



NEWSLETTER

**Fortyfirst edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale
New Houghton and Stoney Houghton.**

Parish Council Chairman's column.

Another year approaches. Where does the time go? On behalf of the Parish Council I wish every member of our community a very happy and joyful Christmas and happy New Year free from illness and accidents. That's the most important thing, because illness unfortunately gives no warning and accidents are just what they say accidental, myself as Chairman of the parish council am only too aware of both these misfortunes having had both within four years and have reminders of both these mishaps which will stay with me forever,



Our thoughts must also go to those families not only in our parish but those who are close associates of our parish, who have suffered unexpected illness and bereavements in the past few months and now need our support and help in whatever way we can. It is something that every family succumbs to eventually. Our thoughts are with the families at this time, families never forget those who were dear to them, but after a while the media soon forget, they are just a memory because life must go on. Perhaps it's not something some people wish to talk about or even think about but it is a fact of life, here is what Bruce Forsyth remarked when questioned earlier this year; He was pragmatic about the inevitability of his own mortality. "I know I'm on borrowed time. There's no getting away from it. When I look at all my friends that have gone - Eric Sykes, Frankie Howerd, Sammy Davis Jr - I know I'm on borrowed time. "How I'm still here I just don't know. I don't know how, why or wherefore. But I'm not really questioning it that much. The day will come and it could be tomorrow, who knows? "It's no good saying it's never going to come. You've got to be able to accept it. So I'm conditioning myself so it's not going to be a big surprise."

Here are some specific quotes on the philosophy of life which we should try to remember and try to carry out. "The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow". "Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed".

"Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment."

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years".

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated".

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself". "We do not remember days, we remember moments".

"The Most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters".

"If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person".

"It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you". "The main thing is never quit, never quit".

To quote Shakespeare, "Good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow". Thank you.

As most of you know the Community Centre in New Houghton does not belong to the Pleasley Parish Council, it is on lease from The Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, otherwise the Derby Cathedral Board and we pay a yearly rent. The solicitors acting for Derby Cathedral have presented a new 25 year lease to the Pleasley Parish Council and this was duly accepted and signed by the Chairman Cllr Howard Wright and Vice Chair Cllr Pauline Bowmer at the Parish Council's October meeting.

This newsletter will be the last one for 2015 and is scheduled to be out in November in time for you to put the late yearly events into your diary, which are listed below as a reminder.

Sunday November 1st - Fungus Foray with Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group. 10-12.00. Meet at the pit.

Sunday November 8th - Remembrance service St Michael's church 10am. Pleasley war memorial 11am New Houghton war memorial 11-30am.



Saturday November 14th - Live at The Verney with Mambo Jambo. 7.30 for 8.00. **See page 3.**

Saturday November 28th - Christmas Fayre New Houghton Community Centre 1pm

Friday December 4th - Christmas Tree Festival, **details page 2.** Starts with a Concert in church with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band 7.30pm

Saturday December 5th to Tues 8th - Church open daily from 12.00 to 3.00pm.

Sunday December 6th - Concert with Take Note choir 3pm

Saturday 5th December. Visit Christmas Craft Day for Pleasley and New Houghton Brownies in the Community Centre from 10am - 4pm

Friday December 11th - 7pm Christmas Carols in the Verney. See below.

Sunday December 13th - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at St Michael's 9.15am

Thursday December 24th - Carols in Meden Square 7.30pm.

Thurs 24th Dec Midnight Mass at St Michael's 11.30pm

Fri 25th Dec Short service of Carols & Readings 10.00am

Sun 10th Jan Christingle Service 3.00pm.



From Friday 4th to 8th December Christmas Tree Festival St Michael's Church.



We would like

to invite you to provide a decorated tree, not exceeding four feet in height preferably artificial and not to wide. Each tree will be displayed with the name of the provider. Decorations can be of your own choice. Electricity points are provided for your lights.

Please let us know in good time if you intend to provide a tree. (06123 810035) Trees should be in place between 1pm and 5pm on Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd December. You may collect your tree after the festival between 2pm and 5pm on Wednesday January 6th.

Friday 11th December 7pm The Annual Christmas Carols inside the Verney followed by mince pies and a festive drink with the Parish Council Chairman



All are welcome.

Keyboard accompanist by Jean and Ralph Holmes.

The Newsletter does not give all details on the agenda of the parish council meetings as some might think it should. It is not a duplicate of the agenda as all issues on the agenda can be seen on the public notice boards in each village. The parish council does not have the ultimate decision on things like planning for instance. We are not a planning authority, we are only asked to comment on certain issues. Very often plans are delegated to an individual officer who makes the decision, the onus is his decision alone. We are in the process of erecting another notice board in the centre of New Houghton as many do not see the one at the Community Centre.

St Michael's Church had a very successful and well attended Harvest Supper on Saturday 26th September.

This was held in the Verney Institute.

Congratulations are in order to two Diamond Weddings (60) years, Barry and Sheila Clay and Howard and Margaret Wright. Both couples received congratulations from the Queen and congratulations to Vera Lamont (affectionately called "Monty" by her friends) on her 96th birthday,

We have two village halls with rooms and kitchens to hire for events and parties of various sorts. Contact the caretakers. New Houghton Lauretta, 01623-811390 for Pleasley Phillip Crouch 01623-810996 .

Your Parish and District Councillors are:

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Your two District Councillors are.



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October-November, winter is approaching, soon it will be back to the cold, sleet, snow and icy roads and complaints about gritting the roads, Our Snow warden Cllr Ian Allen has been elected and will receive his instructions and advice from Derbyshire County Council.

LIVE AND LOCAL at THE VERNEY

October 3rd was the sixth concert in the parish council's series of musical events and was the evening when the newly purchased portable lighting system was used for the first time.

MUMBO JUMBO—sounds like a magical act quipped one person but in fact three musicians whose music is rooted in the blues tradition. Oliver Carpenter fronted the band with a number of instruments, trumpet, cahn and washboard. Chris Lomas played guitar and ukulele and Phil Bond on piano and accordion completed the line up.

The evening got off to a good start with "The Letter" - made famous of course by Joe Cocker and then went into a Lomas number "I Hope The Blues Will Take Me Back". In between numbers there was lively banter between the band members which kept the attentive audience amused.

Feet were soon tapping along to the driving sound and Oliver's rasping vocals.

Most of the songs were penned by members of the band and it was interesting to discover the topics that inspired some of the songs: care of the elderly (Hosedown), the D Day Landings (Those Frail Few) and male baldness (Bald Spot).

After a very fast first 45 minutes drinks and home-made cakes were served by the enthusiastic volunteers.

With the interval gone, the tempo increased a little with "Graveyard Shift", "Man's Smart" and "Nice Work" among the numbers. Perhaps the highlight was the distribution of kazoos to each member of the audience so that everyone in the room became a temporary member of Mumbo Jumbo, playing along in two different keys! What's more, the kazoos, with the band's name on them, were gifts to the audience.

Ten o'clock arrived too soon and after a rousing encore everyone left to discover England's fate. Parting comment—"the best yet".



NEXT UP: MAMBO JAMBO: NOVEMBER 14th 8 pm

Mambo Jambo play a wide-ranging mix of acoustic roots, world styles & original **music** – between them they play over ten instruments presenting a bit of a musical feast. They will take you on an enjoyable and intriguing musical journey, mixing sounds from around the world, folk and jazz, plus their own compositions. Their repertoire draws in a wide range of styles that might include Bluegrass, Latin & Caribbean New Orleans, Balkan, and more. Blending all these influences they create an upbeat rhythmic and rootsy sound all of their own – with appeal across a very wide audience.

Join Pete and Frankie for an unforgettable evening



Tickets £9.00 from 01623 810035 or 07734 274848

Pleasley Parish Council is grateful to Live and Local and their funding supporters, Arts Council England, Derbyshire County Council and Bolsover District Council.

From October 1 it will become illegal to smoke in an enclosed private vehicle when young people aged under 18 are present.

The new law is coming into effect to protect children from the dangers of second hand smoke.

Our Cabinet Member for Health and Communities Dave Allen (not the comedian) said: "Smoking is the top cause of preventable deaths in England and we are helping Derbyshire residents to quit by commissioning support services.

"This new law will go a long way to protect children from being exposed to second hand smoke. "Second-hand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals and can increase the risk of asthma attacks, respiratory infections and cancer."

Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second-hand smoke as they breathe quicker and have less developed airways, lungs and immune systems.

Under the new legislation it will be an offence:

- for a person of any age to smoke in a private vehicle that is carrying someone who is under 18
 - for a driver (including a provisional driver) not to stop someone smoking in these circumstances
- Cllr Allen added: "We are working hard in Derbyshire to help reduce the harmful effects of smoking.

"This includes the formation of Smoke Free Derby and Derbyshire - the county's Tobacco Alliance. "The alliance is a partnership of local agencies working to tackle illicit tobacco, working on smoking prevention and commissioning stop smoking support."

The fixed penalty notice fine for both offences is £50. Somebody who commits both offences could get two fines. The legislation covers any private vehicle that is wholly or partly enclosed by a roof.

A convertible car with the roof completely down and stowed is not enclosed and isn't covered by the legislation. But a vehicle with a sunroof open is still enclosed and so is covered by the legislation. The rules apply to motor homes, camper vans and caravans when they are being used as a vehicle but don't apply when they are being used as living accommodation.

From 1 October 2015 it will also be illegal:

For retailers to sell electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) or e-liquids to someone under 18.

For adults to buy (or try to buy) tobacco products or e-cigarettes for someone under 18.

For help and support with stopping smoking visit the Life Better Derbyshire website or call 01246 515550.

This reminds me of a fellow who was on our radios in the 1940s, Phil Harris who died in 1995. As teenagers we collected many of his records. It is doubtful that many of you have never heard of him. He was a big friend of Dean Martin and Bing Crosby. Phil was an American singer, songwriter, jazz musician, actor, and comedian. Though successful as an orchestra leader, Harris is remembered today for his recordings as a vocalist, and his voice work in animation in The Jungle Book as Baloo, and the Aristocats.

Some of his more well known songs were. Woodman Spare that Tree, The Darktown Poker Club, Deck of Cards. I'm my own Grandpaw. The one that springs to mind is relevant to this new law.

Smoke! Smoke! Smoke that cigarette.

Now I'm a fella with a heart of gold,

The ways of a gentleman,

I've been told.

The kind of a guy that wouldn't even harm a flea

But if me and a certain character met

That guy that invented that cigarette

I'd murder that son of a gun in the first degree.

Well not because I don't smoke myself

I don't reckon they'll harm your health

I've smoked all my life and I'm not dead yet.

But nicotine slaves are all the same,

At a pettin' party or a poker game,

Everything's must stop while they smoke a cigarette.

Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! that cigarette.

Puff! Puff! Puff!

And if you smoke yourself to death,

Tell Saint Peter at the golden gate

That you hate to make him wait,

But you got to have another cigarette.

Now in a game of chance the other night,

Old Dame Fortune was doing me right.

The kings and queens just kept on comin' round

I played 'em hard and I bet 'em high

But my bluff didn't work on a certain guy

He kept on raisin' and layin' that money down

Yeah he'd raise me, and I'd raise him.

I sweated blood, gotta sink or swim;

He finally called, but he didn't raise the bet.

I said aces full, pal,

How 'bout you?

He said well I-I'm gonna tell you in a minute or two

But right now I got to have a cigarette.

Smoke Smoke Smoke that cigarette

Puff Puff Puff.

And smoke yourself to death.

For more try YouTube.