



# Ravenfield Parish Council

## Newsletter

Issue No 18 September 2021



**Welcome back** to your extended and improved Parish Hall and to your newly elected Parish Council. The Parish Hall was reopened on Monday 19 July 2021 when all restrictions on its use were lifted.

Safety measures in place include:

- Hand gel available on entering.
- All surfaces sanitised at the end of each hall hire.
- Facemasks advisable, but their use will be decided by each group as this is not obligatory.

Your **Parish** Councillors from left to right are:

Dave Rowley (chair), Brian Callear, Neil Pearson, Richard O’Nion, Rebecca Jupp, Karen Jay and Toni Leach.

These are your local councillors for the Parish of Ravenfield. You have new Rotherham **Borough** Councillors as well (see inside).



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**Tea Morning**  
at  
**Ravenfield Parish Hall**

18th July, 22nd August,  
19th September  
17th October,  
21st November, 12th December  
10am - 12pm  
Tea and Cake  
£2.50p  
(OAP £1.50p)

## Book Swap News

The Book Swap is once again open and bursting with good reads. There is a large fiction section arranged alphabetically, as well as books on sport, cookery, crafts and gardening.

There are books to interest everyone, men as well as women and children. A selection of videos and jigsaws has also been provided. Feel free to take as many items as you want and to return or donate ones which are in a clean and sound condition.



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

## Ravenfield Parish Council Chair's Report 2019/20

This was my second year as Chairman. Usually the role at Ravenfield is rotated on an annual basis, but due to the pandemic and the postponement of the local elections last year, I remained in the position for a further year. The chairman for 2021-22 is Councillor Rowley and I wish him every success in the role.

During the year Councillor Jesson and Councillor Finch stepped down from their roles and on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank them both for their time, commitment and the energy they have provided. We have welcomed two new councillors to the Parish Council, Councillor O’Nion and Councillor Leach.

I would like to thank the members of the Parish Council for the continued help and support they provide to both the Parish Council and local community. I would also like to thank our Clerk Gemma O’Carroll and caretaker Sarah for their ongoing help and support .



The local elections in May 2021 saw Parish Councillors elected and a change to our local ward area and Ward Councillors who represent our community at Rotherham Borough Council.

I don’t think any of us imagined the scale and impact this past year would have on the world and on our everyday lives. I want to take a moment to pay tribute to those who have died; our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones. I also want to use this

opportunity to give thanks to our amazing key workers, businesses and volunteers who have rallied round and supported our community. We are so grateful for everything you have done and continue to do.



New lighting and a hard footpath laid in the woods between Hollings Lane and Woodlaithes has improved access and been well received. At the request of parishioners, we sited a war memorial stone near the millennium stone on Moor Lane North. A blessing and services have taken place there since its unveiling.

This year the Parish Council agreed to make no increase in the precept for 2021/22 paid via your council tax. Despite no regular income from the hall last year, the precept and grants we have received have kept the finances stable. The Parish Hall extension was completed over the summer in 2020. There is now storage space for groups using the hall, a small meeting room, and a book swap library. The hall has been painted and has new furniture as part of the makeover inside, and is open, and ready to welcome back users and groups.

The Parish Council has again organised hanging baskets in the village, and arranged for Christmas lights at the shops and the trees at the Cavalier. We booked Maltby Miners Brass band (see photo), to play at various locations around the village in the lead up to Christmas 2020.





We continue to work with public bodies to address ongoing matters of concern to residents including parking and crime issues, as well as off-road vehicles ridden illegally through local woods and countryside. There have been several speed-watch visits by South Yorkshire Police to record traffic speeding through the village. Open spaces around Ravenfield for which we have responsibility, such as Hollings Lane Field and the Jubilee Field have had regular routine maintenance throughout the year. Plans to conduct drainage repairs on the Jubilee Field are in place, but the date is still to be confirmed.

The opportunity to re-open the allotment area in the village received a very positive response from the community and the Parish Council is currently developing this project to enable it to go ahead.

If you have any comments or suggestions about what we do please get in touch via our Clerk or come along to our monthly meeting held on the second Thursday of each month at 6.30pm.

*Councillor Jay July 2021.*

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

## Parish Hall Timetable

	DAY	EVENING
Monday	Baby Group 9.00am-2.30pm (Book Swap Library open 2.30-3.30)	Rotherham Lacemakers 7.00-9.00pm (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday each month except bank holidays) Rotherham Philatetic Society 7.00-9.00pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month)
Tuesday	Baby Group 9.00am-2.30pm (Book Swap Library open 2.30-3.30)	Craft Group 7pm-9pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month) Art Group 7pm-9pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month) Intermediate Spanish 7pm-9pm (Every Tuesday held in the meeting room)
Wednesday	Ravenfield Old Peoples Social Fund & Events Group every week (Coffee Mornings 10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> week each month).	Indoor Bowling 6.30pm-9.00pm Every week.
Thursday	Toddler Group 9.15am-11.15am (Term time only) Bramley Townswomens Guild Craft Group 1.30-3.30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month)	Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month exc August) Women's Institute 7.00pm-9.00pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month) Rotherham Philatetic Society 7.00-9.00pm (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday each month)
Friday	Sewing Club 10.00am- 3.00pm every week	Indoor Bowling 6.30pm-9.00pm Every week.
Saturday	Dog Obedience 9.00am-12.00pm every week	
Sunday		St James Church Service 4.00pm-5.00pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday each month)

## News from St James's Church 2020/2021

The past year, as we all know, has been so different for everyone and particularly for our church. It has been a testing time, especially mentally, for some of our Church family.

Following the government and diocese instructions for Covid 19, our church has gone from closure, to being open for private prayer, to opening every week. Weddings and baptisms have been on hold for some time, but thankfully this restriction has been lifted even though there are still a limited number of guests allowed at each ceremony. Five funerals have taken place during the past year with only 30 mourners allowed to attend.



Easter and harvest services were cancelled last year, but this year we were allowed to celebrate Easter Day together, which was lovely. Christmas Eve 2020 was celebrated with the service led by Rev. John Bird. Sadly the attendance was not very good with only eight people in the congregation.



On the 18 October 2020 the new war memorial stone at Ravenfield crossroads was dedicated by Rev. Peter Hughes, who conducted a short service with people watching, while observing social distancing. This was followed by the first ever outside service of Remembrance in November.

Throughout the year, Church members have held a quiz night on Friday evenings using Zoom, and other meetings have also been on Zoom. These have shown that "church" and fellowship can be done in different ways. Perhaps now, we should be starting to think outside the box regarding our services and hopefully grow our congregation.

The church family has supported the Maltby and Rotherham food banks throughout the pandemic and we intend to carry on with this in the future.

With the promise of life retuning to some normality in June, weddings and baptisms are now being booked and we hope that we can soon start singing again in our services. We all agree that we have missed praising the Lord in song.



Finally on behalf of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), I would like to thank everyone who helps keep our church open and such a welcoming place and thanks to Rev. Hughes for all his hard work.

*Sandra Pearson (Verger and PCC member)*

## Carols at the Cavalier

Following a successful Carols at the Cavalier in 2019, the following events are planned.

- **Christmas Light switch-on 1 December 2021 (arrangements TBC)**
- **Maltby Brass Band - carols booked 22 December 2021**

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



## **The RAVENFIELD CHARITY**

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If you think may be eligible please feel free to contact the charity. All applications will be considered on merit.

*The Secretary,  
39 Hollings Lane,  
Ravenfield  
Rotherham,  
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- 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*

**8 October 2021**

Send to: The Secretary,

68 Bridgewater Way, Ravenfield, Rotherham. S65 4GH



# **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 5 November 2021.



## News from Ravenfield Primary Academy

2020-21 has been another unusual year at Ravenfield Primary Academy and thankfully has ended with all of the children back in school together. The support of our community of families, Maltby Learning Trust and friends of school has been more important than ever.

This was the first year for our nursery. It has been a real success story as it is an excellent teacher-led provision where the children get a really good start to life in school. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our first cohort of three year olds and watch as they settle in, make great progress and have fun in nursery. We welcome visitors and enquiries for families interested in signing up for a place.



Back in September, we hoped the year would be less disrupted than in 2019-20. With a robust risk assessment we welcomed our children back and had a good autumn term albeit with many adaptations due to Covid-19. Assemblies took place on video, children had staggered starts to the beginning and the end of the day and lunchtimes happened in the classroom. Children worked and had playtimes in their bubbles and got used to a 'new normal' in school. Christmas felt different as pupils took part in festivities in their class 'bubbles' including a nativity, Christmas songs and 12 Days of Christmas all captured on video.

The New Year brought fresh challenges with another lockdown as we adjusted to home learning again with only 'key worker' children in school. It was good to welcome everyone back to school in March.



This year we have made the most of curriculum opportunities that remote learning can bring. We have enjoyed virtual visits from a Roman soldier from Chester, a live link up with the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford (to learn all about the Egyptians), a video from a premiership football player and tried food from times gone by. In the summer term some Year 4 children worked with a professional filmmaker at Clifton Park Museum to make a video using facilities at the museum. In June/July artwork from our school was used in the 'Picture This' exhibition at Gulliver's Kingdom, Rotherham. All of the children were involved and the artwork produced (with Ravenfield as its subject) was fabulous.

For the Bears of Sheffield our children got the opportunity to design and paint a bear for the trail and raised £4,000 for Sheffield Children's Hospital. Our school was chosen to promote the trail on BBC Radio Sheffield, which was fun, and our bear can be found at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield until the end of September.

*Caroline Coates (Head teacher)*

## Redrow Homes to build 303 dwelling Houses east of Moor lane South

As a result of the Rotherham Local Plan, the expected development on Moor Lane South has begun. Local residents received a letter dated 9th August 2021 advising them that a planning application for 303 dwellings had been submitted by Redrow Homes. They were invited to look at 57 documents on line relating to the development and send in comments within 21 days! The application was also in the Rotherham Advertiser of 13th August 2021.

Interestingly, all the documentation refers to Ravenfield. You may recall that RMBC declined to move the Parish Boundary and that officially the land is still in Bramley.

The Parish Council has asked to meet the Planning Department and the developers so that we can open up a sensible line of communication and raise our immediate concerns about the development and its construction. All the neighbours of this new development live in Ravenfield. We cannot prevent the development but hopefully we can minimize the disruption and the problems that such a large development is bound to cause.

*Cllr David Rowley*



## Update from your MP



### John Healey

MP for Wentworth & Dearne

"The last year and a half has been so difficult for so many people. If you have any concerns or need my assistance as your MP don't hesitate to get in touch."

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Your new local Borough Councillors for Bramley and Ravenfield ward are ...



**Lewis Mills**

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**Gregory Reynolds**

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Local councillors are elected by the community to decide how the council should carry out its activities. They represent public interest as well as individuals living within the ward in which they have been elected to serve a term of office.

They have regular contact with the general public through council meetings, telephone calls and regular surgeries. These are an opportunity for any ward resident to go and talk to their councillor face to face.

Councillors are not paid a salary for their work, but they do receive allowances. By law, all members of the council have to complete a declaration of interest form, the details of which are published each year.

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# Reports from Clubs and Societies

## Ravenfield Community Plan Group (RCPG) Charity 1188553

In 2018 Ravenfield Parish Council set itself the task of creating a new Community Plan. Fifteen residents, including three from the Parish Council (PC), carried out a survey of the residents with the objective of identifying the priorities with regards to local issues. This resulted in a new Community Plan being adopted by the Parish Council at the beginning of 2019.

The key objectives are

- to address the lack of facilities for teenagers
- to drain and develop the Jubilee Field, off Barberry Way/Kingsley Drive,
- to reduce speeding traffic
- to work on parking issues near the school and shops
- to prevent off road biker's nuisance
- to maintain a clean and tidy village.

It was identified that the PC would take the lead in the implementation of the plan, but there was a need to set up a separate action group to raise money to support the PC with these objectives. It was decided in April 2019 to apply for Charitable Status. Twelve months later thanks to much hard work by Jill Jesson and Kath Ward this was finally achieved on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

A community gardening group has been established which meets up at the Crossroads on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm.

Working in conjunction with the PC, a supply of British Legion large poppies will be purchased for display to honor the fallen. The Cavalier and Ravenfield Arms have kindly agreed to site British Legion collection boxes for donations.

The PC has been in discussion with Rotherham Borough Council to address the issue of Jubilee Field being flooded for much of the year. RMBC have identified a broken drain, which they have agreed will be repaired during this Financial Year (ending March 2022). Once this is rectified, the Parish Council will consider the installation of an all-weather perimeter path and a children's play area.



*Michael Ward (Chairman)*

**Ravenfield Community Gardening** is a group of volunteers who meet on the first Wednesday of each 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.

Last October we planted a few bulbs – mainly daffodils and tulips. When they came up, they made a lovely show, but we all felt we hadn't planted enough, so this autumn we will be planting more. Please look out for the bulbs in the spring. We planted nine roses in remembrance of a local resident as well as lots of other plants that were kindly donated by members of our community. 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 afterward, please pop along with your gardening tools, if you have some; if you haven't, I'm sure we can find some for you. [ravenfieldcommunitygardening@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldcommunitygardening@outlook.com)

*Jenny Jaques*



## Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals

Individual members of this 20+ strong team have continued throughout the year to patrol their adopted stretches of road, park and other public spaces. There have been two group litter picks, one in March and one in July.

At the latter the new local councilors Cllr Lewis Mills and Cllr Gregory Reynolds joined in and helped the team. (See right)



On the left, left, a typical haul collected by a community litter-pick. This rubbish was left in beautiful woodland; much of it was a danger to both people and wildlife.

Thanks to Rotherham Streetpride for collecting the rubbish we retrieve at each session.

See below, our socially distanced team ready to collect in March 2021.



If you would like to join the team, please contact Carol Evans on 530358 or 07758 027745

## Covid-19 Support Group

The past 18 months have had a huge impact on us as individuals, as families and as a community. In March 2020 life as we knew it changed. Covid-19 caused a devastating direct and indirect loss to our lives, in many different ways.

The village community group rallied together to ensure that everyone in Ravenfield had a contact number if they needed support. We provided food parcels, not necessarily because our older residents needed food, but to let them know that as a community we were here, ready for any call for help. Donations came from many sources, all of which was gifted to residents in our village. We picked up prescriptions, posted letters, walked dogs, made calls to reduce loneliness and shopped for our most vulnerable. We did this together and we made a difference. Residents felt the togetherness in our community, people shouting out to say hello as they took walks, stopping and chatting.

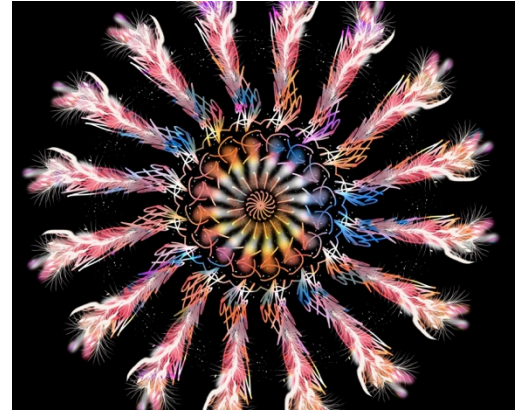
So let's keep it going. Restrictions may be at an end, but our community spirit doesn't have to be.

*Cllr Toni Leach*

## Ravenfield Art Group

Our art group has kept going through most of the lockdown by using Zoom. Members with different skills have demonstrated them in this way and we have enjoyed sessions on using graphite pencils, acrylics, watercolours and even using a computer programme to create pictures and patterns. We had two sessions painting and drawing outside, one in Ravenfield churchyard and the other at Conisbrough Castle. Both sessions were well attended.

Throughout lockdown, we have shared ideas, art galleries and video clips which we have found useful as there are many art techniques, which can be learned from YouTube videos. Before the current lockdown John Harrison demonstrated ways to use art notebooks and in March Gareth Watling showed us how to paint birds using acrylics. The group has recently started back in the Parish Hall with a demonstration in watercolours from Cath Dunn who specialises in abstract landscapes. Margaret Clarkson will be teaching us in September. This year there will be no art exhibition due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



*Jill Jesson*

## The Ravenfield Bowling Club

During the lockdown, we had to close the club until we were allowed to reopen with a reduced number of people. I have been running four sessions a week of six people at a time to let all our bowlers get a game; it has been quite a challenge to book everyone in for each session. We are now back to normal running on Wednesday and Friday evenings so it's nice for us all to see the rest of the members again.



Why not come and have a look at our twice-weekly bowling club? You can sit and watch the game and have a cuppa with us or try bowling for yourself.

It's a great game and it offers an evening of gentle exercise and good banter. It's free to come and watch and if you fancy having a go it only costs £1 a week to join, which includes tea and biscuits. Bring a clean pair of flat shoes or slippers and we will lend you a set of bowls and show you how to play. New members, both ladies and gents, are always welcome.

We have membership of a local friendly indoor bowling league and play matches against several local teams over the autumn and winter which gets you out of the house instead of sitting watching telly.

We meet at the Parish Hall on Birchwood Drive every Wednesday and Friday at 6.45pm. If you need any more information phone Neil on 01709 545078 or mobile 07973 938172.

*Neil McKinnon*

## Ravenfield Events Group

This has yet to hold a committee meeting at the time of writing.

*Valerie Burgess*



## Ravenfield Womens Institute (WI)

Ravenfield WI is now in its fifth year and currently has around 40 members, the majority of whom live in Ravenfield. New members are always welcome. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Parish Hall. As a member of this WI you are also a member of the South Yorkshire Federation (SYFWI) and National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI).

Over the years we have received many enquiries from women wishing to join our WI and all of them in one way or another have been searching for friendship. This is what makes the WI and our WI so special – the friendship, support and time we give to each other: something we are proud we have been able to do remotely this year, until we are able to resume face to face meetings in September.

Our programme for 2021 was planned on a month to month basis until restrictions were lifted.

*These are the sessions we have done so far:*

- January 2021 - Virtual meeting - Stephen Wells talk: The Curious Incident of Agatha Christie
- February - Virtual meeting - Steve Ash talk on Wentworth Woodhouse
- March - Virtual meeting - Origami bookmark making
- April - Virtual meeting - "From Eggheads to Mastermind"
- May - Virtual meeting - Tales from a Dairy Farmers Wife
- June - Virtual meeting - "Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles"
- July - Virtual meeting - Steve Ash talk on Wentworth Woodhouse (new talk)
- August - Face to Face meeting resume - members social



- Upcoming sessions planned:*
- September - Howard Middleton (from the Great British Bake Off)
  - October - Imagination Gaming
  - November - Paul Whittaker (deaf musician)
  - December - Christmas social



Our WI has sponsored four classes at 2021 Rotherham Show "Made in Rotherham" competition.

Our Christmas Fair is on Sunday 28 November at the Parish Hall so please come along to see the lovely selection of home-made goods on sale.

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/>

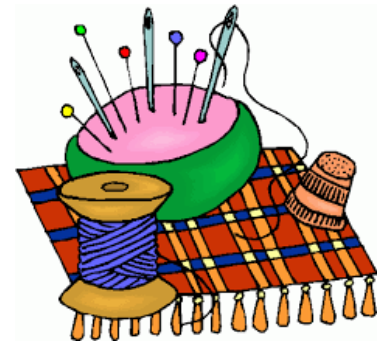
*Karen Jay, President of Ravenfield WI*

## Bramley Townswomen Craft Group

This group will resume meetings in Ravenfield Parish Hall on the second and fourth Thursday of each month starting Thursday August 12, 1.30-3.30.

Admission is £1.00, which includes a cuppa and a cake or biscuit.

Our plans for the future are to offer more creative activities by inviting guests to demonstrate their skills. Members will be encouraged to have a try and for those interested there will be help available as they learn. You do not have to be a member of the Townswomen's Guild to attend the craft sessions: anyone is welcome.



It is gratifying to hear of several younger parishioners forming a committee to host outdoors events to raise money to hold a village gala next summer.

Following the pandemic, this is just the sort of thing we can all look forward to, helping our community get back together.

Sadly some of our parishioners will never return to join us. My sympathies and condolences go to their families.

*Valerie Burgess*

## Rotherham Lace-makers



Our group has just returned to the hall after an absence of 16 months. The majority of the group make lace, but we have members who do patchwork, beadwork, knitting and crochet.

We meet on a Monday evening, between 7-9, apart from the second Monday of the month and bank holidays. If anyone would like to join the group please contact Jane Smith on 07766572757 or [jsmithmbe787@gmail.com](mailto:jsmithmbe787@gmail.com)



*Jane Smith*

## Ravenfield Toddler Group

This group is now a well-established facility and continues to be a popular session for many families with young children ages 0 -5. The group runs from 9.15 – 11.15 on Thursdays term time only at Ravenfield Parish Hall. The cost is just £3.00 per family. A variety of activities are available at each session, such as painting, baking, play-dough and sticking crafts along with age appropriate toys and resources. A short singing session takes place at the end of each meeting to allow time to clear away. Snacks and drinks are provided.

*Natalie Easthope*





## Ravenfield Baby Group

Ravenfield baby group is based at the Parish Hall on Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30am, 11am-12pm, 12.30pm-1.30pm.

Babies will experience bubbles, music, lights and a different exciting class theme to look forward to each week, e.g. farm week, jungle safari, under-sea adventure, pirate-party...the list goes on!



Each of the activity areas are based on babies' development and links to the Early Years Framework (EYFS)



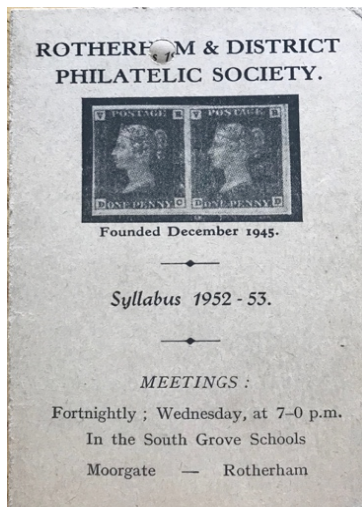
Classes are very relaxed: you can meet other parents and have a chat while babies play, explore and learn.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions classes must be pre-booked.

For more information, please find us on Facebook, Instagram or email [ravenfieldbabygroup@outlook.com](mailto:ravenfieldbabygroup@outlook.com). I can't wait to meet you and your beautiful babies!

*Keeley Brooks*

## Rotherham Philatelic Society



This society has been in existence since 1945, and has recently moved its meeting to Ravenfield Parish Hall on Birchwood Drive. Meetings will be held twice a month at 7pm. A display of postage stamps or postcards will be available at every meeting.



For further information please contact N. Angell on 01709 541954. All newcomers welcome.



In 1750, William Wilson, licensee of the Angel Inn in the High Street Rotherham, is recorded as postmaster and publican, bookseller and stationer. He was also the only newsagent in town. In 1780, Mrs Sarah Wilson became postmistress on the death of her husband, and for nearly a hundred years the postmaster was a direct descendant of William Wilson.

For 86 of these years, a woman held the post. The Angel Inn was the town's post office until 1796. Rotherham's post mark is 655

*N. Angel*



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## The Advertiser District Column

If you have an event, fundraiser, group or business 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 Old People's Social Fund

This group suspended all activities after the second week of March 2020. The accounts of our Tote members were immediately frozen at that time.

At present, August 2021, we intend returning to normal service on Wednesday 1st of September, with a restart of the Tote weekly draw and a full *Coffee Morning*. Also we intend to start a *Breakfast Morning* every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Full details to be announced. The next Committee Meeting is on 4th August when future plans will be made including Christmas activities. Please look at the Ravenfield Notice board for updates and the Rotherham Advertiser District News.



*Geoff Outram*





## Ravenfield Fundraising Society



At the beginning of this year, 2021, I posted on my community page, *Ravenfield News and Information*, my intention to start organising small events to fundraise, with the aim to finance an annual village fete. As a resident I wanted to do this, as I believe we as a village deserve at least one opportunity to come together each year.

I started the fundraising off with a driveway sale on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This had some great feedback with people

attending from neighbouring parishes as well as our village.

I have also organised two Car Boot and Home Craft Markets, one already having been held at The Cavalier on July 25<sup>th</sup>, with the second to take place on September 26<sup>th</sup>, also at The Cavalier. This inspired other residents to make contact and offer support. We are now a dedicated and pro-active group of seven Ravenfield residents with a single goal to raise funds for an annual event.



We formed Ravenfield Fundraising Society to bring together our collective ideas for fundraising. These include a race night, kids Halloween parties, pie/pea and bingo night, a psychic night, a community lottery, and a Christmas craft market, so far...

You can find out all about these events, dates, locations, and any changes, on our Facebook pages:

*Ravenfield News and Information*,

*Ravenfield Fundraising Society*, and *Ravenfield Community Group*,

or check the district column of the Rotherham Advertiser.



I would like to say a huge “thank you” to Gemma Haigh, Lynsey Hobson, Nic Jeffries, Grace Mundy, Rebecca Noble and Jenny Jaques for their commitment and support to make this happen, because it will!

*Toni Leach*





**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 2021

	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021
Balances brought forward	£70,047	£94,911
(+) Annual Precept	£45,122	£46,024
(+) Total Other Receipts	£104,702	£52,603
(-) Staff Costs	£14,559	£17,729
(-) Loan interest / Capital Repaid	£5,571	£9,033
(-) Total Other Payments	£104,830	£91,235
(=) Balances Carried Forward	£94,911	£75,541
Total Cash and Investments	£94,911	£75,541
Total Fixed Assets	<b>£465,042</b>	<b>£455,637</b>
Total Borrowings	<b>£92,706</b>	<b>£86,430</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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David Rowley (Chair)  
Rebecca Jupp (Vice Chair)  
Brian Callear,

Karen Jay, Toni Murphy  
Richard O'Nion, Neil Pearson

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