



**PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**No. 6 Newsletter for Upper Pleasley and New Houghton  
Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale FEBRUARY 2009**

## **AT LAST WE ARE LIVE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

We now have a web site that we hope the public will make full use of. Although in early stages of development we hope that you will make full use of it and as we gain more experience other information will be added. Advice and views on how to improve our website will be gratefully received. Our web site is;

[www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **NEWSLETTER**

Our Newsletter is not only parish council news and parish news. Other interesting items have been most welcome, gardening and health hints and tips, not that its professional advice it is more common sense and old fashioned remedies that can either be taken notice of or not.

We have been made aware that not all residents are receiving our newsletter as our delivery agents consider it not viable to deliver to some awkward areas which is understandable. However, if you do know of anyone who isn't receiving their copy please let the Council know and we will ensure that they somehow get a delivery.



**The Church** must be congratulated once again on their fine display of Christmas Trees in their 'Christmas Tree Festival' which was on view from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December. There were 49 Christmas Trees plus the marvellous display on the tract table by Caron Stubbs. The main large Christmas Tree in the Chancel was donated by Glapwell Nurseries,

A carol concert given by the Pleasley Welfare Band was very well attended as was the concert given by the Forest Singers on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The chosen charity for this year was 'The Rainbow Children's Hospice' and over £700 was raised.

**On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
parishioners enjoyed a carol service

round the Christmas Tree, again donated by Glapwell Nurseries, outside the Verney with a festive drink inside afterwards.

This was arranged by the Parish Council, who would like to thank the church for providing carol sheets and Sybil Sissons for playing the accompanying key board and Barry Clay for transporting it to the Verney. Our thanks also go to other members of both Church and Council - Phillip and Mabel Briggs, Pat Reville, Ralph Holmes, Margaret Wright and Howard Wright, Jackie Jones, Christine Holland and Pauline Bowmer for all their work before and after the event. A few familiar faces were missing, let's hope they remember next year.

On November the 9<sup>th</sup> members of Pleasley Parish Council attended a memorial service at St Michaels and wreaths were laid at both Pleasley and New Houghton memorials.

### **VISIT GLAPWELL NURSERIES**

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### **Parish News**

Pleasley Parish Council are making enquires regarding hanging baskets to brighten up the appearance of our parish.



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We are still waiting for village signs to be erected by Derbyshire Highways.

This has been on the agenda for a year now, and it's high time someone pulled their finger out at Highways, We are also still waiting for the result of the car count and speeds on Newboundmill Lane carried out some time ago.

### **USEFUL NUMBERS**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of useful numbers for you to save in case you need to phone a particular number.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

We are required by law to hold an **Annual Parish Meeting** which this year will be held in May. This is not a Parish Council Meeting, it is a meeting of all organisations in the parish to give a report on their activities.. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **POLICE**

The crime rate for November was 5.

1 Criminal damage, 3 Sheds and Outbuildings broken into, 1 Public Order. PC Burton indicated that there had been very few incidents in the area.

PC Ian Burton informed us that the children home in Pleasley has changed its name from Woodland View to West View. There had been no reports of unrest at the home.

A new PCSO for our area is Dave Hancock and there is a new telephone number for reporting issues to the police 0345 123 33 33

The police can be contacted by email [nicola.greenfield.4402@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nicola.greenfield.4402@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk) or mobile 07795281507 [david.hancock.4609@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.hancock.4609@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk) [Stephen.browitt.3315@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stephen.browitt.3315@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk)

## COMMUNITY HOUSE

New Houghton will hopefully benefit from Community Priorities Programme. This is money allocated to our County Councillor, Marian Stockdale, for deprived areas and Marian is anxious that New Houghton should benefit from this project. The problem is finding a suitable venue for what she has in mind.

The Parish Council were approached but regrettably couldn't supply a venue. Suggestions were made to use the Community House and Marian is following this through. Let's hope she succeeds. This depends on the reply from Bolsover District Council.

## NEW HOUGHTON RECREATION AREA

**We are still waiting** for the result of our application for funding which Groundwork Creswell have made on our behalf for the for grant aid to refurbish the recreation area at New Houghton. We are hopeful that we will be successful but until we are advised of the success of our application cannot start work on this important project.

## ALLOTMENTS

Fires on allotments to burn weeds and other garden rubbish has always been a recognised thing in the past and is accepted. It is not against the law to have a garden fire any time. However smoke that does cause a nuisance to your neighbour and smoke that causes a danger to road traffic is breaking the law.

**Indiscriminate burning of rubbish that causes a nuisance continually, which is what has been happening on our allotments is not allowed and could lead to prosecution.** The police have been notified.

Respect should be shown for residents and other allotment holders. In a previous Newsletter this was explained

and should be followed to the letter of the law. Keep a good distance away from properties. Recycle your waste.

New Agreements are due for tenants of our allotments with certain provisos and restrictions that must be adhered to. If the agreement is broken a letter will be sent to the offender and if there is no response and they do not comply then the tenancy will end forthwith.

The parish council have no alternative other than to be strict and adhere to the law with this agreement.

By now we hope most of the bad weather is behind us and can look forward to spring and lighter nights. This of course means gardening for those who want to grow their own produce which is becoming more popular.

**We only have two smaller sized allotments for rent on the Meden Avenue site and one on Crompton St, unless they have been taken since going to print. .**

There are many things that grow in our gardens that are poisonous, probably not enough to kill you but very unpleasant.

I propose to outline one or two just in case you were unaware of them, you do all know the reason why potatoes should go into brown paper bags and be kept away from daylight, the reason being that when potatoes are exposed to light, they produce a chemical called solanine, which turns the skin green this is toxic if eaten it causes stomach ache, spouting potatoes should also be avoided, cut all the green away and you will be alright, rhubarb leaves are poisonous, foxglove is the source of the drug digitalis, yew, euphorbia, monkshood, poppies, deadly nightshade, certain mushrooms, poison ivy and hemlock, all are poison's

Socrates the great Greek Philosopher whose iconoclastic attitude didn't sit well with everyone, and at age 70 he was charged with heresy and corruption of local youth.

Convicted, he carried out the death sentence by drinking hemlock, becoming one of history's earliest martyrs of conscience. Socrates's most famous pupil was [Plato](#), who in turn instructed the philosopher [Aristotle](#).

Hemlock grows in the hedgerows and looks very much like cow parsley,

Once poison ivy has been sprayed and died completely, it must still be handled with caution the dried plant is as irritating as the live plant, always wear gloves.

## Planning Permission

**\*Urgent News - Changes to Planning Regulations\***

**Home extension** freedoms begins 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2008

## THIS AFFECTS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO YOUR HOUSE WITHOUT NEEDING PLANNING PERMISSION

As from the **1st October 2008** the rules controlling what house owners can do without getting planning permission changed.

One of the most important changes affects anyone who intends to create, or replace in whole or in part a hard surface (such as a driveway or parking space or patio) between the property

and the highway and which has an area greater than 5 square metres.

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 planning permission will be needed unless the hard surface is made of porous materials, or provision has been made to direct run-off water from the hard surface to a permeable or porous area within the curtilage (garden area) of the property.

Other changes affect the size and position of extensions including conservatories, garages and outbuildings that can be built without first needing planning permission.

Details of these changes can be found on the Planning Portal web-site by following this link: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/genpub/en/1115314762582.html>

<http://www.bolsover.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=7355>

The rule changes may mean that extensions and conservatories and garages etc. that previously didn't need a planning permission may now need it.

Under new regulations that came into effect from 1 October 2008 adding a conservatory to your home is considered to be permitted development, not needing an application for planning permission, subject to limits and conditions:

## WIND FARMS

**There has been mixed feelings** over the proposed wind farms, the main concerns were from residents at Palterton who will be the nearest parish to the development. There is clearly doubts as to who will benefit from this project. How do we know what the implications of noise and disruption to

television reception will be. Projects similar to this are being proposed a few miles from Mansfield. It would appear it's a thing of the future.

Wind is now powering the visitors centre at Shipley Park as they have installed a wind turbine which will generate enough electricity for the park's visitors centre. An exhibition at the park will shortly open about the benefit of renewable energy and what visitors can do to reduce their own energy bills. Contact them if you wish to visit and see the results.

## **RECYCLING**

**Most types** of household waste that cannot go in your wheelie bin will be accepted at your nearest recycling centre which is at Buttermilk Lane in Bolsover, near the M1 Junction 29a S44 6AE. Items such as furniture, electrical appliances, fridges and freezers, green garden waste, carpets, paper, cardboard, glass containers, items from vehicle maintenance.

Hardcore and soil is only accepted in small bagged up quantities, two sacks minimum, up to four car tyres, but only one visit per week, they are very busy at weekends.

## **STREET PARKING**

**It was** mentioned in the last newsletter that council authorities are to take over the problem of street parking from November. However there has been some hold up regarding getting the application processed by the Government's Department of Transport and they are still waiting for the go ahead it could be March before this is in force.

The parking enforcement powers will then become the responsibility of the County Council, working in partnership with the District and Borough Councils.

There will be a £70 penalty for more serious offences such as parking in a disabled parking place without a valid badge and a fee of £50 for less serious offences.

## **FOOTPATHS**

**A rather doubtful** issue is causing some concern This is the ownership of the 'Welfare Footpath'.

Considering it was there before world war two it is very difficult to get absolute evidence without believing hearsay. The facts are after Pleasley Colliery was sunk many years ago there were houses built to accommodate the miners who worked at Pleasley Colliery this was known as the Old Terrace.

Later more modern houses were built called the New Terrace presumably on colliery owned land. Also on colliery owned land adjoining the New Terrace houses was the Miners Welfare, the Colliery cricket field, tennis courts and bowling greens and a path was created through the middle of the Pleasley Colliery owned land as a convenient way of access to the Main Chesterfield Rd and to the Miners Welfare, the tennis courts and the bowling greens The land where the tennis courts and bowling greens were was sold and a new lease was drawn up which shows the Welfare land.

The trustees put a fence bordering the footpath as a boundary marker therefore isolating the footpath from their land. This gives the impression that they do not own this land.

The New Terrace houses were sold and have been pulled down and refurbished by Bellway, Efforts are being made to trace who are the owners of the footpath.

The footpath was never adopted by any authority.

At one time the Parish Council did put money towards resurfacing the footpath - presumably this would be from section 137 - although at that time it was simply called donations and the correct official term was never used.

The New Terrace Implementation Group is now in the final stages and the Chair, Karen Hook, is keen to form a Tenants and Residents Association (T.A.R.A.).

All residents were invited to a meeting in the Miners Welfare on the 14th January to discuss the formation of such a group, the aims of which would be to provide a vehicle to organise events and hopefully create a "community" as the site is developed to integrate within the Parish.

Over 100 invitations were sent out but regrettably only two residents attended along with Parish Councillors, South Yorkshire Housing Association and Carol Avison from Meden Valley Making Places were chaired the meeting.

Although no firm conclusions were drawn it was suggested that a small group should be established which could be built on as and when more houses are occupied. Karen must be commended on her efforts.

### **CEMETERY**

Following the recent decision of the council that no plots in the cemetery can be reserved by anyone outside the parish, which was to safeguard the availability of burial plots for parishioners, at the last meeting of the Parish Council the question arose, what if a long time resident of the parish, bred and born with family already

buried in the cemetery wanted to reserve a plot near the parents

It was agreed that under these extenuating circumstances reservation of plots would be agreed.

Otherwise not a lot to report on our cemetery, but to carry on from our last newsletter of interesting items regarding cemeteries when it was reported that cemeteries were getting full.

This is regarding

### **GREENER GOODBYES.**



Funerals are never easy. It may seem morbid and cause conversation to change. None of us likes to think about funerals but ironically it's a fact of life,

Death can reach out at any time - it does not ask permission. We cannot stop the Doomsday clock ticking. Our lifespan is so short.

Therefore many people who have opted for greener funerals to say farewell to relatives or friends, often say that the experience was not so sorrowful and was more uplifting than the often anonymous cremation send off, or the burial in a cemetery surrounded by headstones, and I do speak from personal experience.

**The nearest 'green cemetery' is Oxtan Tithe Green Burial Ground.**

One may prefer the idea of turning into a beautiful, living tree and being

remembered that way rather than being commemorated by a sobering, solid slab of granite...

It's also worth considering the environmental legacy of a conventional funeral. This has now become a climate change topic – and so choosing to say goodbye in an eco way can make a huge environmental difference.

### **70% of funerals that happen in the UK are cremations.**

A cremation produces on average about 50kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, chemicals released into the atmosphere include dioxin, hydrochloric acid and sulphur dioxide. The greenest way to go is to opt for a woodland burial where only biodegradable coffins are allowed. There are 200 natural burial sites in the UK - some are council owned cemeteries others at private woodland sites.

Let's try and come up to modern standards with our next cemetery. This will be probably in the year 2040, because an estimated time schedule is our present cemetery will last about 30 years. Preparations will have to start well before that to comply with the current legislation.

### **Anthony Bek School**

Film star Robert Carlyle of The Full Monty film as been filming for his new film 'Summer' not only in Derbyshire, scenes were set around Matlock, Bolsover and Shirebrook.

Three schools were used as locations Bramley Vale, Shirebrook and our own school of Anthony Bek. Pupils and teachers took part as extras in classroom and playground scenes. To find out more visit.

[www.summerthemovie.co.uk](http://www.summerthemovie.co.uk).

### **Anthony Bek School Profile.**

**160 pupils** on roll (include 30 place part time nursery)

The School serves an area where levels of social deprivation are high (23/303).

24% of pupils on roll with statements of SEN or at School Action Plus.

26.2% of pupils known to be eligible for free school meals (above the national average).

High mobility in the area and the number of pupils who leave and join the schools each year is well above average.

### **The Extended School Provision;**

The School is providing extended services since 2005, delivered through Shirebrook cluster of 10 local schools employ an ES coordinator.

Some of the services are tailored to individual schools, others available across the cluster.

Anthony Bek is providing access to full core offer from June 2007 although through signposting in certain areas.

Family resource worker signposts links to support (local health services etc) and works across the cluster of schools.

Two Learning Mentors monitor and remove barriers to learning.

A popular breakfast club which opens to parents and pupils, run by Learning Mentors.

### **Range of school activities.**

Cluster mini bus and bicycle resources. Community computer notice boards.

Parent courses at school and within the community e.g. Incredible years programme, PEEPs early intervention, living with Children.

Good links with local health services, family support, parent counselling – all shared across the family of schools.

### **The IMPACT**

Being Academic performance has increased generally across the cluster with care and guidance rated as outstanding in many schools.

Attendance at Anthony Bek improved from 86.8% to 93.8% in 2007, exclusions now are very rarely occurring.

School in a challenging context, levels of attainment on entry are very low but children are now at national expectations by the end of KS2 (Summer 2008).

There have been increased engagements by parents, with parents now joining in clubs.

Response has increased by the extended services offered. e.g. A Family Resource Worker is now employed at the school for two and half days per week.

We are an improving school in many areas and extended services has enabled us to reach some families who would otherwise still be struggling had we not had extended provision.

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