allotment society has made impressive progress since reclaiming the village allotment site which had been derelict for many years. Starting in January 2022, we established a working committee, applied for funding and attracted community interest. This enabled us to clear the entire site to allow plots to be allocated and cultivation to begin. Progress has been achieved through a combination of people's time, dedication, expertise, and generous loan of machinery. The photographs trace the transformation from overgrown wasteland to the point of plot allocation and cultivation.

We have created a WhatsApp group to share ideas and resources between members, as well as a new website, and INSTAGRAM page [@ravenfieldallotmentsociety](#); we want RAS to be visible as a community asset. Plans for community drop-in days, school visits, as well as a grand opening event to celebrate our achievements and promote the importance of community allotments, are being discussed.

To date, we have allocated all 19 plots and there are five people on the waiting list. Looking forward to the end of 2022, we hope to have had a successful growing season, but with plans at the forefront of our minds to developing the site further in 2023.

If you would like to get involved, perhaps add your name to the waiting list, or have any questions, please contact a member of the committee.

Email: [secretaryravenfieldallotments@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryravenfieldallotments@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.ravenfieldallotmentsociety.co.uk>

Instagram [@ravenfieldallotmentsociety](#)

The site is located on Hollings Lane, S65 4PS.

*Deborah Bowman*



From this .....

...to this!

## Ravenfield Community Gardening



We are a group of about six volunteers who meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm to maintain and develop the flowerbeds at the crossroads. Our aim is to keep it looking nice but also have flowers that will help our wildlife to survive.

We have planted quite a few bulbs – mainly daffodils and tulips and they look beautiful in the springtime. More will be planted this autumn. We are also planting a few perennials which flower every year, to give some year-round interest. Some members of our local community have also very kindly donated plants. Thank-you.

We welcome new volunteers, so if you'd like to join us for a spot of gardening and then a quick drink in the pub afterwards, please pop along with your gardening tools, if you have some, but if you don't, I'm sure we can find some for you. You can contact me (Jenny) via email at [Ravenfieldcommunitygardening@outlook.com](mailto:Ravenfieldcommunitygardening@outlook.com)

## Ravenfield Toddler Group



Ravenfield carer/toddler group has been established for almost 20 years and is still going strong.

It is run by volunteers and takes place in Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive on Thursday mornings throughout term time. The session is 9:15-11:15 and costs £3 per family. This includes drinks and a variety of snacks. Child-minders are also welcome with an additional £1 charge if they bring more than three children.



We aim to provide a stimulating, welcoming and fun environment for children aged 0-4 years and their families. We have a range of activities including playdough, painting, role-play, popular culture toys and much more. A separate area with mats is provided for babies and all resources are age appropriate.

We would love to see you there so please pop along.

*Natalie Easthope*

## Ravenfield Baby Group

Classes run on Mondays and Tuesdays. Every week we have a different exciting class theme to look forward to... farm week, jungle safari, an under the sea adventure, pirate party, rainbows, dinosaurs...the list goes on!!!

Each class has a lesson plan tailored to children's development and implements the early years framework (EYFS).

There are two different classes -

☆ Baby Class (Birth to Walking) ☆

☆ Toddler Class (Early Walkers to three years) Also perfect for younger siblings to join in the fun! ☆

We start each class with singing using props and instruments as well as bubbles and parachute games. The children can explore different themed activities set up at different areas around the room. Activities focus on sensory elements as well as physical skills, communication and language, math, literacy, role-playing, mark making...so much to do and learn! Classes are very relaxed, you can meet other parents, have a chat and babies can play, explore and learn.

Classes must be pre-booked...

<https://bookwhen.com/ravenfieldbabygroup>

For more information, please find us on Facebook and Instagram. I look forward to meeting you and your babies very soon!

For updates and information please follow us on social media...

<https://www.facebook.com/ravenfieldbabygroup>  
[www.instagram.com/ravenfieldbabygroup](https://www.instagram.com/ravenfieldbabygroup)



*Keeley Brooks*



# Reports from Local Events

## The Cavalier Ravenfield Yorkshire Air Ambulance Fundraising Group



We started this journey back in 2017, having decided to start to raise funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, an independent charity providing lifesaving response and emergency service across the whole of Yorkshire. The Cavalier Pub was our base where we able to raise funds and get the local community involved.

Fund-raising was started by running raffles, auctions, fun days, music fests and bed pushes. We have received donations and help from village locals and businesses. Without this support, we would not have been able to achieve the £28,000 raised to date. These events brought our community together and we have had some fun days and made some fantastic memories along the way

In 2017/2018 the Cavalier Public House was awarded the Individual and Supporter Organisations award from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We continued our fundraising with a live music fest and fun day at the Cavalier on Saturday 6 August. Families came along to enjoy live bands, face-painting, homemade cakes, a raffle, tombola and other stalls. All this support helped to exceed the £30,000 target we set ourselves before the end of the year.



The event this year raised well over £3300, with money still coming in from the event. At least seven different bands and musicians turned up to entertain the public. The entertainment went on late into the evening with standing room only as all seats were taken. (Many people brought their own chairs to be sure of a comfortable time.) Thank you to everyone for his or her contribution and help along the way.

*Mick Collins*

### Ravenfield Book Swap

The Book Swap can be visited whenever the Parish Hall is open for club events. It is also open every Monday and Tuesday 2.30-3.30 (excluding bank holidays). Please use the side door to save disturbing groups using the main hall.

There are books for all tastes, both adult and children's fiction, factual books, biography, and so much more.

Feel free to take as many books as you want and to return or donate ones which are clean and in a sound condition.



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## The Ravenfield Park Woodland Management



Almost 10 years ago the Ravenfield Park Management Committee sought advice from the Forestry Commission regarding the management of the fast-developing woodland within the Park. A plan was drawn up and completed by volunteers over the following years.

Recently the situation has been reassessed and it is now appropriate to carry out further woodland thinning. This will involve removing of some trees or parts of trees within woodland because as they reach 10-15 years old, they begin to compete for space, light and nutrients and growth starts to slow. Thinning makes sure that the best trees grow at the fastest rate, allowing a more diverse woodland structure and helping to future proof the landscape.

Because of the size of the task this is no longer possible on a voluntary basis and therefore a contractor will carry out the work for us, commencing, we hope, in October, for a period of four weeks, possibly more.



**During this period, which will be sign posted to explain what is happening, and on health and safety grounds, the Park will be closed to all visitors.**

*Martin Read.*

## Ravenfield Fete

Following the success of our first village fete in June 2022, organised by the Ravenfield Fundraising Society, it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

We are just a small group of residents wanting to bring our community together each year. We fundraised throughout 2021 by holding markets at the Cavalier, a race night and a Halloween party. Everything we did was new to us, and there were many legal hurdles and hoops to jump over and through. We absolutely loved bringing you the fete, and we hope that you enjoyed it as well. It is expected that each year, as our experience increases, we can make it a bigger and better event.

Between 300 and 500 people were expected to attend, but you came out in force and we estimate that we had around 1000 visitors on the day! Organising this first fete taught us a lot: we didn't get everything right, but we did our best for you. Between September and November we will once again be taking expressions of interest for next year's fete. We are able to have 30 stalls, and these will consist of five free pitches for community/charity stalls, five food mobiles, and 20 craft, gift and retail stalls. If you would like to submit an expression of interest please email [ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com)



Look out on Ravenfield News and Information Facebook page for updates and further information. Thank you for your continued support. Gemma, Grace, Jenny, Lynsey and Toni.

*Toni Leach*

## Ravenfield Fund-Raising Society

We are a group of five residents with a sole aim of fundraising to finance an annual village fete. In 2021 we raised enough money to pay for this years fete. Money raised from the fete through stalls and the bouncy castles have left us in a great position for next years fete. We still have some money to raise and ideally this



would have been done through putting on the markets at the Cavalier again, but the fete took up so much time, and things just didn't come together to get them organised. They will be back next year, as we will need the income to pay for the fete in 2024. We have no other income other than what we raise, so we ask you for your support when we hold fundraising events. Private donations are also welcome, including becoming a sponsor for our events. If you would like to help organise future fundraising events, or become a private donor/sponsor, please get in touch at [ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com)

*Toni Leach.*

## Events to come...

Watch the village notice boards, announcements in the shops and on the Parish Hall website for further details of local events.

## The Pop-Up Café

Ravenfield's Pop-Up Café goes from strength to strength. On the third Sunday of most months, villagers young and old meet in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea or coffee and a selection of delicious cakes. If you get there early there may be sausage rolls and toasted teacakes as well. There are gluten-free options and juice for the children.

This enterprise is organized by a band of enthusiastic volunteers. They can be contacted via e-mail:

[ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com)

So far the group has raised £1,200.53 for the community in Ravenfield, and at a special one-off event the group raised a staggering £396.60 for Ukrainian refugees, which was donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee.



For the December event, Maltby Brass Band will play carols at the Pop-Up Café in the Parish Hall on Sunday 18 December from 11:00am -12:00pm. The café will be open from 10.30 as usual.

*Many thanks to the Ravenfield Stores  
for supporting this venture*

## Pop-Up Café

**At Ravenfield Parish Hall 10.30am -12.30pm**

The café is held on a Sunday on the following dates:-

**21<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**



**We serve Tea/Coffee/soft drink and a selection of Cakes.**



# RAVENFIELD CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

Thursday 1st December 2022  
6:30pm

Ravenfield Crossroads

Christmas Carols sung by Ravenfield Primary Academy school children, and music played by Bramley Brass Band

Warm soup and rolls served by The Cavalier

For more information, please contact Ravenfield Parish Council on 07462468050, or email [ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com)

**The Children's Christmas Show!**

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Mini Pantos

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**Goldilocks and the THREE BEARS**

Appearing at **RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL**, Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT

**Saturday 3 December 2022 - start time 6:00pm**

**Tickets - £3.00 each**

Contact Ravenfield Parish Council for more information  
Telephone: 07462 468050 Email: [ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com)

## Rotherham Borough Council (RMBC) Electronic Newsletter

RMBC produce an e-bulletin with news updates for every part of Rotherham! There is a special section for the Ravenfield and Bramley area. You can sign up to receive as many (or as few) as you wish.

Nicola Harding is our Neighbourhood Coordinator and you can send her details of any local event you wish to publicise. All content has to be approved by the Ward Members and the Communications Team before it's published, but Nicola aims to get as much community content in as possible. She is happy to receive anything that you feel is important for the community to know, whether it's a special event, a regular activity, a good news story or a call out for help/volunteers. Photos/posters/images to accompany the text are helpful too. If you're unsure, send it over and Nicola will take a look.

If you aren't signed up to receive e-bulletins, you can sign-up via this link: [Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council - Sign up to receive News from your Neighbourhood email bulletins \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/rotherham-metropolitan-borough-council)

Tickets available from October 1<sup>st</sup>



# THE CAVALIER

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## Memorial Bench

From August, a new bench will be sited on the long stretch of Braithwell Road, which has no bench at present.



The bench request came about when parishioners brought to the attention of the Parish Council, that during the Covid lock-down they had taken to walking at greater distances round the area and found that there was a long stretch on Braithwell Road where people were unable to sit and have a rest. They asked if the Council would arrange a bench around midway along this road. Planning permission was approved for the bench to be placed outside 55/57 Braithwell Road. Councillor Mills and Councillor Lewis contributed to the planning application fee.

The bench will be labelled as being in memory of Alan Scholes, clerk to the council for many years. Alan was a fount of knowledge regarding legal rules and regulations and devoted himself whole-heartedly to the local community working long hours above and beyond what he was paid to do.

## The Advertiser District Column

If you have an event, fundraiser, group that serves/supports our community and would like to share your story with our residents and wider Rotherham readers, then please send an email to [ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ravenfieldnewsandinfo@gmail.com).



I'm always on the look out for stories to share about our residents, whether that is a significant birthday, a long term resident reminiscing about the changes in our village, a sporting, artistic, educational or life changing achievement. I'd like to share your story.

*Toni Leach*

**Ravenfield Stores**  
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A vertical advertisement for Ravenfield Stores. The background is a photograph of the store's interior, showing shelves stocked with various goods. The text is overlaid in bold, red and white fonts, listing the store's offerings and operating hours.

**CORAL**  
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Rotherham  
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A vertical advertisement for Coral Fish Bar. The background is black. The text is in white and blue fonts. It includes the business name, a list of food items, the address, phone number, and a Facebook link.





**Gemma O'Carroll**, our Clerk to the Parish Council, can be contacted for bookings or any matter relating to the Parish Council on **07462 468050** or by emailing her at [ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com)

## Police Contact Numbers

Safer Neighbourhood Team: 01709 832422  
Non Emergency Police: 101 Motor Bike  
Nuisance: 01709 832444

Thanks to Streetpride for support with our litter – picking collections.



If you see fly-tipping please report it to  
**Streetpride 336003**

## Useful Contact Numbers

**RMBC Main Switchboard: 01709 382121**

**Streetpride (RMBC): 01709 336003** (*information on maintenance & environmental issues*)

**Key Choices (RMBC): 01709 336005**  
(*information on letting of Council properties*)

**Revenues and Benefits (RMBC): 01709 336006**  
(*information on Council Tax and Benefit entitlement*)

**Council Housing Repairs (RMBC): 01709 336009**

## Ravenfield Parish Council Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
Balances brought forward	£94,911	£75,451
(+) Annual Precept	£46,024	£45,403
(+) Total Other Receipts	£52,603	£102,477
(-) Staff Costs	£17,729	£19,464
(-) Loan interest / Capital Repaid	£9,033	£9,361
(-) Total Other Payments	£91,235	£110,146
(=) Balances Carried Forward	£75,541	£84,450
Total Cash and Investments	£75,541	£84,450
Total Fixed Assets	<b>£455,637</b>	<b>£720,845</b>
Total Borrowings	<b>£86,430</b>	<b>£79,896</b>

The above accounts were subject to internal and external audit and were accepted and approved by the Council.

## Who's Who

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Rotherham S63 7QB

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Cllr Lewis Mills 01709 807939  
Cllr Gregory Reynolds 07757 791881

### Parish Councilors:

Rebecca Jupp (Chair)  
Neil Pearson (Vice Chair)  
Brian Callear,  
Karen Jay,  
Toni Leach  
Richard O'Nion,  
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