



PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL June 2009

NEWSLETTER

Eighth edition of the newsletter for; Upper Pleasley, New Houghton, Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale



THE WEB SITE

The parish council has pleasure in reporting that the Newsletter and the Web Site, www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk are a great success, informing the media of parish issues and other items of interest, on the world wide web.

Anyone wishing to send reports and letters to us, they will be considered for inserting, once the legal standing has been checked, Adverts will be accepted, at competitive rates.

If you want your relatives abroad to read the news, advise them to log on.

We need to inform Bolsover and the County Council to include Pleasley on their Web Site.

DONATIONS

The parish council has recently made donations to Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre £100.

New Houghton Millennium Green Trust £500.

Bolsover District Council £100 towards purchase of poop scoop bags, these can be collected from the Community House in New Houghton or contact any parish councillor.

St Michaels Parish Church Flower Festival £200

Men-Cap £50

PARISH MEETINGS

There was no parish council meeting first Monday in May as it was May Day, It was held the following Monday on May 11th which was also the annual general parish meeting.

The Law requires that we hold this meeting annually to give parishioners and representatives of different organizations that meet within the parish the chance to make comments on Parish affairs during the open forum part of the agenda.

The Parish Meeting has never been a main issue with residents, not only in this parish but many other local parishes and this year was no exception,

There was a feeling of apathy, there wasn't one person attended even though the parish meeting was advertised on notices boards and in the last newsletter.

Chairman's Annual Report

The chair's full report was curtailed due to the lack of public attendance. However the Chair reported the precept for 2009/10 was set at £75,000 which was the same as the last two years,

He thanked the vice chair Pauline Bowmer who is also the district councillor and all his colleagues on the council for their help and support during the last twelve months,

He also thanked the employees of the parish council, Brian Carnall the clerk who is the most important one and does a great job, Phillip Briggs and Laretta Brudenall the two caretakers and Jim Roddy the general operative or, Jimmy the litter picker as we all know him, for the work they have done over the last year.

Cllr Wright went on to say he was indebted to Councillors Gamble and Holland who checks and proof reads the newsletter.

A suitable response was given on behalf of members of the council thanking the Chairman for his energy, commitment and considerable efforts on behalf of the Parish Council during his year of office. The Annual Parish meeting was then closed.

Annual Parish Council Meeting.

This was followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting when the Councillor J H Wright was re-elected as Chairman, Cllr Pauline Bowmer re-elected as vice chair, Councillor Wright was appointed representative to Pleasley Colliery Liaison committee, and Pleasley Park Vale Area partnership scheme, with Cllr Ian Allen acting as substitute. Councillor Bowmer was on both as a district councillor.

In the public participation part of the meeting there was one member of the public who raised questions to the police Steve Browitt and the County Councillor Marian Stockdale regarding vehicles parking on bus stops causing problems to people who wanted to get on and off buses,

FEES

All Parish Council fees and charges shall remain the same, this includes, allotments, cemetery, and hire of rooms.

Computer Facility for the Parish

Our efforts to provide this facility has been resolved, our aim is to commence in October or September in the Community Centre for New Houghton and later in the Verney for Pleasley.

We have been awarded £5k by our Derbyshire County Councillor Marian Stockdale, and although this figure is lower, than we hoped it will help to provide some computers with broadband for the use of the community.

We are currently in the process of setting up a management plan to run this facility, there will be more information in the next

UPDATE ON NEW HOUGHTON PLAY AREA

Our first application for grant aid was not successful, one reason given was lack of consultation. However, we have now undertaken further consultation which many of you have participated in by filling in forms for us to present and we are grateful for your support.

A new bid is underway for funding, and we should know the outcome later this year.

Groundwork Creswell are acting on our behalf, we will keep you informed of the progress.

What do we know about the months of June July and August.

June is the month named after the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter.

We hope it lives up to the saying of flaming June.

In June 375BC Greek Scientist Archytas invented the Screw, little did he know how many meanings the word would have.

1381 was the peasants revolt against the poll tax, led by Wat Tyler, we could do with him now.

June 1907 The first household detergent was launched by Lever Bros they called it Persil.

June 1941 Clothes rationing in the UK. The landings commenced on **June 6, 1944** (D-Day), Beginning at 6:30 British Double Summer Time (H-Hour).

June 1st 1946 The first TV licence was introduced costing £2.

1953 The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

July, was renamed for Julius Ceasar, previously it was Quintilis. Birth stone Ruby.

July 4th American Independence Day. July starts the school holidays.

August, named in honour of Augustus. Birthstone peridot.

Aug 12 1848, George Stephenson inventor of the railway locomotive died in Chesterfield,

6th Aug 1881 Penicillin was invented,

Aug 4th 1914 Britain at war with Germany.
Aug 6th 1945 End of WW2 when the Atom Bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

INFORMATION BOARD

Rules are Regulations are made for a purpose, they are there to be observed and not to be flouted, there has always been a rule that permission should be given by the parish council to install head stones and kerbs, no home made surrounds are allowed, several months ago a rule was made that no kerbs can be fixed of any description, this was to allow maintenance between graves accessible. Anyone who has a home made a kerb surround will be asked to remove it, They will be notified, failing to comply or reply, the council will remove them, and bill the offending party.

A Town Council in Bedfordshire have increased their charge for grave spaces by £65 due to the fact that wider coffins are very often required and they encroach on to another plot which then could not be used. There is a standard size of requirement for a grave plot.



Press Release from Bolsover District Council

Six more dog owners from across Bolsover district have fallen foul of the Law after failing to clear up after their animals.

The six were hit with **£50** Fixed Penalty Notices after they were spotted by the Councils Dog Warden and members of the public for not clearing their dogs mess away.

The six from Pinxton, Whitwell, Langwith, Bolsover, and two from South Normanton have now all paid the penalty notices after admitting they were in the wrong not to clear up after their dog.

Bolsover District Council has stepped up its battle to tackle irresponsible dog owners by increasing their patrols across the district, which will also include the use of its new mobile CCTV van to catch those who do not clean up after their dogs.

Bolsover District Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment Councillor Dennis Kelly said,

"Everyone has a responsibility to tackle this dirty problem and these penalties reflect the work that we are doing.

Over the past few months we have increased our patrols and are raising awareness of the problems of dog fouling causes.

The Council provides free poop scoop bags and dog bins to deposit the waste so there is no excuse for not picking up after your animal."

"The message is simple and quite clear – be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog or face **a £50 fine**" and possibly your name in the press and newsletter.

To members of the public if you see anyone failing to clear up after their animal, please telephone 01246-242424 with the time, description of dog owner and dog, exact location and your contact details. Better still if you have a photo. Where do we need a dog bin? Let us know.

Fly the Flag

It was decided to replace the flag pole outside the Verney so that we may fly the national flag on civic and national occasions, the flag pole was removed during the refurbishment and never replaced.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE IN DERBYSHIRE



The Chesterfield Law Centre offer free, confidential help and advice to individuals and groups.

They do not act for landlords, creditors or employers.

The information covered is on subjects such as : benefits, community care (to receive support services from social services), consumer problems, debt, disability rights, discrimination (age, belief, disability, gender, sexual orientation, race and religion), employment, housing, immigration and nationality issues, mental health and other poverty related issues.

The Law Centre is based in Chesterfield, but does offer assistance at various other locations.

However, it is probably advisable in the first instance to contact the Chesterfield Law Centre which is based at 44 Park Road, Chesterfield, S40 1XZ, as follows :

Telephone : 01246 550674

Text Box : 0845 833 4252

Fax : 01246 551069

E mail : clc@chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk

Web site :

www.chesterfieldlawcentre.org.uk

Opening time :Monday to Friday – 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Monday, Thursday and Friday – 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesdays, 2.0 pm to 6.30 pm

.If you cannot get into the Law Centre because you are unable to leave home, arrangements can be made to visit you at home.

Provision of a sign language interpreter or translator can also be made available if you let them know of your needs.

The best advice is to ring in the first instance.

Following another tragic accident on Common Lane Pleasley both pedestrians and motorist are urged to be more careful, this is the sixth accident to happen, always expect the unexpected.

Allotments

Allotment holders have reported a series of thefts from the allotments.

These must be reported to the police. The parish council cannot be held responsible for items stolen, the parish council only take action if the tenant's agreement is broken.

Do not leave items of value on your allotment.

This year an abundance of Dandelions has been reported in the fields, and people's gardens these maybe a weed but they do have a medicinal purpose as many of the plants, shrubs and flowers do in your garden, The scientific name for dandelions is *Taraxacum officinale*. When you see the word, *officinale* in a name, it means the plant has been prized for its medicinal properties. In the case of dandelions, the roots, flowers and "dandelion greens" not only have medicinal uses, but also culinary uses. Dandelion greens are, in fact, quite nutritious.

All parts of the dandelion are edible: However it has **diuretic** properties so be warned.

In modern **French** the plant is named *pissenlit*, which has the same meaning as an English folk name of "pissabeds" which has a meaningful explanation as is *piscialletto* in Italian and the **Spanish** *meacamas*. In various north-eastern Italian dialects the plant is known as *pisacan*, It is good for the liver as are young nettles.

Dandelion root can be roasted as a coffee-substitute, or boiled and stir-fried as a cooked vegetable.

Dandelion flower can be made into a **wine**, or boiled and stir-fried as a cooked vegetable.

Dandelion greens (i.e., the leaves) can be boiled, as you would spinach, and used as a cooked vegetable, in sandwiches or as a salad green with some "bite" I knew a man who preferred the leaves to lettuce leaves. The green leaf is high in vitamins A & C. A well known drink is dandelion & burdock. Do not eat if they have been exposed to insecticide. Check the internet for recipe.

A BRIEF HISTORY of PLEASLEY

In the **1190s** Serlo or Servio de Plesley gave lands in Nottinghamshire to the priory of Felley. An area of land is called a 'MANOR'

In **1273** Robert de Wylehby / Wilughby was lord of the manor of Pleasley but seems to have been a bit of a bad boy since he was deposed from the position of Prior of Felley in **1276** for "various irregularities".

By **1284** Thomas Bec, Bishop of St Andrews and Lord Treasurer to Edward I, owned Pleasley.

In **1284/5** Edward I granted charters for a market to be held on Mondays and fairs for cattle, sheep and horses to be held annually on 25 April and 18 October. (This changed to 6 May and 29 October at some point). Fat and lean cattle were sold near the church (St Michaels 1160), sheep at the market cross and horses at the spring on Newboundmill Lane, where the pumping engine for the colliery was later sited.

(This was along side of 'Springville')

On Newboundmill Lane a public footpath towards the river Meden where the pump house was situated)

The manor then passed to Anthony Bek, Bishop of Durham.

Our local primary school was named after him.

When he died in 1310 it passed to his nieces.

Prior to the 18th century before the colliery, the history of Pleasley revolved around Pleasley Vale where the earliest records were of Pleasley Forge 1890 OS map show that this was the site for the 'Old Forge' or 'Nether Forge' as mentioned in Hollins' lease.

The Chapman 1774 map shows Pleasley Forge an area rich in ironstone. The ironstone was extracted from bellpits in the 17th century that lay in the bands of clay beneath seams of coal.

The old medieval **Manor of Pleasley**, in which the Pleasley forge was situated, was owned by the noble Leake family, **Earls of Scarsdale**, who owned great swathes of land in Derbyshire since the early 15th century, however, the 4th Earl Nicholas, the last of his line, exhausted all the family wealth on his lavish lifestyle and the construction and furnishing of Sutton Hall in 1724.

In **1733**, a few years before his death, he mortgaged the entire **Manor of Pleasley** to raise cash.

It transpired that he had left substantial debts that resulted in 7 years of litigation before his estate could be sold.

The **Pleasley Manor** was sold outright to Henry Thornhill of Chesterfield. The noble Leakes of Scarsdale owned the region of Derbyshire from where the great source of ironstone existed. The earlier 'history of smelting' lesson also informs us that the forge was not updated to accommodate the revolutionary 'Puddling' process, which was not discovered until 1784 but it is very likely that this new process of refining made the Pleasley Forge redundant as Hollin's lease was taken the same year.

The oldest detailed map of the area is **Chapman's 1774** map and clearly shows the forge on the Meden in the position where the Upper Mill now stands.

The forge has been replaced by Hollins' Upper Mill on the Sanderson 1835 map. The much larger mill pond and the road rebuilt around it making the hairpin corner where the security lodge is today.

1733 Pleasley manor mortgaged by Nicholas Leake - it was producing about £430 per year in rents at that time.

1735 Nicholas Leake, last Earl of Scarsdale, died and the Scarsdale estate was broken up to pay debts. **1742** Pleasley manor bought by Henry Thornhill of Chesterfield including a corn mill, mill dam and iron forges in Pleasley Vale.

1787 Henry Thornhill agreed a 40 year lease with Hollins Co. for the corn mill, mill dam and iron forges together with 15 acres of land in Pleasley Vale.

1794 Henry Thornhill died and left Pleasley Manor to his nephew Bache Thornhill

1798 New mill built downstream of early

In 1803 Coal proved by a borehole 1/4 mile north of Pleasley bridge.

In 1809 Bache Thornhill gives Pleasley Manor to his eldest son - Henry Bache Thornhill (who had married Helen Pole in 1801) 1811

It was interesting to see Pleasley parish (Pleasley, **Shirebrook**, Stoney Houghton) contained about 90 houses.

In **1821** Henry Bache Thornhill makes a will - which included his father's estate in anticipation of his future inheritance.

1822 the younger Henry Bache Thornhill died but his father was still alive and Pleasley Manor had to be sold in order to provide for his wife and family. (Note, Shirebrook was in the parish of Pleasley)

In **1823** Pleasley Manor auctioned at the **Swan Inn, Mansfield** and purchased by **William Edward Nightingale** for **£38,000** - with the exception of the two cotton mills, their dams and 15 acres of land in Pleasley Vale - these were still under lease to Hollins Co.

1824 Sale of Pleasley Manor to W. E. Nightingale completed. **1828** The two cotton mills, their dams and 15 acres of land in Pleasley Vale were bought by the Hollins Company for **£7,600** when the lease expired.

This was how the **Nightingale** family got involved in Pleasley.

In **1839** Hollins Co. purchase a "gas apparatus" in order to produce their own gas light for the Pleasley Vale mills. They later supplied gas to Pleasley Colliery and to Pleasley village

1840 Hollins' upper mill in Pleasley Vale destroyed by fire, on Dec. 25th.

1844 Hollins' lower mill in Pleasley Vale destroyed by fire during the summer.

In **1841** the population of the parish of Pleasley which included Shirebrook 679.

In **1851** there were 126 houses.

Appearance of the Parish



The hanging baskets are now in place throughout the parish, and were purchased from Glapwell Nurseries who installed them and they will be maintained by Glapwell Nurseries on your behalf.

Already we have had a good response from members of the public.

Let us know your comments.

WELL DRESSING

St Michael's Well Dressing and Flower Festival **July 11th to July 15th** the church will be open each day from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Blessing of the Well **3.00pm** Sunday.

THE PARISH of PLEASLEY

What we need now are signs for Pleasley village to let the public know where we are.



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COMPETITION for GARDENERS

A Gardening Voucher to be spent at Glapwell Nurseries For the chosen winner

Send your answers to any councillor or post at the Community Centre or Verney post box

Or post to 59 Newboundmill Lane Deadline 31st July

The following are Plants which includes (Flowers and Herbs), Fruits, Trees,
In some cases a letter has been removed you must think of the letter to make the correct word, eg; Appe Apple or another letter has been inserted in place of the letter taken out to confuse you, remove the wrong letter and replace the letter missing eg;
Glum---Plum

Bugli. Salmond Glychee
Snasturtium Staffron

One Letter has been Removed. What should the word be. Eg; Amson—
Damson

Ben Heat Ice Each Live
Ear Easel Rape Ourds Uchhini
Buge Apsi Oka Cheril Corinder

WARNING

A Mansfield man has been fined £500 for Fly Tipping, let this be a warning. Report any fly tipping you may see.

A local parish councillor (not Pleasley!) has been reported for bullying. Bolsover District Council confirmed the matter had been reported to the Standards Board for England, the councillor is seeking advice.

Pleasley Post Office.

I am sure all readers of our Newsletter will join us in welcoming into our community John and Mandy Dickson who have taken over the Pleasley Post Office, we hope they remain with us for many years.

Research has found that the kitchen tap carries more harmful bugs than the toilet handle, 14% of the taps tested had high rates of the potentially deadly E.coli bug. Other bacterial hot spots include chopping boards, TV remotes controls, telephones and keyboards. Practising good hygiene is something we can all do to break the chain of infection and protect ourselves and our families. The Hygiene Council say the findings were alarming, particularly as the swine flu pandemic is spread by sneezes and failing to wash hands and surfaces effectively.

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The history of the Verney can be seen on our web site
www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk under Verney, click History.



The District Councillor indicated that she had recently attended a meeting, which confirmed that the Terran bungalows (prefabs) in New Houghton are definitely to be demolished since it is impossible to improve them to meet the decent home standard. Bolsover District Council is looking into the possibility of redeveloping the site.

ADVERTISE

You can advertise in our Newsletter at competitive rates, your advert goes not only local but on World Wide Web.

Wilful damage and theft has been reported on both recreation grounds, report any information you may have, that will lead to prosecution.

A list of your local councillors
Parish Councillors

- Ian Allen
- Pauline Bowmer (Vice Chair)
- Val Douglas 811761
- Pat Fisher 810926
- Mick Gamble 810035
- Christine Holland 810824
- Jackie Jones 811207
- Neil Jordon 811615
- Melvyn Priest 811286
- Howard Wright (Chair) 810486

District Councillors

- Pauline Bowmer 811492
- Ann Syrett 01246 850215
- County Councillor**
- Marian Stockdale 742197