‘PEN PICTURE of JIM RAWSON’

Jim was born in Lower Ince in 1947 and has many fond memories of his childhood there. Probably typical of many communities in the 1950s and early 60’s ….. there was a strong sense of community-bonding across family, friends and neighbours. He remains in close contact with his cousins and with friends from those formative years.

Further to attending Ince St Mary’s infants and junior schools he went to Hindley & Abram Grammar School for seven years. After taking his ‘A’ level exams he moved on to complete a two year HND course in ‘Business Studies’ at the [then] Bolton Institute of Technology.

The wide and wonderful world of work then beckoned in the form of a job as a trainee manager at ‘British Home Stores’ Preston. Due to his outstanding success at coping with the ‘are-you-being-served’ world of retailing in those days ……. he was promoted to the stratospheric level of departmental manager at Liverpool. Most of what they did there would now carry a jail sentence and he quickly grew tired of working in an environment {at 22yrs of age} consisting of 5 elderly male managers and 67 females plus 42 ‘Saturday girls’.

Thus he moved over to the wonderful world of computing in 1969.

One he had mastered ‘blue-sky thinking’ / ‘low-hanging-fruit’ / how to get to Bacup in his maroon ford Anglia ……. he was an unstoppable force until 2004 when he retired.

He met his wife Marian at the ‘Sportsmans Club’ in Pemberton one Friday and elder son James [Jim] was born the following week. Younger son Paul arrived 7 weeks later. Jim married Barbara and blessed them with James (14) and Emily (13) ……………. Paul married Kellie and blessed them with Jack (9) Max (4) and Billy (2). All of the above mean a great deal to the old man.

Having previously been President of Bellingham Bowling Club ….. Jim who never learns any lessons \*\*\* …… graciously accepted the nomination to become President of Wigan Rotary Club in Rotary Year 2014-15.

[\*\*\* ……. Only kidding, it is an honour to serve the club members and in the local community].

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