# Ravenfield Parish Council Newsletter

# Issue No. 20 - September 2023



### A New Chapter for the Village

You will all have seen the building works on Moor Lane South that started this year. We knew it was coming since the Rotherham Local Plan was signed off in 2018. The builders are Redrow, a well known national company. There will be 320 dwellings on the site and it is anticipated the construction will take between 5 or 6 years. The Borough Council changed the original plans for 303 dwellings submitted by Redrow. The Parish Council objected to the additional 17 dwellings, as we had to the entire scheme in 2018, but despite our strong case, RMBC approved the revised plans for 320.

There will be issues raised due to such a large development, which we have been vocalising from day one (back in 2009). Sadly, our concerns have fallen on deaf ears and they will now have to be addressed by RMBC and the NHS.

Transport, especially through Bramley, can only get worse as our new neighbours move in. We do not know whether local schools can cope but we do know that medical services will struggle. Ravenfield Parish Council have had meetings with RMBC to discuss these growing problems.

A site of this size causes its own problems. Heavy vehicles arriving outside permitted times. Dust when it is hot and dry (remember back in June). Mud on the roads when it rains. We have raised these issues with Redrow and will continue to do so on your behalf.

The people not responsible for these issues will be our new neighbours on 'Poppy Fields'. They are simply buying a new home in a decent village so please let us make them welcome. We shall raise the matter of the boundary again when enough people are living there and their view of where they live can be taken into account. We think Ravenfield and we hope they agree. Whatever happens it is another chapter in the story of Ravenfield.

### New Defibrillator and Emergency Bleed Kit

The Parish Council has installed a new community defibrillator, outside the Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive. This is in addition to the defibrillators located at The Cavalier pub and on Main Street, Old Ravenfield.

Ward Councillors kindly donated funding to enable the Parish Council to purchase an Emergency Bleed Kit (stored in the defibrillator cabinet at The Cavalier).

In an emergency the 999 call responder will inform you of the nearest registered defibrillator / bleed kit, and provide you with the code to enter the cabinet with further instructions.



### New memorial bench and notice board on Braithwell Road, at the junction of Radford Close

The bench has been kindly donated by a Ravenfield parishioner "Joy". Joy wanted to gift the bench to the community as being one of the villages octogenarians. Joy is very aware of how important regular rest stops are for the older community to keep active.



The notice board is expected towards the end of September, has been funded by Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors. In a recent community survey, parishioners requested that they be more informed of information and events. The position of the noticeboard at this end of the village will capture residents of Kingsley estate and roads that lead off Braithwell Road.



# **Parish Council**



### Ravenfield Parish Council Chair's Report 2022/23

This has been my first year as Chairman. I took over from Councillor David Rowley and I would like to thank him and the other members of the Council for their ongoing help and support. I would also like to welcome new Parish Councillor, Maria Jones.

The Parish Council did not increase the 2022/23 Precept as aware that some residents would have lost income as a result of the enforced Covid pandemic lockdown in 2020/21, and still recovering from this. The current rate of inflation now seen, and the price increases being applied by many contractors and suppliers, means that the Parish Council will be incurring much higher costs in 2023/24. Therefore, the Parish Council Precept Budget for 2023/24 was set at £48,755, representing an increase of £2.67 per year on a Band D property.

During the past 12 months, the Council has provided a new defibrillator to the village, placed outside the Parish Hall.

With funding from Ward Councillors, the village has access to an emergency bleed kit, located inside the Defibrillator cabinet at The Cavalier pub. Both the defibrillator and emergency bleed kit known to have been used once last year.

A Memorial Bench, for the Parish Clerk, Alan Scholes, has been installed on Braithwell Road. The Council hopes to install a memorial bench and new notice board on Braithwell Road, junction of Radford Close, later this year.

The Ravenfield Community Plan has been updated, providing the Council with an Action Plan for the next four years. Unfortunately, the response rate was disappointing, with only 5% of electors completing the survey. From the results received, the main concerns are Speeding, Traffic congestion and Parking.

Working with the Ravenfield Community Plan Group, the Parish Council are looking to move forward with the project to install an all-weather path around the perimeter of Jubilee field.

The Council have marked a number of events over the past year; The Council celebrated the Queens Jubilee, by holding a Community Picnic Day on Hollings Lane playing field. On 19 September 2022, the Council held a short remembrance service after the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you to Councillor Neil Pearson for conducting a lovely service, at the Memorial Stone on Moor Lane North.

A Remembrance Service was held on Moor Lane North, on 13 November 2022, and was very well attended.

Lamppost poppies were very successful with £625.00 raised in donations to Royal British Legion.

Christmas Light Switch On, 1 December 2022. Bramley Brass Band supported the Children from Ravenfield Primary Academy in Christmas Carols.

A Mini-Christmas Pantomime was held in Ravenfield Parish Hall. 89 out of a possible of 90 tickets sold. Comments were very positive, and another pantomime is booked again for this year, Saturday 16 December 2023.

Maltby Brass band played at the Christmas pop-up café, and will be returning for the Christmas Light Switch on 1 December 2023.

I would like to congratulate Ravenfield Allotment Society, in their amazing work, the area is unrecognisable.

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 Rebecca Jupp** 

30th March 2023



# **Community News**



### **Ravenfield Quarry Memorial Stone**

Hidden in woodland just behind the Ravenfield Arms, the area has been cleared to expose Ravenfield Quarry Memorial Stone. The plaque is damaged and difficult to read the wording:

"This site was reclaimed for recreational use by South Yorkshire County Council with grant from The Department of the Environment".

The memorial stone is thought to have been placed here when Hollings Lane field came into public use after the quarry was filled.

**History of Ravenfield Quarry:** Until the 20th Century the village of Ravenfield remained a small, rural settlement with the only industrial occupation being the quarrying of stone, some of which was used for grindstones by the cutlery trade in Sheffield.

Ravenfield rock like Wickersley and Dalton rock is part of the Pennine Upper Coal measures. In this part of the coal measures, well developed sandstones suitable for building are comparatively rare. Ravenfield quarries, on the edge of Silverwood were often known as Silverwood quarries. There were once seven of these, but now little trace remains except for patches of uneven ground in the woods near the Ravenfield Arms. A small outcrop of this desirable rock can still be seen among the trees.

These quarries provided stone for buildings and road repairs as well as the Sheffield grindstones right up to the 1930s. 'After that they became valuable as rubbish tips. Unfortunately, some noxious chemical waste was tipped. In later years that had to be removed or made safe at great public expense.' (From Eric Osbornes Ravenfield Walk, a copy of which is in The Rotherham Archives).

Traces of other quarries, off Moor Lane North, known as the Vicarage quarries, were opened in 1893 and remained in use until about 1930 supplying building stone for many homes and farm buildings in the old village.

### **30mph Bin Stickers**

In an effort to reduce the speed of vehicles, Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors have donated funds to enable the Parish Council to trial a speed awareness project, by providing every property on Braithwell Road with wheelie bin 30mph awareness stickers. The Parish Council are asking all residents to place a 30mph sticker on their wheelie bin facing out onto the road. The intention is to draw more awareness of the speed limit on this road, and encourage drivers to slow down.

# Braithwell Road, Ravenfield



Supported by Ravenfield Parish Council Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

### **Fly Tipping**

Over the past year, Ravenfield Parish Council has seen an increase in fly tipping of garden waste, rubble and Christmas trees, particularly around the perimeter of Jubilee Field.

**Please ensure waste is disposed of in a Garden Waste Brown Wheelie Bin.** If you do not subscribe to this service, you can visit a local recycling centre. The nearest recycling centre is located on Lidget Lane, Bramley.

More information can be obtained by visiting: www.rotherham.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling or telephoning Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council on telephone number: 01709 382121

# **Community News**



### **St James Church**

This year we have had three weddings, with two more booked towards the end of the year. We have had six christenings and sadly four funerals. Two of these were connected closely to the church.

Including Graham Fairhurst who took many services at St James's. Many people of Ravenfield would have been married by him and lots of children were baptised by him. A joyful man of great character. The other was Albert Green, one of our congregation regulars. A well-known local miner and union representative. He loved his cricket.

#### A commemoration service was held in church after the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II marking her 70 year reign.

Other services to note were the harvest festival (thanks to the allotment society). Remembrance service at the crossroads was well attended. We had community carols with Santa making his appearance for the children in the Parish The church and Hall. Hughes Peter Rev. supported carols at the The nativity Cavalier. was again acted out by the children who seem to take on a different persona whilst in character.



The congregation enjoyed an evening out together at El Lupo's in town, albeit in March. On Mother's Day all the ladies got a plant to take home. Easter had us in Easter bonnet/ hat competition with an egg for the winners. We had our pre loved stall at the fete on Jubilee field. All monies raised go to the upkeep of the church. Ongoing maintenance is always expensive and fundraising helps with this cost.

Later this year, we have a lady's fashion show arranged for Saturday October 21st, at 3:00pm. We are still short of a couple of Divas to model the clothes. Get in touch if you fancy kicking off your modelling career.

#### Tickets £5.00 - to purchase please contact: Sandra Pearson 01709 549689 Katrine Greenwood 01709 852669

Sadly, we have to announce that Peter Hughes our priest in charge is retiring. Peter has been committed to keeping St. James church open to all. He will be missed, but we wish him well in his retirement. That leaves the church in an interregnum till a replacement is appointed. The church will carry on as usual with the Sunday service at 10.30 am, everyone is welcome.



### Off Road Quad Bikes and Motor Bikes

If you have useful information regarding off-road vehicles, please report it and let South Yorkshire Police know where, when and descriptions of the riders and/or the vehicles. If it's safe to do so, photos and videos are also really useful.

You can report in a number of ways including:

- email: sypoffroadteam@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
- Facebook Messenger: @SYPOffRoadBikes
- Twitter (now known as X): @SYPOperations
- Telephone 101 for non-emergencies (999 in emergencies)

# **Community Events**

### Remembrance Sunday

A service will be held on Moor Lane North, at the Memorial Stone on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Look out for more info on the Parish Notice Boards and Facebook.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

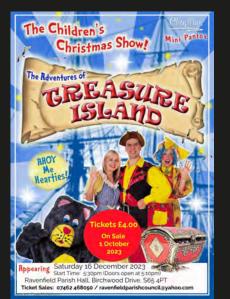
Ravenfield Parish Council hosted its first Christmas Pantomime on the 3rd of December 2022, of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, performed by theatre company Chaplin's Pantos

The event was a great success, and supported by Ward Councillors who contributed towards to the event and refreshments and snacks.

Following the success of the event, Chaplin Pantos will return later this year to stage Treasure Island, on Saturday 16th December 2023.

#### Tickets will go on sale 1st October 2023.

Look out for more information on Parish Notice Boards and Facebook.



### **Titan Summer Camp**

During the summer holidays, Ravenfield Youth Charity funded a Rotherham Titans, Summer Activity Camp. Children aged 6-11 years old enjoyed a fun day of sports activities and games, on Hollings Lane recreational grounds.

Thank you to the Ravenfield Arms who allowed use of their facilities.



#### **Ravenfield Fete Group** (formally Ravenfield Fundraising Society)

We would like to thank everyone who supported our second event this year. We hope that you enjoyed it, and feel it is a great way for our community to come together.

Each year we learn a little bit more, and hopefully each year you will see an improvement to the event. The weather was in our favour again, which made things much easier for the group and for visitors. We will always try to have attractions that are free for you to enjoy, and if there is a cost, this is minimal so that the whole family can get involved. We thank those who sponsored us: Ravenfield Parish Council (free use of the field), Yappy Ever After (dog agility show), Mac & Me (fun dog show), Bramley Morning Townswomen's Guild, Keep a Beat and Cafe Noor. This support is invaluable to create attractions, and pay towards costs. We also would like to thank MP John Healey who attended the event and secured funding for next year's event from a most unlikely source, Redrow Homes. MP John Healey discussed their funding objectives with them and reasoned that any funding should be given to local communities rather than ones located many miles away, so we thank both for making our group one of the beneficiaries of local donations.

The group are always looking for volunteers to help with organising the event, and stewarding on the day. If you feel that you can volunteer any time to support the group, please email **rfg.enquiries@gmail.com** 

We would really love this to be an annual event, but we need support to lighten the load for our very small group of residents volunteering their time to organise each year. Please get in touch if you can help in any way. We are especially looking for someone to focus on seeking funding opportunities, completing and submitting the forms.

Thank you again for your support and we hope to see you next year. Our provisional date is Saturday 15th June 2024, with a new time of 11am-4pm.



# **Community Events**

### Sponsor a Lamppost Remembrance Poppy

Remembrance Poppies are placed on the lampposts along Braithwell Road, Hollings Lane, Moor Lane North and Moor Lane South.

Ravenfield Parish Council are offering residents and businesses the opportunity to sponsor a lamppost poppy; and 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.

The sponsorship of the poppies is £5.00 (minimum) each and all of donations received are passed onto the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

For more information, or to obtain a sponsorship form, please contact the Clerk on: 07462 468050, by email:

ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com, or visit: www.ravenfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Ravenfield Parish Council would like to thank all those that sponsored lamp post poppies 2022. £625 was raised in donations for the Royal British Legion.



### The Cavalier Fun Day WEATHER FAILS TO DAMPEN SPIRITS

The Cavalier annual fun day to raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was cursed with terrible weather. It pretty much rained all day spoiling the outside activities and music. Nevertheless John, Nicky and their many helpers made the best of it and did as much inside the pub as was possible. There was music from the Rogues and other artistes.

Despite all of the setbacks, the efforts realised a magnificent sum of £1,958 which was recently sent to the grateful charity.



# **Community** News/Dates

2023/2024 Events Calendar (Look out for more details on the Parish Council website, Facebook Page, and on Parish Council Notice Boards).

#### October 2023

- Sponsor a Lamppost Poppy
- Saturday 21 October 2023 3:00pm St James Church Fashion Show at Ravenfield Parish Hall.

#### November 2023

- 12 November 2023, Remembrance Sunday Memorial Stone, Moor Lane North.
- Sunday 26 November 2023 Ravenfield Women's Institute Christmas Fair Ravenfield Parish Hall.

#### December 2023

- Friday 1 December 2023. Light Switch On, The Cavalier pub
- Saturday 16 December 2023. Treasure Island Mini Panto, Ravenfield Parish Hall.
- Saturday 16 December 2023 Silverwood Colliery Illumination of the Memorial Wheel.
- Sunday 17 December 2023 Christmas Pop-up Café (Maltby Brass Band), Ravenfield Parish Hall.

#### May 2024

 Ravenfield Art Exhibition (dates to be confirmed)

#### June 2024

• Saturday 15 June 2024 (to be confirmed) Ravenfield Fete



### **Ravenfield Park Management**

The Management Committee are sorry to report that there have been, and continue to be, serious problems in financing and running the Park.

These have been brought about predominantly because of a large increase in the minimum wage, the increased cost of consumables, and a fall in the number of anglers joining the angling club. The latter being no doubt brought about as a result of the increase in fees put in place to try to offset the current problems, and to add to the situation, hundreds of pounds worth of fish in one of our stock ponds were killed as a result of pollution arising from the village's Sewage Treatment Works.

A number of initiatives have been put in place to help, one of which is a GoFundMe appeal:

#### https://gofund.me/6f0d5b49

any support would be gratefully appreciated.

The Park is a wonderful local facility for all that use it. If you can, please help us to keep it that way.

For more information on Ravenfield Ponds, and how to become a member, visit the website: **www.ravenfieldponds.co.uk** 



### **Ravenfield Art Group**

The highlight of our 2022/2023 art year was our annual art exhibition which was visited by 333 people. Once again more than 70 art works were sold and funds were raised by selling refreshments for both St James Parish Church and the Ravenfield Community Plan Group. The art exhibition featured collections of fused glass and ceramics by local crafters as well as live music on saxophone and keyboard by two supporters.

Throughout the year members have enjoyed working on new projects and learning from visiting artists. Visitors have been able to attend some demonstrations. Some members visited Patching's Arts Festival together and we created a small art exhibition for the Citizen's Advice AGM which was well received.



#### **Ravenfield Educational Foundation**

We offer **grants to students** for help with their studies in Higher Education, Further Education or Vocational Training



All students who are between 18 and 25 years old and have lived in Ravenfield for a year can apply for a grant by email to ravenfieldeducation@gmail.com or by letter to The Secretary, Ravenfield Educational Foundation, 68 Bridgewater Way, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4GH You need to let us know your name, address, age, what and where you are studying and provide a reference to support your application





### **Yappy Ever After**

We hold socialisation sessions every Saturday morning in Ravenfield Parish Hall, with our popular puppy PAWty at 9:00am and a session for all ages/sizes/breeds at 10:00am.

We make the sessions fun for both dog and owner, with a ball pool and agility equipment for your pooch, and free hot beverages for all humans. Our socialisation sessions are loved by all our regulars and sometimes the owners just love being able to mix up their dog's routine, get away from the mud and rain and meet other likeminded dog owners to chat to.

The sessions encourage socialisation in a controlled environment with the supervision of a qualified dog behaviourist and assistant. We also teach the dogs how to be controlled and listen to their owner which a lot of owners can find quite difficult to do when out on walks.

We also train agility on Hollings Lane recreational ground, and have put on shows at the Ravenfield Fete. It is the most fun way to train your pooch and teach them that training can be fun, it also helps create a stronger bond with dog and owner. This training is open to all dogs, so please contact us if you would like to give it a try. I guarantee you will be amazed at what your dog can do.

We also offer home boarding, private training and more recently have started offering dog chaperone services for weddings.

Please feel free to contact us for any enquiries 07592726570.

Sarah Mullins (Dog behaviour specialist)

### Ravenfield Community Plan Group (RCPG)

The Ravenfield Community Plan Group hold a monthly coffee morning/pop-up Café on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the Parish Hall, 10.30am – 12.30pm. It is well attended with new and old customers whose support is very much appreciated, in

our efforts to raise funds for the community.

We will be contributing towards the all weather path on Jubilee Field, which means the money raised by our community, is spent on initiatives within our village.

If anyone would like to join us at the café, either by baking or helping on the day, or both, please call in and have a chat with one of our helpers, who will be happy to give you more info.





3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH-10.30AM-12.30PM RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL, S65 4PT

Future Cafe dates for 2023 September 17th October 15th November 19th December 17th Tea/coffee & cake £3.00 / £2.00 concession

#### Fundraising by the Ravenfield Community Plan Group Supported by Ravenfield Stores

There will be a collection box for donations of Cat/Kitten biscuits & wet ood for the local Hedgehog Rescue. AND A collection box for the FOOD BANK, nonperishables only please. Thank-you.

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### Ravenfield Old People's Social Fund

Coffee Mornings are now every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, starting at 10.00am in the Parish Hall. All newcomers are welcome.

We finished off last year with a smashing 3 course Christmas tea and after a good chat we were entertained by a very energetic young singer which prompted many of our members to give it a whirl on the dance floor. A sight to be seen.

In February we carried out our usual survey of "where to go" this year. So far this year, we have had a coach trip to Trentham Shopping Village and Gardens, and our second outing, in July, was a gorgeous sunny day in Southport. A good old fashioned seaside resort.

Our next day trip is to an old favourite, Whitby. Here you can get the best scampi and chips in the U.K. Our last planned trip is to another favourite, Brigg Garden Centre which will be at the end of November. You can get all your Christmas presents from here, so it can be a very expensive day out!

Sadly, several of our members have passed away in this last 12 months. I can assure you that although they are no longer with us, they will never be forgotten.









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### Ravenfield Women's Institute (WI)

Ravenfield WI is now in its seventh year and currently has over 30 members, the majority of who 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 Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife was passed and will now form the basis of a national WI campaign. This campaign is encouraging members to make and support applications to create bathing waters in rivers across England and Wales as a way to drive the cleanup of our precious waters.

### Ravenfield Community Gardening Group

We are a group of about 6 volunteers who meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm to maintain and develop the flower beds at the Ravenfield crossroads. Our aim is to keep it looking nice but also have flowers that will help our wildlife to survive.

This year Rotherham MBC are going to assist us in re-designing the flower bed and also help to remove old diseased plants and replace with new. We'll be looking to plant spring bulbs in the Autumn and also try to add some all-year-round colour.

We welcome new volunteers, 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 Ravenfieldcommunitygardening@outlook.com



We attended the Ravenfield Fete in June 2023 to fundraise for the Ravenfield Well Dressing display, which we have been asked by the Events Group to continue this tradition for the village. Our stall had a selection of homemade items and plants for sale and had plenty of people visit it. Thank you to the Ravenfield fete group for allowing us a stall that day and be part of their wonderful community event.

The well dressing blessing and unveiling took place on Saturday 15th July 2023 near to the memorial stone on Moor Lane North. The blessing was conducted by Reverend Peter Hughes and had a good number of people attend. Thank you to the WI well dressing group for the fabulous display, and to the people who helped behind the scenes too. Thank you must go to our ward councillors too for their generous donation towards the flowers.

We were delighted to be invited back to judge The Great Winthrop Bake Off on the 29th April 2023, and enjoyed tasting the many entries that day. Congratulations and well done to everyone who took part.

Last year we sponsored five classes at the Rotherham Show "Made in Rotherham" competition and will be doing it again this September too. Thank you to our member Pauline for judging this competition for us.

We hosted a Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 27 November 2022 in the Parish Hall. There were 8 stalls selling a selection of crafts and sweet treats and we also had a tombola. Thank you to St James' Church who provided the refreshments that day. Our Christmas craft fair this year will take place on Sunday 26th November 2023 in the Parish Hall, everyone welcome.

On Monday, 12 December 2022 we held a well-attended wreath-making evening which resulted in some really beautiful creations. Participants also enjoyed mince pies and mulled wine. Thanks to Sue for leading the evening and obtaining the materials. We will be running a similar event this year again in December.

For more information about our WI please email: ravenfieldwi@outlook.com or follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/RavenfieldWI/

> President of Ravenfield WI Karen Jay



These are the sessions in 2023/24 we have done so far and have coming up:

- April Kate McNeil talk about her fight to save her prize bull Boxy from being killed
- May Wreath flower arranging
- June Mike Robinson church organist and choirmaster
- July Jenny Rudd talking about Lady Mary Wortley Montagu - the mother of all inoculation
- August A tour of Winthrop Gardens
- September Pottering Around An evening of ceramic painting
- October Paul Leonard talk about a gang kidnapping case
- November Maureen Taylor talk on how the Tudors celebrated Christmas
- December Christmas social
- January Michelle Cordner dry eyes talk
- February Chocolate making.
- March Ravenfield WI Annual meeting



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### **Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group**

We had a great start to the year. In January we opened our Silverwood Colliery Heritage Exhibition at Clifton Park Museum Rotherham. The exhibition ran for six months, closing in June having had an estimated 29,311 visitors.

We are now currently working on a new exhibition which we plan to showcase in March 2024 to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the 1984-85 miners' strike.

On September the 10th, we will be hosting a Pop-up Heritage Centre at Ravenfield Parish Hall, giving visitors the opportunity to view our entire collection of Silverwood Colliery artefacts and memorabilia.

On the 16th December, we will be hosting our annual Remembering Silverwood Colliery at Christmas Event where we will be joined by The Maltby Miners Welfare Band for festive music and the illumination of the Silverwood Colliery Memorial Wheel.





# Raising the bar for our community

**Ravenfield Rangers Junior Football Club** would like to thank **Ravenfield Parish Council** who have provided funding for our goal posts which are located at Hollings Lane.

The posts will not only be a great asset to our club but will also provide a place for **ALL children** in Ravenfield to play football.

Ravenfield Rangers play on Sunday mornings - check out our Facebook page for match information if you would like to watch us play!



#WeAreRavenfield #Belong

### Ravenfield Allotment Society (RAS)



2023 is our first full growing season. Having taken on the site in January 2022 we have managed to hit the ground running for 2023 season. Daily

the allotment transforms with new structures, inventive ideas for water collection but most importantly the amazing produce the members grow. The allotment is a buzz with insects, wildlife and the hustle and bustle of its members hard at work. There is a constant improvement and maintenance program to ensure the site is suitable for all ages and stays as a local community asset.

Aside from the expected digging, weeding, and planting, new shoots of other kinds are happening. The allotment has seen its first marriage. The marriage ceremony itself didn't take place on site but one couple tied the knot this year and we threw them a party/BBQ down on the plot. Congratulation to the new Mr & Mrs Barker!

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 Web:https://www.ravenfieldallotmentsociety.co.uk Instagram: @ravenfieldallotmentsociety

### **Ravenfield Rubbish Rascals**

We had our annual litter pick in April this year. It was a great success as usual with many bags picked throughout the village including the woods, park area, Silverwood and a few of our rascals did a lot clearing down at the church cemetery. Thank you to everyone involved including Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillor, Gregory Reynolds, who was hands on as usual.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team to pick all year round, equipment supplied, to do as little or as much as your time allows.

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to Kath and Michael Ward who are leaving our area and have given so much of their time volunteering in different aspects of the village (not just with the Rubbish Rascals). They will be truly missed and best wishes to them in their new home and area.











## YOUR LOCAL PHYSIOTHERAPY

We have clinics in Rotherham, Doncaster, Sheffield and Bedale

Initial Physio Assessment	£45
Initial Sports Assessment	£55
Physio Follow Up	£40
Sports Follow Up	£50
Sports Massage	£35



### PUREPHYSIOSPORTS.CO.UK/BOOKINGS



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* Servicing & repairs	* Engine Diagnostics	
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### **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

# **Parish Hall**

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT					
	Morning		Afternoon		
Monday	Baby Group	9:00am - 1:30pm (Monday session paused from 18th September - April 2024) 2:30pm - 3:30pm (exc bank	Rotherham Philatelic Society	7:00pm - 9:00pm (2nd Monday each month) March - November.	
	Book Swap Library Open	holidays)			
Tuesday	Baby Group	9:00am - 1:30pm	Art Group	7:00pm - 9:00pm	
	Book Swap Library Open	2:30pm - 3:30pm			
Wednesday	Ravenfield Old Peoples Social Fund	10:00am Coffee Mornings - 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month	Indoor Bowling	6:30pm - 9:00pm	
Thursday	Toddler Group Bramley Townswomen's Guild, Craft Group	9:15am - 11:30am (Term Time) 1:30pm - 3:30pm (2nd & 4th Thursday each month)	Council Meeting Women's Institute	6:30pm - 9:00pm (2nd Thursday each month exc August) 7:00pm - 9:00pm (3rd Thursday each month) 7:00pm - 9:00pm (4th Thursday each month) March - November	
Friday	Sewing Group	10:00am - 3:00pm	Indoor Bowling	6:30pm - 9:00pm	
Saturday	Dog Obedience	9:00am - 11:00am			
Sunday			Community Pop up Café	10:30am - 12:30pm (once a month - see local advertisements)	

### What's on regularly at Ravenfield Parish Hall

#### If you are interested in joining/attending one of these groups, please use the contact information below to see if there is space.

Group Name	Telephone Number	Email Address
Art	07415 186188	j.s.jesson@gmail.com
Baby Group		ravenfieldbabygroup@outlook.com
Book Swap Library	07462 468050	ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com
Bowls	01709 545255	
Bramley Townswomen's Guild, Craft Group	01709 548767	
Community Pop up Café		ravenfieldcommunityplangroup@outlook.com
Ravenfield Old Peoples Social Fund	01709 547167	geofoutram@aol.com
Ravenfield Women's Institute		ravenfieldwi@outlook.com
Rotherham Philatelic Society	01709 541954	
Sewing Group	01709 548237	ninaparkin@btinternet.com
Toddlers	07399 567617	Mckromdon@yahoo.co.uk
Yappy Ever After (Dog Obedience)	07592 726570	yappyeverafterdogs@gmail.com

### **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 2:30pm-3:30pm (excluding bank holidays).

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.

A special thank you to Deborah, who rotates the selection of books, and keeps the library in order.



# **RAVENFIELD PARISH HALL**

Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4PT

**VENUE HIRE** 



Ravenfield Parish Hall is a bright, modern, fully accessible community facility available for hire in the heart of Ravenfield.

1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month – all day

month – 5pm onwards Saturday afternoons

1:30pm onwards

**Current Hire** Availability: Monday's 8am – 5pm (temporary September - March) 1st,3rd & 4th Monday of the month - 5pm onwards 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month - 5pm onwards 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 1pm – 5pm 1<sup>st</sup> <u>Thursday</u> of the

> Ideal for: 🕁 COMMUNITY GROUPS 🛣 MEETINGS FUNCTIONS CHILDRENS PARTIES

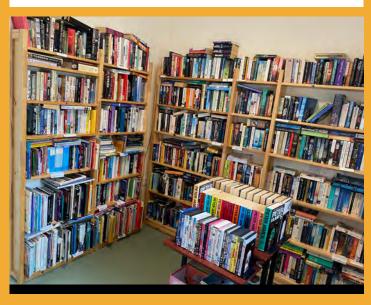
Main Hall, Capacity-90. Meeting Room Capacity-12.

Included within your booking is use of the kitchen, range of crockery and cutlery. A selection of folding tables and chairs are also available.

#### Terms and Conditions Apply

For more information contact:

Ravenfield Parish Council Telephone: 07462468050 Email: ravenfieldparishcouncil@yahoo.com



### **Thank You**

Ravenfield Parish Council would like to THANK .....

All those who give their time volunteering in the Parish.

Bramley and Ravenfield Ward Councillors; Councillor Gregory Reynolds and Councillor Lewis Mills, for their support and grant donations.

MP John Healey, for his continued support with local issues.

### Meetings of Ravenfield Parish Council

Parishioners are welcome to attend Council Meetings.

Meetings commence at 6:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding August), held in Ravenfield Parish Hall, Birchwood Drive, Ravenfield, S65 4PT

The agenda of the meetings are posted on the Parish Council website, Facebook Page, and on Parish Council Notice Boards

#### **Councillors for Bramley and Ravenfield ward**



Councillor Lewis L H M Mills Email: <u>lewis.mills@rotherham.gov.uk</u> Tel: 01709 807939 | <u>View all details about Cllr Mills</u>



#### Councillor Greg Reynolds Email: gregory.reynolds@rotherham.gov.uk

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### Ravenfield Parish Councillors

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Councillor Maria Jones (Vice-Chairman) **Email** Cllrmjones.ravenfieldpc@yahoo.com



Councillor Brian Callear **Email** Cllrbcallear.ravenfieldpc@yahoo.com



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#### Ravenfield Parish Council Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Year Ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March <mark>2023</mark>
Balances brought forward	£75,541	£84,450
(+) Annual Precept	£45,403	£46,237
(+) Total Other Receipts	£51,977	£21,233
(-) Staff Costs	£19,464	£24,352
(-) Loan interest /Capital Repaid	£9,361	£9,362
(-) Total Other Payments	£59,646	£40,189
(=) Balances Carried Forward	£84,450	£78,017
Total Cash and Investments	£84,450	£78,017
Total Fixed Assets	£455,637	£458,394
Total Borrowings	£79,896	£73,095

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