



PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

**The Newsletter for Upper Pleasley and New Houghton
Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale**

This is our fifth newsletter – we hope our newsletters have been a most welcome form of advising our residents of Council events and other news concerning the Parish of Pleasley.

This is not to be confused with the “Pleasley News” which is issued by Pleasley Hill which, of course, is under the authority of Mansfield District Council along with the Landmark.

Confusingly for postal and electoral addresses there are two Pleasleys – Pleasley Hill Nottinghamshire and Upper Pleasley Derbyshire, which along with New Houghton, Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale are in the Pleasley Parish under the authority of Bolsover District Council.

Comments and interesting items from readers are most welcome.

Councillors

The Parish Council co-opted a new member in September – Mrs. Val Douglas from New Houghton. This now brings the Parish Council back up to full strength of 10 members. Member's photographs, names, addresses and phone numbers will be

available on our website which is now nearing completion.

Children's Home

Seven residents of Booth Avenue attended the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September to hear the results of the enquiry regarding the Notts County Children's Home “Woodland View”, situated in Pleasley Derbyshire.

A report of the meeting held in August at Bolsover was given by Cllr Brian Murray-Carr, Cabinet member for Community Safety.

Residents were not entirely satisfied and asked Cllr Murray Carr to write to Notts. County Council on behalf of the Parish Council requesting a meeting of all interested parties and for Notts. CC to attend to answer questions.

As a result of this request a meeting of parishioners living in close proximity to the home was facilitated by Pleasley Parish Council on behalf of the local residents.

A meeting on the 29th September was chaired by Cllr Howard Wright, Chair

Pleasley Parish Council and attended by District Councillor, Brian Murray Carr (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Chair of Bolsover Community Safety Partnership), Cllr Pauline Bowmer (Pleasley's District Councillor and 3 members of Nottinghamshire Social Services Department. Questions raised by the public were responded to by Helen Ryan, Director of Nottinghamshire Social Services.

Assurances were received that a tighter control had now been instigated to check on the suitability of future incoming residents to Woodlands View.

Local residents were asked to report any future incidents, no matter how trivial they may seem to the Police and ensure that an incident number is received. Service calls would continue to be monitored by the police. It would appear inevitable from the representatives of Notts CC that this home is here to stay, however much this is to the disappointment of the local residents, who would like to see it closed.

Reassurance was given that there should be no recurrence of events which had caused so much distress to nearby residents in the past. It is important that if any problems do occur, residents must write to the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council and also continue to write to Dennis Skinner, MP. **Remember people power prevented the land fill in Pleasley.**

A further meeting is to be held on 11th November with the Police, County and District authorities in attendance and we will let you know the outcome in due course.

Christmas

Another year goes by, Christmas only weeks away; we take this opportunity to wish our readers Christmas greetings and a better and prosperous New Year.

It is hoped that we get as good a response to our

Christmas Carols round the tree outside the Verney Institute on Friday December 12th at 7.0 pm

as we did last year, everybody welcome, to mince pies and a festive drink.

Before Christmas of course is the uncertain foggy November the first day being the 1st day of winter.

**No sun, no moon, no morn, no noon,
No dawn, no dusk, no proper time of day,
No sky, no earthly view, no distance looking blue,
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, , no birds, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves on trees,
November!**

Church

The Remembrance Service this year will be held on November 9th at St Michael's Church 10am. Followed by laying of poppy wreaths

**11am Pleasley Welfare,
11-30am New Houghton.**

Saturday November 29th at 2pm Parish Christmas Fayre at New Houghton Community Centre.

Friday December 5th Christmas tree festival Concert St Michael's 7-30pm

Tuesday December 9th Carol Concert with Pleasley Band at St Michaels.

Those who contribute by providing a tree contact the church wardens

**Barry Clay 810574 or
Ralph Holmes 810230.**

A successful games evening was held for the Church in the Verney Institute on Saturday, 11th October let's hope this is the first of many

Sunday School

The Sunday Club at 9-30am every Sunday is going from strength to strength with a regular attendance.

Victoria must be commended on her efforts. One had only to see the display on Sunday 28th Sept during the morning service when the Bishop of Repton was in attendance.

All children are welcome.

All Leaders and helpers are fully CRB checked, come and join the fun!!! Call Victoria 01623-653376.

Anthony Bek Primary School

Our children's business club is doing well in the face of the credit crunch! Our business club meets once a week and has the same structure as any other business. The fruit and veg stalls that the children run are selling fruit to the pupils at playtime and vegetables grown in the school's garden at the end of the day.

So far we have seen a variety of potatoes, leeks, tomatoes, cucumbers and runner beans being sold from our barrows. The business club are busy planning their next event which will be the Christmas Fayre.

Our new library is open for business and pupils are enjoying using the space for design and technology, cooking, breakfast club and a finer diner restaurant.

We are all very pleased with the space and new pupils are especially pleased with their new cheerful, brand new colourful toilets!

We have introduced a 'finer diner' scheme in school which is a system of reward for pupils who eat politely, use their manners and eat healthy meals. There are 18 finer diners a week and they eat in our newly updated hall with special juice, mood music and the head teacher waits on them hand and foot! The children are really enjoying

this new experience and are trying really hard to meet all of the finer diner rules.

We have had our nursery and foundation stage harvest performance with lots of parents coming to watch their children sing, dance and tell the story of The Enormous Caterpillar.

Car Parking

It is understood that the County Council and the District Council are taking over from the police the role of illegally parked cars. On 1st November they will engage an outside firm to carry out this task, if the wheel clamping project is anything to go by there will be some hefty fines without chance to explain.

It will need to be made clear what is right and what is wrong and from what I hear even two wheels on the pavement will be a fine.

Regardless of what was said a few months ago regarding parking on the pavement things have changed, so watch where you park in future. The County Council will check the Main Roads, the District Council the Minor Roads.

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Friends of Pleasley Pit

Credit must go to the hard work by the Friends of Pleasley Pit on their Open Weekend. This was a success despite the inclement weather

Carol Abbott, their Secretary, wishes to thank everyone who braved the elements and turned out to visit the pit helping to increase their funds o enable them to continue with the restoration work.

Unfortunately due the weather conditions the Spitfire was unable to fly on Saturday, but those who were there on Sunday saw a magnificent flypast by the Dakota.

Carol wishes to thank also those who put on displays, the Pleasley Pit Nature Study Groups and the display in the south shaft as well as the engine running throughout most of the weekend, electrically driven.

In addition the St John's Ambulance was in attendance, the National Union of Mineworkers, Birds of Prey, Small Steam Engines, Justice for Mineworkers Group, Tombola, Raffle, Bric-a-brac, Refreshments and Walts Burgers, not forgetting Pleasley Colliery Band who played on both days.

Put this in your diary for next year.

The pit is open on Sunday and Thursday mornings for visitors or anyone wishing to help on either of those two days. You will be made very welcome to go along and chat to the existing volunteers.

Friends of Pleasley Pit are looking at the possibility of erecting two half pit winding wheels. Discussions are underway with Derbyshire Highways.

Cemetery

Nothing much to report on the cemetery. A page on our web site will give all relevant rules, regulations and charges.

The plots remaining in the cemetery is probably of concern to some residents but be assured there is at least 30 years of usage left before further grave spaces will

be needed. There is a plot of land in New Houghton earmarked for the next cemetery.

To quote from the Association of Burial Authorities the need for space in some parts of the country is becoming a problem. In June 2007, the Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP announced that the Government intended to make changes in the law to allow burial authorities to reuse graves in their cemeteries.

The new provision would apply to graves where the last burial was more than 10 years ago. By the time we will be faced with this problem the rules and regulations could well change.

The first burial in our cemetery was 1946. The reuse scheme will only apply to local authority burial areas; it will not apply to closed church yards even if a local authority is maintaining them. It is expected that its principle use will be in the larger urban areas first.

Allotments

There are still allotments available on the Meden Ave Site. Anyone interested please contact Brian Carnall Clerk to the Parish Council or any Parish Councillor who will make enquiries on your behalf.

Community Centres

Pleasley Parish Council have two community centres with rooms to let the Community Centre Rotherham Rd New Houghton contact Lauretta on 811390 and 'The Verney' Newboundmill Lane contact Phillip 810732.

Ideal for receptions for Birthdays, Funerals, Anniversaries, Social Events and Meetings. Kitchens facilities available.

September Crime Figures

Criminal damage 5
Burglaries from dwelling 1
Burglaries from non dwellings 3
Theft from vehicles 5
Violence 2
Total 16

New Houghton

The Parish Council is currently investigating the possibility of providing a drop in centre at New Houghton fitted out with computers for use in the day by adults and in the evenings.

This is in the very early stages of looking for funding for such a project and your views on this would be very welcome – whether you think it would be a waste of time and money or is it something which is needed? Please let us know.

There is already a computer for public use installed in the Community House on Rotherham Road - why not call in and make use of it?

It looks very much as if Bolsover will be replacing the 'pre-fabs' in New Houghton. It is hoped that there will be bungalows for the elderly which would be more beneficial for them than houses.

There are proposed plans for a Wind Farm in the district. A suggested area for consideration is Losk Lane which stretches from Rotherham Rd to Palterton. As we get more information we will let you know.

Listed and Conservation Projects

This is for the benefit of Pleasley Vale.

Article 4 applies to listed and conservation properties and all areas, not only in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire but throughout the Country.

There is no financial help to anyone who has to replace any windows.

This can be viewed on the internet.

Alterations or building works on listed properties that are carried out without permission may have to be removed if the Council takes enforcement action. It is important; therefore that advice is always sought prior to undertaking any works to the outside of the property.

Road Gritting

The gritting of roads in the winter is only on major roads, and some bus routes. In Pleasley Parish the grit bins provided by the District and Parish Council are for pavements and pedestrian pathways where there is no pavements, not for traffic.

Aerobics

Anyone interested in attending an aerobics class during the daytime to be held in the Verney at Pleasley, please telephone Debbie on 07772 348808. Cost will be £2 per session.

Time?

How many times have you heard 'I don't know how I found time to go to work'? This is a sentiment often expressed by those who are now retired from full time employment, being busy is a symptom of life in this century. Most of us fill our time with so many things that we are in danger of living unbalanced lives, it was said that a balanced life If it is to be a good life, must be one that embraces all of ones life, perhaps in this busy life we have forgotten to embrace life and to live it.

The five tasks in life should be, to love, to live; to laugh, to learn, and to leave a legacy, this is not always easy, but I am sure it would leave your corner of the world a better place. I am sure the people I know who work so hard for the community, the church and the council will do just that. A key factor in achieving this kind of life is our use of and attitude to time. So how do you spend your time?

Do you make good use of it or do you fill it with unnecessary things and distractions? Every minute of every day is precious, once past it is lost and gone forever. The passage of time is something we take for granted and before we realise it another day, week, month and year has passed.

Life is too short to take it for granted and time is too precious to let it slip by. We need to take time out, to reevaluate how we use our time, "to stop and stare," as the poem by, W H Davies advocates. "Leisure"
What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare

No time to stand beneath the boughs

And stare as long as sheep or cows

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this, if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

Excerpt from the press.

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: **If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.**

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

Editor's Note: It works fine! We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone

Chicanes on Newboundmill Lane

Residents have reported some very near misses regarding the chicanes on Newboundmill Lane and ask if they can be removed. This is an ongoing issue. You must complain to the County Highways, preferably by letter, or ring County Councillor Marian Stockdale on 01629 580000 Ext 6058.

List of Useful Contacts

Street Lighting 01629- 585306
Give the number on the lamp post for easy location.

County Highways 01629-580000 ask for Ian Wickham or Dave Connell.

Definitive Footpaths and bridle ways, Angela Stansfield 01629-580000.

Maintenance of Footpaths adjoining Main roads and Highways Carol Bradley 01629-580000 Ex 7507

Other county problems contact your County Councillor Marian Stockdale on 01629-580000 Ex 6058 or at home 01623-742197.

All Bolsover numbers are on 01246.

Bolsover Environment.

01246-242232 or 242236.

Planning 242263 or 242234.

Collection of Freezers, Fridges and Cookers Helen Dean 242237.

Abandoned Cars Josie Shepperd or Ceri Ocroft 242277.

Environment, 242236.

Pleasley Parish Council, Brian Carnall the Clerk on 01246-273239 or 07828921339 or any Parish Councillor.

CAN Rangers (Community Action Network)

these rangers come out to emergency calls and deal with problems in the community, a better response than the police, 24 hours.

Telephone

Bolsover

01246-242238,-242331-242332. Shirebrook 01246-242630,

Out of hours 01246-242295.

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