

## Rowland's will celebrate its 10th Birthday this year! We want to make 2017 a year of 10s! Perhaps you can help?

Here are some things which need to happen if Rowland's is to continue to work with Selkirk's young people for the next 10 years.

### We need 10 trustees

Rowland's is managed by volunteer Trustees, who meet roughly once a month to oversee activities. Currently we have 5 Trustees, but would like to see that increased to 10. No qualification required, but we need all sorts of people – perhaps some with financial or personnel experience from business, some with practical skills to look after our buildings, and some with general life experience and a concern for our young people. Could you be one of the 5 new Trustees we need to bring the Board up to strength? If not, could you recommend someone to us?

### We need 10 new volunteers

We need to add 10 new volunteers. Perhaps you, or someone you know, could offer to join the team a couple of evenings per month, to be a friendly face for the young people. You would be supported by the professional staff and offered training if required. Why not offer to do a trial.

*"I have been a volunteer at Rowlands for a few years now and can really see the difference it makes to the kids. A place to meet, chat and be themselves. It's a great way to stay in touch with the young ones and by donating only a few hours of your time each month you can really make a difference"* Sheila

### We need 10 new financial supporters

You might not have the time or feel able to volunteer, but would be able to support Rowland's financially. Rowland's depends heavily on those who give regular monthly or annual donations. Perhaps you could give £5 or £10 or £25 per month through a bankers order. If so, complete and return the enclosed form, download one from [www.dbethune.com/rowlands](http://www.dbethune.com/rowlands) or contact David Bethune, Rowland's treasurer. If you are already a financial supporter, perhaps you might consider increasing your regular donations, or passing the form to a friend or colleague who might support us.

### We want 10 fund-raising events

While we need steady on-going financial supporters to meet regular running costs, one-off fund-raising events can allow us to buy new equipment or upgrade our facilities. Could you or a group of friends or colleagues organise something? Perhaps you could arrange a ceilidh, a quiz night, a sponsored event, a bring-and-buy sale, a coffee morning in your home, a cookie sale at your place of work ... If you have an idea, let us know, and we can help you with publicity, logos etc..

Contrary to popular belief, Rowland's is not run or funded by the Council. It is an independent charity, run by local people, who give their time, energy, money and expertise voluntarily to keep it running.

Although Rowland's has become an established part of the Selkirk scene, its future is not guaranteed. The Board would welcome your offers to help in any of the ways described above.

If you can help in any way, please get in touch by phone, letter or e-mail [info@rowlands-selkirk.org.uk](mailto:info@rowlands-selkirk.org.uk)



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Look out for our window displays. We encourage the young people to take responsibility for decoration (display material always appreciated).



Did you know you can rent a window space to advertise your own event in the community? Contact to find out costs and availability.

# NEWSLETTER

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## New Recruit...

Rowlands numbers swell and we are delighted to introduce our latest recruit... Charlie gave birth to bouncy Owen on 23rd February weighing in at a healthy 7lbs 8 oz. (3.4 Kg) As cute as a button.

We look forward to Charlies bringing her bubbly enthusiasm back with her remaining braincell when she returns from Maternity leave in October.

## Birthday Bash

It all hands to the pump in the countdown to our Birthday Bash on 20th May 10.30 – 3.00. We are opening our doors for a Celebration of our 10th Birthday at Rowlands with all the fun of the

fair. An opportunity to come and see what we are all about, help us raise some funds and join us in developing our activities for the young people of Selkirk. Come and have your say, make your suggestions and get involved in our activities, we are even looking for volunteers who want to

join in.

We hope to provide something for everyone to give the whole family a fun day out, a host of Fair Ground side-show games, Tombola, Nature Table with Bird and Dog treats and a multitude of have a go activities, Refreshments and Bakes.

## From Rowland's drama correspondent, Elishia Little

On the 1st of April Rowland's Drama group was kindly invited to host a tombola and bake sale at St Josephs church to raise money to attend a drama camp in the summer NFYT (national festival youth theatre) on the weeks running up to the event the whole group was coming up with ideas of what to bake and what to bring in, I had no idea what to bring or make, I came up with an idea of cookies but not goanna lie I like cookies so I eat them and I had to make another batch of cakes so there I was night before, running round like a headless chicken thinking what I could bake. The morning of the event we were delighted to find we had lots of tray bake and a good amount of tombola. Ready

and set, here we go! The doors opened and we were flooded with families after our tombola, we needed more stuff we were running out fast with lots of winners and cakes being bought. I was scared I would have been mowed down by everyone running to the tombola thank goodness we were given lots of donations to keep the tombola going, Thank you everyone who donated we really appreciated it you saved our lives and helped us get everyone leaving with a smile on there faces. The day was a success I won tombola got some cake (we all love to win and eat cake) we raised lots of money. What a great day and start to April!!!!

*All smiles at the Tombola table*



### Shopping online?

Register with Easy Fundraising

nominating Rowlands as your preferred charity and all your online



*We made it to the top of Mount Everest... well that's what it felt like!*

On 10th of April Rowland's drama had to conquer the massive three Brethren (this is written from someone who finds it hard walking up the hill to the high school.) After many, many long hours walking through mud and falling on the small pathways we made it to the top hungry, tired and ready to sleep.

We took some pictures to show we had made it in case we died on the way back ... we survived barely as we saw the cars at the bottom we felt a great relief, it was a hard challenge but we did it all in the hope for raising money so we could go to a drama camp in the summer, NFYT the national festival of youth theatre, we are still collecting money if you would like to donate it would be very much appreciated as we love drama and not hill walks , Thank you.

shopping with participating sites, will make a donation to Rowlands that doesn't cost you a penny

**Shopping in ASDA** - Remember to pick up your green token at the cash desk when you pay and drop your Token in the Rowlands tower from April to June.

**Shopping locally** - We have collection tins in various shops around Selkirk.

**Shopping at Co-op** - You can use your membership to nominate Rowland's as your community charity..(Not a member, you can join up at the till), then register on line. You earn 5%, Rowland's gets 1%.



## The Traveller Returns...

Susan has returned exhausted from a months trip to India, an

adventure we hope she will share with us in the next Newsletter when she has fully recovered.



## Breakfast Club

This week sees the start of our first Breakfast Club from 7.30 - 8.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays. After members canvassing young people at Rowland's and the High School a menu has been agreed.

Everyone has the opportunity to help and it is hoped that this will give everyone a fun start to the day before school and an experience of working together.

We welcome Linda a new volunteer who loves early mornings, to the team. We are extremely grateful to Marks and Spencer's for their kind donations.

This is a pilot scheme until the summer holidays and if successful we hope to continue in the Autumn. Anybody interested in volunteering for an early morning stint would be most welcome and please contact Susan on 01750 21222 or pop in.

## Tree of Pledges for Earth Day

A wonderful tree of pledges is the latest Window Display to highlight Earth Day.

Each leaf has a different pledge the youngsters have made:

- \*Don't drop rubbish
- \*Don't leave water running
- \*Turn the lights off
- \*Make your own cleaning supplies
- \*Don't pollute the sea
- \*Use a clothes rack rather than a tumble dryer

To highlight the need to take more personal responsibility for the needs of the environment, to protect it for future generations.

*The 'Tree of Pledges' created by the young people of Rowlands.*

## Anniversary Events

**20th May** Birthday Bash - Not to be missed

**1st-7th June** National Volunteer Week

**15th June** Rowland's BAKE OFF - Teams will compete in a Bake off, to be judged during

**16th June** Common Riding Coffee Morning 10.00 - 1.00 at Rowland's

**July & August** Summer Activities/ Trips including Drama Residential

**12th August** International Youth Day

**October** Charlie returns from Maternity Leave

**7th October** Scott's Selkirk