



NEWSLETTER

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

OPEN DOOR IS OPEN!



After a number of delays, the Open Door, drop-in computer session at New Houghton Community Centre opened on June 24th.

The Parish Council has purchased **six** state of the art computers, two printers and wireless internet access for parishioners to use for **FREE**, after receiving a grant from Derbyshire County Council courtesy of County Councillor Marian Stockdale.

Adults

The session for adults is run by Richard Jones, a fully qualified and experienced teacher of information technology has been employed by the parish Council to be on hand to help people develop their skills.

This means that no matter what your level of knowledge you can come along and learn **WHAT YOU WANT TO LEARN** at your own speed.

This is Great

One person who has attended sessions said "this is great. I can learn at my own pace. I've been to computer classes but found that I had



to do things that didn't interest me. I prefer this way of working". Another participant said "I'm still a

lightweight but I'm making definite progress. I'm looking forward into delving deeper".

Wonderful

A third person said "It's wonderful. I'm thrilled to bits".

Learners are pursuing different interests already ranging from word processing to converting family photographs into DVDs, to using the internet. The Parish Council is pleased

that this initiative provides parishioners with a number of options eg job seekers without internet access at home will be able to use a computer to help find employment without travelling to Shirebrook or Mansfield.

Young People

The Parish Council has also arranged sessions for young people. These sessions are on a Thursday as well. **Watch out for the starting date.** Matt Freeston, Head Teacher of Anthony Bek Primary School, welcomes and supports this initiative. He believes it will enable his Years 5 and 6 pupils to use their netbook computers at the community centre to do school work by taking advantage of the **free** WiFi access if they cannot use the internet at home.

Safe

Parents can be confident that their children will be in a safe learning environment because all adult helpers and supervisors have undergone criminal record checks and are conversant with child safeguarding procedures.

Children who attend Open Door sessions must have their parents' permission and simple registration forms are available.

Come Along

Why not pop along and see what is happening on a Thursday morning? You are bound to be impressed by the friendly, relaxed atmosphere and the quality of the equipment.

Session Times

Thursday

9.30—12.30	Adults
4.30—6.00	Young People up to 12 years
6.30—8.30	Young People 12 to 18 years

Information from Nottingham Police.

The police are warning the public of the latest scam where fraudsters obtain confidential personal & bank information they then convince people that they can invest their savings & make a profit.

Further contact is usually made with the victim via emails or phone calls asking for more money. The scam can continue for months to gain the trust of victims.

In the latest offences the company claimed to be called JAM Capital based in Canary Wharf this has been proven to be false.

Other local scams include a company called SAS Fire & Security Ltd who claim to be acting on behalf of Crime Prevention in Nottinghamshire or Crime Research UK. They offer free burglar alarms but fail to mention high cost of installation or annual maintenance fees.

Some business have also been offered advertisings in police publicity material & have paid money without checking authenticity.”

This is for information only just to keep in mind when dealing with people who have contacted you. Never give any personal details to someone who you can't verify, especially bank details.

AND

There have been reports where residents are being contacted from someone claiming to work for the council and the resident is due a tax refund.

They ask for bank details to deposit the money into.

This is a scam and the council would never operate in this way and is just a method of collecting bank details by offering free money.

Never give any personal information, especially bank details, to someone who calls you, there is no verification on who they are.

Tim Parkin
Derbyshire Community Information Officer.

Christ Church

We can now expect a big change in the weather and prepare for darker nights the hour changes on October 31st Halloween night also the death knell sounds for Christ Church.

This will be the last farewell service at 10am to a church that has served New Houghton for a number of years. The Bishop will hopefully carry out the last service, lock the church and lead the parade down to St Michael's. I don't really expect we can call it a cortège but it will be a sad event.

What the future holds for this building will be in the lap of Derby Diocese..

Thinking Ahead

It is time to make plans for next year.

You cannot prepare too soon for events in the spring and early summer, very much like gardening look ahead at what is to come. It helps to get through the winter.

One thing I am hinting at is prepare for the next scarecrow festival. You have the winter to think and start making your winning scarecrow.

The Parish Council has started to look ahead to avoid the problems we had last year with the grit bins.

Diary Dates**September 25th**

7pm Harvest Supper at the Community Centre New Houghton

Sunday 26th

Parish Harvest Festival 9-30am St Michael's

November 14th will be the armistice service at St Michael's and the laying of wreaths at the two war memorials

11am Pleasley Welfare.

11-30am Christ Church New Houghton.

These two memorials were erected to honour the lives of our local heroes of the last two world wars, but we must also remember those who have given their lives in the conflicts since then.

When the fate of Christ Church building is resolved the Parish Council memorial will have to re-sited.

**LEADER Approach
FUNDING FOR THE RURAL ECONOMY**



Are you a farmer who wants to diversify, or a new business starting up or wanting to grow, a tourism business wanting promotion or wanting to start up an environmental project and are located in the rural communities of Bolsover and North East Derbyshire?

Then LEADER Funding could be just what you need. The Bolsover and North East Derbyshire LEADER approach has been awarded a £2.4 million from the Rural Development Programme for England, until 2013 for Bolsover and North East Derbyshire Districts (excluding Dronfield)

The LEADER Funding will be channelled into five main themes:

- Diversification into non-agricultural activities
- Support creation & development of micro-enterprises (businesses employing less than 10 workers and less than €2m)
- Encouragement of tourism activities
- Conservation & upgrading of rural heritage
- Training & Information (to benefit the other four themes)

Funding vision "To develop a vibrant, dynamic and diverse rural economy by engaging local communities in an inclusive rural agenda to increase economic productivity and growth through the sustainable and creative development of rural resources, green infrastructure, the natural environment and heritage assets of the area."

If you would like more information on this funding or to find out if you are eligible please contact the LEADER Team on Tel: 01246 221746 or Email: info@bned-leader.co.uk

From Derbyshire Police

There are still too many incidents where items like bags, coats and satnavs are being taken from within vehicles across the division.



Satnavs are particularly tempting and signs like the satnav cradle or even the circle left from the sucker may be enough for a thief to break in to search the glove compartment.

Put any loose items out of sight in the boot of your vehicle and remove them at night.

RAISING ASPIRATIONS

Raising Aspirations is a community based project which aims to support local residents who are currently unemployed or economically inactive but are interested in exploring routes into work or taking part in training/education.



The project will address issues around low confidence, motivation and access to support.

Attendance on the course is free, it won't affect benefit claims and travel and childcare costs can be covered.

The project is delivered over 16 weeks by experienced staff who know the local area and provides:

- One to one assessment and action planning
- Achievement of an accredited qualification
- Access to specialist advice and guidance on areas such as debt, housing, healthy eating and benefits
- One to one mentoring
- Positive Progressive into employment, training, volunteering, self employment, apprenticeships or work placements

Eligible participants will need to:

- Live within the Bolsover area
- Be aged over 19
- Be currently unemployed or economically inactive
- Be interested in moving back into work or training

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to make a referral contact Emily on 07583 082146 or williamse1@chesterfield.ac.uk

CHAIRMAN'S REMINISCENCES

NOSTALGIA IS NOT WHAT IT WAS ?

One certain topic of thought and conversation is when people reminisce. The writer will add snippets of Nostalgia that will make a lot of people think of the days of yore in Pleasley.

The new comers to Pleasley might think why isn't it like that now or thank goodness it isn't. I know which I prefer.

They were days when residents were hard working hard drinking, honest, reliable and forgiving, days when there was a good community spirit.

Days when we had an abundance of places to work. In Pleasley alone we had 7 or 8 shops, not to include Pleasley Square (another 6) New Houghton another 8. May have been more.

Days when the Nag's Head and Pleasley Welfare were the hub of where people went on Saturday and Sunday night. If you were not in the Nag by 7-30pm you couldn't get a seat. There was friendly rivalry between these two in the darts, dominoes and crib nights in the Shirebrook Darts League. The Nag had the edge in darts and crib with such expert dart throwers as Pete Stevenson, Andrew Marshall Mick Moulton and yours truly. Crib players were Frank Woolley, Derick Leeson and a contingent of engineers from Accrington and Darlington who worked at Vyella Mills that were bed and breakfast guests at the Nag.

Days of the Co-op milk Dairy on Church Lane, the Abattoir (Slaughter House) near Pleasley Cross, the Co-op Grocery, Drapery and Butchers on Chesterfield Rd.

The parish wasn't without its well known likeable characters like Jagger and Ted Thorpe, and Tommy the poacher who brought pheasants to the Nag. Salt of the earth these people.

The Swan in Notts closed at 10pm sharp, the Nag in Derbyshire 10-30pm. Consequently people would walk up the road for another half hours drinking, never never any trouble anywhere. People might argue and row, next day it would all be forgotten.

Both these establishments' landlords (Doug Comery and Myself) took bets for horse racing

for a bookmaker in Chesterfield. Money wasn't the value of today's currency but some weeks hundreds of pounds were taken. The most ever at the Nag was bets from a professional sportsman of £1000 on Nijinsky when it lost!

Older people go misty-eyed thinking about the 'Good Old Days'. Even the Greeks and Romans were the same and most people hate change, whatever they say. This reminds me of two instances regarding change. I changed the rooms at the Nag: changed the tap room round and the best room. A regular customer, said "if you change I will never come in again", but he did right up to the time of his death. Another fellow, Mr Strang, when beer was going up from one shilling and ten pence a pint to two shillings he said "if you put beer up I am stopping drinking". He was still drinking later and paying above one pound a pint!

Perhaps it is the uncertainty or just longing for our lost youth that makes us believe that life was so much better in the 'Land of lost content.' Simpler it certainly was, but was it better?

Nostalgia is not just about prices, which are often cheaper today, in real terms. I mean the belief that we have lost the truths, freedoms, respect and values of former days.

A common nostalgia is about our childhood. No one stopped us roaming the streets and fields all day.

We walked to school, climbed trees, waded in streams, got into all sorts of mischief and not a health and safety or child protection officer in sight. When caught scrumping apples, a clip round the earhole: no one talked about human rights.

Now even burglars and murderers have human rights!

No doubt charities do good work, but if you believed their publicity our world is full of threats.

Our roads are more dangerous, so they are clogged up with cars taking children to and from school!

Grandparents are forbidden to film school Nativity plays. Children falsely accuse teachers of abuse. We dare not sweep snow off the pavements for fear of being sued.

A village hall has removed all the tea trays in case they are used to carry hot drinks!

As well as the child abusers, rapists, muggers and murderers, there are all the other worries, real or false.

Terrorism and climate change, Swine flu (where did that go) and mad cow disease. Dementia. Saturated fats. Obesity. MMR vaccine. Binge drinking and drugs.

The list is never ending, for the media need headlines. We must always find a scapegoat for every thing.

Is it the fault of the parents or politicians or television?. Possibly all three.

Should we blame the BBC, like Mary Whitehouse did? Programmes today do not show good family role models, There's little wonder that some children dress provocatively, are brash, cocky and disrespectful, the blame is on TV but they only give what some people want.

There would be less crime and vandalism today, if like in the old days "the punishment fit the crime" according to 'Gilbert and Sullivan' or spare the rod and spoil the child - a firm belief in our household, The PC brigade would soon change that, (pity)

COHABITATION

I do or I don't as the case may be.

An interesting point on Living together and property ownership.

In today's modern society more and more couples are living together. There's nothing wrong with that, as the shop keeper said "try before you buy".

If a property is in the sole name of one party then basically it remains that person's property unless the other party can establish that there was a common intention that they would be entitled to a share (possible examples contributing to the mortgage payments or paying household bills).

Parties can come to an agreement in this situation but disputes do arise and are often unpleasant and expensive.

If you own property jointly it is important to decide whether you will own the property as

joint tenants or tenants in common.

As Joint tenants you each own the entire property and in the event of one of you dying their interest in the property will pass automatically to the survivor. It is usual for married couples to buy property as joint tenants.

The alternative is to purchase a property as tenants in common - each owner has a distinct share in the property and will automatically own half of the property.

You can decide between yourselves what share belongs to each of you. For example, one may have contributed more to the purchase, this could be reflected on the respective shares when sold. If one party dies their share forms part of their estate and does not automatically pass to the other party.

Many couples believe they will qualify for some protection under the law if their relationship breaks down. This is not the case and no matter how long the couple have lived together the law treats them as separate individuals.

There's a thief about

During the summer months, when our hanging baskets were being watered in New Houghton by Glapwell Nurseries, the van driver was busy with his water hose and suddenly his van was started up and driven away at speed with the hose whipping about very dangerously to any passing person or vehicle. There has been no trace of it since.

Advertising

This is a reminder to anyone who would like to put an advert in our Newsletter. The rates are very competitive. The newsletter reaches at least 1000 homes in the area and it is posted on our web site:

www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk

It's a chance not to be missed, telephone 01623-810486 or email

johnwright828@btinternet.com

PLANNING ISSUES.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced **Local Development Orders** and commencement followed in 2006 with guidance provided in Circular 1/2006. However, what **LDOs** are and what they could do is not well understood and none are known to be in place, it is not yet mandatory, it is optional by different authorities, on trial and error.

It was reported in 'Parish Council Direct' newsletter that a parish council in mid-Cornwall is one of only five in the country to trial this project which could put planning decisions in the hands of local parish councils. (This makes sense for minor applicants)

During the next year Feock parish council will develop the framework for a **Local Development Order (LDO)** which would allow its councillors to decide minor planning applications rather than them going in front of Cornwall Council Planners.

The project is to create the framework for the **LDO** and if it is successful, the council has said it will implement it.

They receive about 300 planning applications a year in the parish. If this is successful it could lead to minor applications being decided much faster and at much less expense.

This may well change now we have a new government we shall have to enquire what steps have been taken to ratify the situation.

We hope that will change. But first, we need to understand what local authorities, customers and other stakeholders in the planning system think of **LDOs** and what needs to be done to encourage their use in appropriate circumstances. It would mean less delegated powers and a swifter decision.

WHAT IS A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

A **LDO** is an order laid down by a local planning authority, through which permitted development rights additional to those granted

nationally by Government, are granted to certain types of development (specified in the order) within a certain area (also specified in the order).

The intention has been that **LDOs** could be a valuable tool to do a number of things.

i. **LDOs** could be a mechanism through which minor development in defined areas can be managed more effectively through an impacts-based approach.

ii. By using supporting tools such as design codes, **LDOs** provide a positive mechanism to manage small-scale change in an area and improve quality.

iii. **LDOs** could provide a way for members to play an important part in developing a strategic framework for managing minor development, a topic which is often not the subject of strategic focus.

iv. **LDOs** could reduce workloads for local authorities. It is likely that much of the development concerned is minor and would normally be dealt with (and mostly permitted) by officers under delegated decision-making arrangements.

v. **LDOs** could provide a way to reduce 'unnecessary' planning applications being submitted to local authorities and so benefit customers.

Recently, the Householder Development Consents Review introduced an impacts-based approach to the consideration of householder permitted development rights, with impacts measured on a number of levels ranging from the building in which the development is taking place, to neighbouring properties, to the street and at the largest scale, to the wider neighbourhood/locality.

LDOs were viewed as an important tool for managing change in an impacts-based approach.

Planning Continued

In England and Wales you will not usually require planning permission, for summer houses or conservatories provided you do not exceed the permitted development limit for your property (which is 50-70 cubic metres, depending on where you live. You may wonder if the process of choosing and building a summerhouse will require planning permission. Most summerhouse additions do not, but you should be aware of the general guidelines

If your summerhouse/conservatory covers more than half the garden or if you plan to use the space as an office, you will need permission. Any flat-roofed structure over three metres high requires permission (the maximum for apex roofs in four metres). If the location of your summerhouse puts it closer to a public highway than your dwelling, you will need planning permission. You should consider that the term "highway" can include a footpath with public right of way. Of course, your best course of action is to check with the authorities

Beware of High Pressure Sales

In recent weeks there have been a number of companies using high pressure selling techniques to sell mobility products, such as mobility scooters, to elderly and vulnerable people. These companies have been known to give the impression they are from social or health care agencies and do not properly inform buyers about their consumer rights when purchasing mobility products.

Please be reminded that as with all cold callers, use your door chain and check identification and do not buy from doorstep sellers unless you know who you are dealing with and have been advised by social or health services of their visit.

If you are suspicious about any such doorstep sellers please report this to Derbyshire Police **0345 123 33 33** or Derbyshire Trading Standards consumer Direct **0845 404 0506**



Contact Us

There are not many letters coming in from residents wanting to know about any issues, council wise

or many letters of complaints, suggestions or enquires. You can always email johnwright828@btinternet.com or drop a letter in at the Verney

People are still commenting on the success of the Scarecrow festival saying it was a good village event. We will keep you informed of the rules and regulations to improve the event for next year, possibly June 18th and 19th. A scarecrow committee meeting is scheduled for September.

A slide show of this year's scarecrows can now be seen on the parish council web site.

There hasn't been a parish council meeting since the July meeting. The next one is September 6th.

May Elections

The Community Centre in New Houghton and the Verney Institute in Pleasley have been booked provisionally by Bolsover District Council for polling stations for May 5th 2011 when elections could be held for District and Parish Councillors for the next four years.

The last election was 1995.

Only four of the councillors on today's council were elected then. In case you are wondering who they are Ian Allen, Pauline Bowmer, Pat Fisher and Howard Wright.

Your local Parish Councillors are:

Ian Allan	01623 810346
Pauline Bowmer (Vice Chair)	01623 811492
David Clarke	01623 810754
Val Douglas	01623 811761
Pat Fisher	01623 810926
Mick Gamble	01623 810035
Christine Holland	01623 810824
Neil Jordan	01623 811615
Jackie Jones	01623 811207
Howard Wright (Chairman)	01623 810486

Your District Councillors are:

Pauline Bowmer	01623 811492
Anne Syrett	01246 850215

Your County Councillor is:

Marian Stockdale	01623 742197
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**COMPETITION
THIS
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IS.....**

*Pleasley Pit
Wildlife*

- FROG RABBIT
- GRASS SNAKE
- HARE ALDER
- HAWTHORN
- BEE ANT
- SNAIL EARWIG
- FOX MELILOT
- WASP SEDGE
- CADDISFLY
- IVY ORCHID
- NEWT COMMA
- WELD OAK
- CRANEFLY
- COWSLIP
- YARROW
- DINGY SKIPPER
- KINGCUP

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**Send entries to: Wordsearch,
Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane,
Pleasley NG19 7PL, before OCTOBER 1st,
or to any councillor.**



**Council
Chairman's
Carols**

Christmas Carols round the tree outside the Verney and a festive drink with the Parish Council Chairman will be December 17th at 7pm. All are welcome. If the weather is inclement we will go inside - we were lucky last year because the day after it started snowing You will be reminded again in the next Newsletter.

REMINDER

Remember we have **two** village halls with rooms and kitchen to hire for parties of various sorts.

For bookings contact the caretakers.

For New Houghton contact Laurretta on 01623 811390

for Pleasley, contact Phillip on 01623 810732.



Parking Fine

A word of warning to anyone who might shop at Wilko's in Sutton in Ashfield and think they can use Wilko's car park. **You cannot.** If you do you may be clamped, and at least you will be fined £80 with no excuses of shopping in Wilko's Disabled Badge Infirmid, or Old Age.