



# NEWSLETTER

*Thirteenth edition of the Newsletter for Upper Pleasley, New Houghton, Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale.*



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Many people still do not know how or who to contact on the parish council despite information being in previous newsletters.

It is understood that you cannot save old newsletters, therefore it will be printed in every newsletter from now on. To remind you they are listed below.

We have inserted our web page also.

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The usual practice is four Newsletters per year once a quarter. However should items of interest and news you should know and be aware of, happen or occur there will be a special issue, such as this newsletter with the two day scarecrow festival being the main concern.

As already mentioned, the most important item in this newsletter is of course the two day Scarecrow Event, June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

This is the first time we have ventured into a project of this nature which is getting popular in various parts of the country. It is basically to be an interest and competition for the residents of our parish, to try to put Pleasley Parish on the map of events for residents and to attract visitors to see other facilities we have to offer.

It is also a chance to advertise all other events that take place in our parish.

This newsletter will probably be early May, past the chosen closing date to be included in the scarecrow route plan.

**If you decide at the last minute you wish to do a scarecrow contact us in case the route has not yet been printed. We will try to oblige.**

Up to going to print we have had over 30 entries.

With this inclement weather it is probably far from your mind now, but when the weather gets warmer it will be something to look forward to.

It is hoped many of you have already started making your scarecrow in your garage ready to be displayed on June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

For those that haven't, it's time now to start, you may have been wondering where or how to start. For stuffing for the body you could use old cushions, pillows, sponge from old settees, a roll of loft insulation is quite cheap, a great favourite is shredded paper in bin bags, and put inside an old jumper, dig out your old clothes that you intend throwing away and make use of them, you will have ideas from the photos on display. There are many others if you think.

Many ideas and how to do them are available on "Derbyshire Scarecrows" on the internet. The most difficult part is the head, there are several ways according to the web page **making papier mache heads** use a balloon which I find very time consuming tearing strips and only so much a day it takes weeks. Another tip is use a beach ball, polystyrene glued together then cut round. There are many ways, ask your friends for ideas.

A map of the route will be available at a nominal cost.

### Dummy Body

Find old clothes. Go through your closets and drawers, check car boots sales, You will want a long sleeved shirt and a pair of pants for each dummy. If you can find an old shirt with a hood, this is even better! Or use a decorator's throw away boiler suit. Tuck the bottom hem of the shirt into the top of the pants and use safety pins or a simple running stitch to hold them together.

Now, you simply stuff the clothes with wadded up newspaper until it is the size you want it. If your dummy is going to be outside for a while, you might prefer to stuff it with wadded up, plastic shopping bags. This way, your dummy won't weigh a ton if the newspaper should get rained on!

Tip: To use straightened wire hangers inside the sleeves of a dummy. Run the wire hanger up one sleeve and down the other. This not only helps to make the arms more bendable, but it also gives the shoulders some more definition.

### Hands and Feet

For the hands, you can either use surgical type gloves stuffed with Fiberfil or work gloves stuffed with newspaper or plastic bags. Either of these options work fine; however, the surgical gloves look a touch more realistic. Attach the hands to the ends of each sleeve with hot glue or safety pins. If you want to invest a bit more money, Find more details about making stuffed hands: For your dummy's feet, an old pair of shoes and socks are the perfect solution! stuff the socks with newspaper and fit them into the shoe. You can then hot glue the shoes to the bottom edge of each pant leg. If your dummy will be sitting or standing, you usually don't even have to attach the shoe. You can just set them in place under each pant leg.



### The Head

Trying to figure out how to make a head for your dummy is usually the most challenging part. You have a few options. The easiest and most expensive option is to buy a full head mask and stuff it with wadded up newspaper. The most time consuming and probably the cheapest way to make a dummy head is by using paper mache' techniques! This is my favourite way because you can get more creative in the shape of the head and the facial features. a few other head making options you might prefer. First you can stuff and shape a pillowcase and draw or paint a face on it. You can also try to find some Styrofoam wig heads. Some places will make you pay for them, but sometimes you can get lucky and find stores who will give you some. How you will attach your dummy's head is something else to consider. I had found what works well is using about a 2 foot long piece of dowel or lathe. Stick it into the neck hole of the shirt, and wiggle it down through the stuffing. Stick the head onto the other end of the dowel and gently wiggle it onto place. **Get creative** and have some fun! You can easily prop them up into chairs, etc. If you want to make yours standing, you can knock a 2 x 4 into the ground and slip the dummy onto it. Hide the 2 x 4 inside the backside of the clothes and attach it with a heavy-duty stapler. You could also try stuffing the body with PVC pipe to make it stiffer. You may have your own ideas after checking on the internet. This page is copied from the internet to help you.

After the dreadful weather we have had for four months let's hope we can look forward to some better weather for April and May, which this newsletter covers. There will be one in June following the May elections and Council New Year. There is always of course the April showers which are supposed to bring forth May flowers.

There's still time to [dig and prepare](#) the ground for sowing and planting if you haven't already done so. Leave at least a week before attempting to rake the soil to a fine tilth just before sowing seeds.

**HANGING BASKETS**

We shall in the next few months see once again the hanging baskets that help to make our parish attractive to those who pass through or visit. Purchased once again from Glapwell Nurseries.

What else is happening in the next few weeks? The Easter Holidays were marred by inclement weather, let's now see something better.

The Queen's birthday, April 21<sup>st</sup> saw the nation's flag flying on the new flag pole, first time for many years. This was followed two day later on 23rd April with the flag of St George the patron saint for England.

**PUBLIC**

Four members of the public attended the March meeting to express their concern about the length of time the access to the footpath from New Terrace to Chesterfield Road had been closed.

The Parish Council is also concerned. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the appropriate bodies. Dennis Skinner said we should ask on his behalf if Bellway could not find an alternative access to our footpath asap.

It is reported that the access is to remain closed until August/ September 2010 which the Parish Council considered was not acceptable. Councillor Stockdale indicated that she would take it up with her officers and arrange a site meeting.

Two members of the public attended the April meeting with the same request about the foot-path and to complain about the chicanes.

It has been explained that complaints must be in writing to County Hall.

It has been suggested by residents that if the Miners' Welfare removed a section of fencing something could be arranged with the site workers, this would be a step in the right direction.

The onus is not on the parish council for access to their footpath.

**Report of County Councillor Stockdale**

County Councillor Stockdale reported that 4 budget proposals had been put forward to the County Council including one to support the 53 Bus Service and it was resolved that in light of the current financial constraints and the initiatives already in place it would **not be appropriate for the County Council** to secure the restoration of the former bus service to Upper Pleasley. The DCC council tax will be raised by 1.5%. Is this an indication that the new Conservative County Council does not care about us? Surely this would have not happened under the Labour County Council.

**Training on Members Code of Conduct**

Sarah Sternberg, the Monitoring Officer, and Alan Turner, the Deputy Monitoring Officer for Bolsover District Council gave Parish Council Members a training session on the Members' Code of Conduct. A new code of conduct will be out after the election

**CRIME FIGURES 01.12.09 – 31.12.09**

- 2 Theft and handling stolen goods
- 1 Criminal damage
- 1 House burglary (car keys taken) . **This highlights the necessity of making sure that your car keys are not kept in sight and are away from points of entry to your property.**
- 2 Drug offences (detected)
- 1 Vehicle interference (tried unsuccessfully to hotwire car)

**For January 2010**

The Police representative gave the following crime figures:

Criminal Damage	4
These all happened at one establishment.	
Dwelling burglary	1
Non dwelling burglary	0
Theft from motor vehicle	0
Theft of motor vehicle	0
Violence	2

## Community Centre Computer Course

The Thursday morning 9-30am to 12-30 Computer course for adults will shortly be open. This is not a set course. It is to let you brush up on or learn from scratch. A fully qualified tutor will be present..

You can use your own memory sticks if a virus check is carried out before, you could bring your own lap top if you prefer, providing it has been PAT tested (Make enquiries).

## WATCH THIS SPACE

### Allotments.

Several complaints have been reported on Meden Avenue allotments. In spite of this being addressed in the past by the Parish Council it still continues, the Parish Council is now faced with taking alternative drastic action and all allotment holders being more responsible instead of the few that do enjoy this facility.

### DIARY DATES

5<sup>th</sup> June St Michael's Garden Party

11<sup>th</sup> June Brass Band and Song Concert at Pleasley Miners Welfare at 7-30pm

12<sup>th</sup> June the Queen's official birthday.

### **19th & 20th June Two day Scarecrow Festival.**

20<sup>th</sup> June is Fathers' Day. July 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> is the Well Dressing and Flower Festival at St Michael's. The Parish Council donated £200 to this event.

Well Dressing Blessing Service Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm.

**The most important dates are the two day Scarecrow Festival June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you haven't entered and still wish to do so, you could ask if the route has already been printed you could still be included.**

**The people who visit and purchase a route plan will vote for the best scarecrow by returning their plan to the Verney where there will be free refreshment.**

**The minimum charge of £1 for route will go to St John Ambulance.**

## To Reminisce

Whitsuntide was always seven weeks after Easter, how many can remember this joyful church event when all churches and chapels of every nomination would join in the parades and a final united service singing hymns and in prayer in the most prominent place in the village?

Sometimes as many as six churches would participate, in the towns such as Sutton in Ashfield there would be more, the very small village perhaps just two, it was the children would wear their new frocks and suits for the first time, every church would have a brass band leading the procession, this would be followed by the flag bearers of each church followed by members of the church and friends and any who wanted to walk didn't matter if you went to church or not, as many as 50 or 60 people in each group, the band would be playing different tunes, there was always a police escort, stewards would be walking along side with the collection boxes for donations. One church would start the procession and proceed to the next church who would join on and carry on until all churches had formed a walking procession one after the other about 250 or more people in line, finally finishing on the market square for hymns and prayers with the mass band playing.



Teversal band 1960s Whit Walk



Pilsley Band 1920s Whit Walk

Reminisce continued

MINUTES 1920

As a matter of interest, looking back through the archives in the minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall Tuesday Nov 16th 1920 The Rev Howard Dobson wrote to the parish council explaining that they were opening an Institute and reading room in connection with their new CHURCH HUT in New Houghton. Could the parish council supply daily newspapers and periodicals that are provided at the Parish Hall to the said Church Hut? This was refused.

The Parish Council precept was signed for £25. The Lighting Precept was signed for lighting purposes for £75.

COMPLAIN

Another letter of complaint has been sent by a member of the public to Highways and our County Councillor Marian Stockdale, regarding the danger of the two chicanes at the end of Newboundmill Lane, this explained the dangers these chicanes were to motorists. The reply from highways pointed out that the chicanes were a success and accidents were reduced. (On what is this based.)

They say speed readings have been taken, but it didn't report on the speed reading.

The speed recordings were placed at the wrong locations, this should be pointed out and requested again and **more letters** should be sent by residents and motorists, the two received are not enough to be taken seriously, if you want a result, more letters should be sent until action is taken.

Keep writing until something is resolved.

Email

Faye.Shaw@Derbyshire.gov.uk and Marian.Stockdale@Derbyshire.gov.uk (If emails are returned try all lower case.)

It is a sad duty to announce the passing away of Rev Gordon Bevan who regularly officiated services at St Michael's Church Pleasley.

He will be greatly missed by the parishioners and our thoughts go out to his wife Edna and her family.

On 26th March 1885 the first official cremation at Woking took place. Mrs. Pickersgill, a well-known figure in literary and scientific circles, was the first of three cremations that year.

The third cremation was Mr. Charles William Carpenter cremated on 19th October. In 1886 there were ten cremations and during the year 1888, there were a total of 28.

Cremation was declared as legal in England and Wales when Dr. William Price was prosecuted for cremating his son; formal legislation followed later with the passing of the Cremation Act of 1902 (this Act did not extend to Ireland), which imposed procedural requirements before a cremation could occur and restricted the practice to authorised places.

Some of the various Protestant churches came to accept cremation, with the rationale being, "God can resurrect a bowl of ashes just as conveniently as he can resurrect a bowl of dust." The 1908 Catholic Encyclopedia was critical about these efforts, referring to them as a "sinister movement" and associating them with Freemasonry, although it said that "there is nothing directly opposed to any dogma of the Church in the practice of cremation." In 1963, Pope Paul VI lifted the ban on cremation, and in 1966 allowed Catholic priests to officiate at cremation ceremonies.

Cremation dates to at least 20,000 years ago in the archaeological record with the Mungo Lady, the remains of a partly cremated body found at Mungo Lake, Australia.

It is however forbidden by Orthodox Jews and Muslims.

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### FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR BOLSOVER DISTRICT RESIDENTS

You may recall that in an earlier Newsletter we gave details of a service offered by Chesterfield Law Centre which offers free legal advice to people in the Bolsover district in the following areas of law:

- Housing and Homelessness, including issues around repairs, access to housing, eviction and repossessions.
- Employment – including issues around unfair dismissal, discriminations, rights in work and breaches of contract, including pay.
- Debt – including rent and mortgage arrears, credit and store card debts and bankruptcy.

If you require further advice re this service in the first instance ring 01246 550674, e mail [cla@chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk](mailto:cla@chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk) or text on 07781 482826. A receptionist will take basic details and a trained assessor will return the call to work out what is needed and check eligibility for free legal aid and assess whether the Law Centre can help. If they can help an appointment will be made a suitable venue in Bolsover district or they will arrange for a specialist to call you back. Appointment Centres are now in operation at Bolsover, Creswell, Shirebrook and South Normanton. If they cannot assist information will be provided about other agencies that can offer advice/assistance.

**Notice from Operation Liberal** which is targeting distraction burglars.

Please be aware that over the next couple of months, local council employees will be visiting all homes which have failed to return their electoral roll registration forms. Local councils are legally obliged to do this.

Many such calls will be during the evening and weekends, and if they fail to get a reply, will call again later.

This could be an opportunity for distraction burglars to pose as officials so please make sure you check callers' identification.

All legitimate electoral roll canvassers will

wear visible identification, and are instructed not to enter any homes. If you are unsure of their identity contact your local council to check.

If you have any information relating to incidents or crimes, please call 0345 123 33 33.

In an emergency call 999.

Crime stoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111.



### WORK FOR YOURSELF PROJECT TO HELP PEOPLE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS AND DISABILITIES

If you can answer yes to all three questions below a business start programme funded by Bolsover District and Chesterfield Borough Councils, and delivered by Disability Dynamics Limited, may be able to help you:

- Have you a health condition or disability making getting a job difficult?
- Do you want to work for yourself?
- Do you live in the Bolsover District?

Highly experienced and professional Business Advisers help to delivered structured programmes to help people start their businesses.

They offer bespoke straightforward information packs and regular contact with the Business Advisers for as long as the client needs. No assumptions are made about anyone's disabilities and there are no time pressures.

They know that people who are very distant from work need extra support, empathy and understanding to fulfil their potential.

If you feel the above is applicable to you please contact 0845 459 2547 or 01252 721239 – and they will call you back or e mail [margaret@disabilitydynamics.co.uk](mailto:margaret@disabilitydynamics.co.uk) or visit [www.businessability.co.uk](http://www.businessability.co.uk)

**Funding to bring people together**

If you are planning a community project which helps to bring people from different backgrounds together, you can apply for funding from the Derbyshire Bringing People Together Fund. This funding is supported by the county council and its partners. One off grants ranging from £100 to £2,000 are available to local community and voluntary groups across the county.

- The money could be spent on activities which:
- Help neighbours to get to know each other
  - Bring young people from different backgrounds together
  - Help older people's groups share experiences with local school children

You can apply until 16 July 2010 and projects must take place before the end of September. More information is available on [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/partnershipforum) Forms are also available by phoning **Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058**.

**Adult Community**

**Education courses 2010**

Derbyshire Adult Community Education is offering a wide range of Adult Education courses in 2010. The courses are an excellent way to kick start new career opportunities, improve qualifications, make new friends and improve health and wellbeing.

There are over 3500 courses and activities on offer each year with many courses being free and over 65 % of learners qualify for a discount.

Course brochures are available in all county libraries and adult community education centres. More information is available by visiting [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation) or from **Call Derbyshire 08456 058 058**.

Brochures can be requested from the above address and telephone number for distribution in your Parish or Town. Issue 1, February 2010

**Protect yourself**

A spate of dwelling and shed burglaries have occurred in the following locations: Dronfield, Killamarsh, Whitwell, Chesterfield, Calow, Brimington Common, Old Tupton, Clay Cross, Old Whittington, and Grangewood.

- 1 Please ensure you lock your door when

- 2 Do not leave house/car keys in the door keyhole were thieves could easily get hold of them and steal your vehicle from the driveway.

- 3 Never leave keys near cat flaps, where offenders can reach in or use a tool to get hold of them.

Ensure your outbuildings sheds and garages are secure, take measures to protect your shed by fitting a good quality hasp and staple, secured by coach bolts rather than screws.

Please be extra vigilant and call police immediately on 0345 123 33 33 if you see any suspicious vehicles or people in the area, so that officers can check it out.

If you feel it is an emergency please call 999. If you do not want to leave your details you can call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**Report from the Community House**

The Community House on Rotherham Road, New Houghton is open Monday 1pm - 5pm, Wednesday 1pm - 5pm, Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am - 5pm, the staff at the house will do their best to assist and signpost residents with a multitude of problems. If you do have any problems or concerns e.g debt, anti-social behavior, unemployment, environmental issues etc and would like a confidential chat please pop in or ring to arrange an appointment.

**Free Gardening Service**

Do you struggle maintaining your garden? are you elderly, disabled, vulnerable or have any other underlying health problems that may restrict you from keeping your garden tidy?

If you would like assistance please call in or phone Julie Lewis 01623 812130 for further information.

There are a lot of fraudsters around posing as water board, gas officials etc which I think is worth a mention and everything which was published in the last edition is still happening.

Thank you

Julie Lewis

Project co-ordinator - Neighbourhood Management Project 01623 812130 or 07788860812

**A HEALTHY BOLSOVER**

Bolsover District Council, Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust and Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership have developed a plan to tackle healthy living and improve the health of local residents across Bolsover district. To this end "A Healthy Bolsover" has been produced setting out what the aims and targets are in a very simple and easy to understand document. The booklet contains information on:

1. Promoting Healthier Lifestyles: increasing physical activity, encouraging healthy eating, reducing smoking and its harmful effects, improving sexual health and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. It tells you where to get advice from and the resources available to meet this.

2. Building Health Communities: includes reducing debt and maximising income, reducing binge drinking and associated anti-social behaviour and crime, promoting healthy pregnancy, good parenting from early years and reducing teenage pregnancy, supporting older people and promoting healthy ageing, supporting vulnerable and disabled people.

3. Ensuring Access to Effective Health Care Interventions: improving identification and treatment of those at risk of circulatory disease, improving uptake of cancer screening and early treatment, improving identification and treatment of those at risk of respiratory disease.

The booklet is very easy to understand and gives useful and valuable help and guidance

and anyone interested in the above should contact Bolsover LSP to obtain a copy. It shows that there is a "will" there to help if you need it and where to go for that help.

www.bolsoverpartnership.org.uk  
01246 242276

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972  
PARISH OF PLEASLEY  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT –  
The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting for the above-named Parish will be held at Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane on Monday 10 May 2010 at 7.00pm.  
Such persons only as are registered as local government electors for the parish will be entitled to vote at the meeting, but the meeting will be open to the public during the proceedings unless the Parish Meeting by resolution otherwise direct.

**AGENDA**

Annual Parish Meeting  
To confirm the minutes of the last Meeting  
Apologies for absence  
Precept  
Chairman's report  
Public forum  
Dated 9 May 2010  
Councillor John Howard Wright  
Chairman Pleasley Parish Council

**COMPETITION TIME**

**THIS WORDSEARCH IS.....**

Some of the birds that that have been recorded at the Pleasley Pit Countryside Park

PIED WAGTAIL JACKDAW COOT

YELLOWHAMMER CHAFFINCH TEAL

MALLARD WREN GADWALL HERON

COMMON GULL MOORHEN HOBBY

GREAT TIT SKYLARK SNIPE CROW

LAPWING LINNET MAGPIE BUZZARD

Send entries to Wordsearch, Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley NG19 7PL before June 7th or to any councillor.

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