



NEWSLETTER

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

This is the last newsletter this year. Pleasley Parish Councillors wish all readers and all residents within the parish a **Merry Christmas** and prosperous and **Happy New Year** and welcome to 2011. How time flies.



Do not forget,

Christmas Carols round the tree outside the Verney and a festive drink with the Parish Council

Chairman. This will be December 17th at 7pm. All are welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

At the September parish council meeting the question of speeding traffic on Terrace Lane and Meden Ave was raised.

The police officer said he would look into this matter although this was a matter for the County Council Highways who had previously said that there was little they could do as the accident ratio was non-existent, therefore no further action was justified. Common sense does not appear to prevail.

Do we have to wait for a serious accident before something is done? The same applies to the chicanes on Newboundmill Lane.

Residents can always email Faye.shaw@derbyshire.gov.uk to complain.

A vacancy has arisen for Pleasley Council due to the resignation of Dave Clarke. Notice was duly served by Bolsover District Council.

OPEN DOOR for all.

The Afternoon and Evening sessions have now been changed to one OPEN for all session from 4-30pm to 6-30pm preference being given to children the first hour. **The Thursday morning session remains unchanged.**

FASTER BROADBAND

You may know that British Telecom is holding an online petition for faster broadband. **If at least 1,000 people** request it, they may provide a super-fast fibre optic broadband to the nearest exchange.

To register your 'vote', you need to go to the website shown below, and vote in favour of faster broadband.

Rural communities risk missing out on a whole host of business and cultural opportunities because of slow internet speeds.

VOTE NOW URGENT VOTE NOW

Register your vote now at:

<http://www.bt.com.racetoinfinity>

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Many of the items are general information from District and Local Council bulletins, news cuttings, newsletters and information from various council periodicals and public information. We also reserve the right to edit where necessary and retain the right to print or not.

Income Support—Lone Parents

Until November 2008, lone parents could claim Income Support until their youngest child reached the age of 16. However from 25th October 2010, when the lone parent's child reaches the age of seven, they will have to make a claim for a different kind of benefit instead of Income Support.

They may be entitled to Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

Alternatively—they may leave the benefit system and go into employment. For those people already getting Income Support, the changes will be phased in over a year.

Carer's Credit

A person caring for one or more disabled people, for at least twenty hours per week, are able to claim this National Insurance (NI) credit—known as the Carer's Credit.

It can help a person to build up a better basic or additional state pension.

Carer's Credit can also help if your civil partner or spouse ever needs to claim bereavement benefits.

You should automatically get Carer's Credits if you get Carer's Allowance or Child Benefit for a child under 12 years old.

GETTING APPROPRIATE DEBT ADVICE

Figures show that more and more people and families are facing debt, insolvency and housing problems with the trend likely to continue under the current economic climate.

Anyone can find themselves facing debt and financial problems for many different reasons—loss of employment, relationship breakdown, illness just to name a few and who can confidently predict what is round the corner.

People with debt and financial problems often find themselves in a vicious circle with debts spiralling out of control; not knowing what to do or who to genuinely turn to.

Debt can completely take over their lives to the extent that it is all they think and worry about day and night.

The implications of unchecked debt and money worries can also have a negative and sometimes devastating effect on health, housing, employment and families.

North East Derbyshire CAB has seen clients who have been to fee changing organisations and have been offered debt solutions that they do not fully understand.

In some cases it has been disturbingly clear that other more suitable and considerably less expensive options have not been fully explored and explained.

The last thing people who have debt problems want (especially the most vulnerable) is to be given the advice that makes commission based and profit driven companies the most money and not what is most appropriate to their particular situation and needs.

How many times do we see the newspaper adverts with phrases like—"you may qualify for a little known and unbelievable solution" or see and hear similar claims and quotes on the internet, television and radios stations (and lets not forget advertising can be expensive).

If you have or are facing debt problems, try to stay calm and don't ignore them, get advice as soon as possible, there are solutions and help is available.

It is extremely important that you get advice on all your options and appropriate solutions at the outset, independent impartial advice agency (useful contact below).

It is always advisable to have as many details and as much information as possible on your creditors, debts, housing status, income and overall circumstances to hand before you contact or call.

FOR FREE DEBT and MONEY ADVICE

North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Your local Parish Councillors are:

Ian Allan	01623 810346
Pauline Bowmer (Vice Chair)	01623 811492
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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Letters are still in short supply coming from residents wanting to know about any issues, council wise or letters of complaints, suggestions or enquiries. You can always email johnwright828@btinternet.com or drop a letter in at the Verney post Box. We try to keep you informed of all parish council meetings and parish events.

Several people were interested in the piece regarding the chairman's reminiscences of Pleasley in the last newsletter. It brought back many memories.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations are in order for a local man who has been made the new Chief Executive of Mansfield Town Football Club 'The Stags'. He is Steve Barker of Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley. We wish him well on this new venture.

PLEASLEY CAR BOOT

In April a joint operation between Derbyshire Police and Derbyshire Trading Standards took place against two residents from Shirebrook and Mansfield.

They were involved in selling counterfeit DVD's and contraband cigarettes at Pleasley Car Boot. Both were arrested and found in possession of nearly £1500 in just 45 minutes of trading.

A search of the homes recovered another £1500. Trading Standards also seized the stock of contraband cigarettes and counterfeit games, along with a van.

The cash has now been forfeited under the proceeds of crime act and the police will receive half of this back for community projects.

COMPUTER SECURITY

We have received information from members of the community regards a suspicious call about their home computer.

The caller stated that their computer had viruses on it that was slowing it down and that all the files can be lost. To resolve this they were offering to sell them software to deal with this. The resident declined.

This is very similar to another report some months ago where the recipient has downloaded software for a price which does improves performance. However this software is actually available free on the web.

Even though this does seem to be an under-handed tactic there is nothing specifically against the law. However allowing an unknown person access to your computer remotely is potentially dangerous to your personal data.

Please make sure your computer's security is up to date and adequate.

There will be only one more newsletter before the elections in May.
Let me remind you to get your Scarecrows ready for June.
There may be a flyer in THE POST in April.
If you want faster Broadband don't forget to VOTE. See Page one.

GLAPWELL NURSERIES
Bolsover Road Glapwell
Bulbs, Bushes Trees Fencing Requirements.
Open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm
Sunday 10am to 4pm
Telephone 01623 812191
ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN.

A letter has been received from a resident of Pleasley Hill who is under a misapprehension regarding the division of the District of Mansfield and the District of Bolsover and the two villages known locally as just PLEASLEY.

There are two Pleasleys. One Pleasley is in Nottinghamshire under Mansfield District Council consisting of Pleasley Square, Pleasley Hill and Radmanthwaite.

The other is our Pleasley much larger in area in Derbyshire consisting of Upper Pleasley, New Houghton, Stoney Houghton and Pleasley Vale all under the care and guidance of Pleasley Parish Council, under Bolsover District Council.

Let one thing be made clear: the Pleasley Parish Council Newsletter does not and will not be delivered east of the border and is for the benefit of all who live in our parish, and as so rightly put by the letter writer it is a vehicle for Pleasley Parish Council. That doesn't mean it isn't available to the people who live in Pleasley Hill. A few spare copies may be left in St Michael's Church and the Post Office in Meden Square from now on if those interested care to ask, but they have no input in the Parish Council Newsletter.

They do have a similar Newsletter, called 'Pleasley News'.

One might wonder why we support and have made section 137 donations to St John Ambulance who meet in the Landmark? This was recently queried. Let it be explained to those who are in doubt.

PLEASLEY ST JOHN AMBULANCE.

What they fail to recognise is that Pleasley St John Ambulance Official title is:

Pleasley Colliery St John Quadrilateral which started in Feb 1927 in the Stanton Arms as Stanton Iron Works Ambulance Division.

Eventually moving to the Pleasley Colliery Welfare, changing the title, in those days the Pit Manager was usually the Superintendent and Dr Wilson was a leading light.

They then moved into the Colliery Bowling Green pavilion for a short spell then back to the Welfare.

Alterations to the Welfare caused them to find fresh quarters. They settled on a room in St Barnabas until they negotiated with Pleasley Parish Council to use the Verney. When the refurbishment took place they moved to the Landmark.

It is not feasible now to accommodate them in the Verney. Therefore the question of supporting the **Pleasley Colliery St John Quadrilateral** goes without question.

Congratulations to Long serving Superintendent Winnie Bennett who has been nominated for **Derbyshire** County Council's Excellence in the Community Award. She has been presented with this at a ceremony at Buxton on October 12th. (More proof that we should support them)

The letter writer suggested a compromise could be reached.

Unfortunately a compromise cannot be achieved as the two communities have separate authorities.

Pleasley Parish Council meetings are not as other meetings of public bodies, such as St Michael's Church congregational, Well Dressing, Parochial Church Council, Pleasley Welfare, Landmark, MVMP, and Regeneration Scheme.

Each authority has their own regeneration Scheme meetings to attend to and respect and have no input outside their area, There is a regeneration scheme still ongoing in New Houghton. The one in Pleasley Hill will be a welcome sight regarding visual appearance to the area.

Any Parish Council is ruled by law, and have a certain protocol, many rules and regulations and abide by a strict Code of Conduct. Members of the public can attend but are not allowed to speak during the parish council meeting. There is no item of any other business as no item can be discussed and decided upon unless on the agenda.

The Annual Parish meeting is likewise for the residents of our parish, those on our electoral role. Outsiders can attend but have no say on any issues.

I hope this enlightens residents of both Pleasleys.

I will remind you again of the Christmas Carols outside the Verney on December the 17th at 7pm. If the weather is inclement we will go inside The Verney.

Friends of Pleasley Pit Open Weekend 11th/12th September 2010

Fortunately the weather improved from the damp start on the Saturday morning and the afternoon could not have been better.

Sunday was windier and in the afternoon one of the gazebos tried to escape but did not quite make it!

Visitors who attended this event were pleasantly surprised at the progress that had been made over the year

Another new addition to the site this year was permanent toilets, connected to the main drains instead of the port-a-loos as in previous years – vast improvement.

It is understood that over 800 people attended the two day event which included a fly-past by the Dakota on the Saturday afternoon and Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band playing both afternoons – which adds considerably to the atmosphere.

The 2010 Open Weekend was a very successful one both in terms of visitor numbers and money raised.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Theft from motor vehicles

Two vehicles were targeted at a pub car park on **Chesterfield Road, Pleasley**, overnight between Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd November. Windows were smashed to gain entry & the vehicles thoroughly searched, taking items including a satnav, jacket & CD's.

Please make sure no items are left in your car overnight & keep all items out of view. If you have any information regards these incidents contact Derbyshire Police quoting crime number 60382/10

WEST VIEW.

By a strange coincidence **several** incidents involving the youngsters from **Notts County Council's West View Children's** home situated in Pleasley Derbyshire have been a cause for concern to local residents, criminal damage to property and bus shelter.

Also causing disturbances with youngsters in New Houghton. This is spoiling the quality of life for our residents and should not be allowed.



Bolsover District Council is part of the Derbyshire Fly Tipping Project and has reviewed its work since 2007, which shows that it has contributed to a 28% reduction in fly tipping in 2009/10 when compared to 2006/2007.

In the same time period, enforcement action has increased 37%. As a result of investigations, and public passing on information, across Derbyshire 13 people have been prosecuted, **528** have received fines and a further seven fines issued through the courts.

Clean up and investigation costs have been reduced by approximately £147,000 each year.

Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Bolsover DC: 2010 to date: Litter 83, dog fouling, 11 Fly Tipping 5, an increase on last year. Three persons were successfully prosecuted for non payment of Fixed Penalty Notices for littering.

This financial year **FIVE** prosecutions are currently being considered by the Council's legal Section for non payments of Fixed Penalty Notices: 4 for littering, 1 for dog fouling.

Anyone wanting to see all the pictures of the Pleasley Scarecrows. Type in at the very top of your computer screen, next to the forward and backward arrows Pleasleyscarecrows, all one word, then follow the menu. They can be seen on our web site also.

This is to complete the report on LDOs in the last newsletter which now has been aborted. The Labour Housing and Planning Minister John Healey of the last government wanted to give a boost to rural communities with proposals to give a special planning power to parish councils to build new affordable homes and allow parish councils to consider local minor planning applications from local residents.

Mr Healey wants to extend 'permitted development' rights so that a maximum of 10-15 new affordable homes could be built when parish councils have set out clear evidence and design expectations.

This means decisions on how many homes are required, what they look like and where they are built would be taken locally by those who are closest to what local communities need and want. Mr Healey said in his speech:

"There is a real need for more affordable homes in rural communities, where the price of an average home is £40,000 higher than in towns and cities.

My concern is to see new homes available at affordable rents, especially for local young people and their families who otherwise have little or no option but to leave the area.

A handful of new homes can make a huge difference to the life of rural villages and make local schools, pubs and shops more sustainable.

My aim is to place more power with parish councils to see new homes built. "This would be a radical reform of the planning system and a significant new power and freedom for our most local elected councils".

This was the LDO proposal explained in the last newsletter when five parish councils did take advantage of this proposal. Unfortunately this did not escalate to other parish councils and will not now materialize.

However an email has been received from Mr John Healey explaining the situation as it stands at present:

Dear Cllr Wright

I'm afraid the new government set aside my plans and introduced their own ideas – which will cut out parish/town councils. There is more information at the links below.

With best wishes

John Healey MP

The present government has put forward two new proposals which can be seen on the web sites given.

<http://communities.gov.uk/speech/housing/1626689>

<http://communities.gov.uk/newsstories/newsroom/162675>

Part of the speech made by the new Housing Minister Grant Shapps:

"It will be communities, not central Government, who decide what happens in their local area. We want local people to decide what happens in their community.

Local Housing Trusts should be able to proceed in areas where there is overwhelming support for new developments from people living in the area. "But essentially I want communities to have the freedom to decide on the type and quantity of housing without external restrictions imposed by a centralized planning system.

The English villages that captivate the world's imagination were largely built at a time before a planning system existed.

They were built by local people to meet their needs. I want to unlock the passions and drive of communities. I want to free them to realize their vision."

This does not affect the information given by the government planning on conservatories and summer houses as explained and only recently there was another mention in a local paper that read likewise. Here is the extract:

[Why not expand outdoors?](#)

Moving house is high up on the list of stressful events, and in these straitened and uncertain times, it's even less appealing.

Many are choosing to stay put and some who would normally be looking for a bit more space are extending their living space – not upwards or outwards, but outdoors.

An **outdoor room** is an evolutionary detour for the humble garden shed, and is an altogether more habitable space, described as filling the gap wanted between a shed and a conservatory.

You will hear it described variously as summer-house, outdoor room, studio, home office, gym or den, all of which gives some indication of the versatility of the space. With probably heat, light and power, often designed and built to your own specifications, there are a few gardens that will not be able to accommodate an extra room to suit the family needs, small gardens may have difficulty because of not having enough room to expand.

No more than half the area of land around the "original house"* would be covered by additions or other buildings.

There are other specifications that one should check.

Such buildings are usually free from planning restrictions, (also depends on the height of the construction), build within your budget, going OTT the cost can make your project very expensive. It is a matter of choice. Objections to planning that would not be accepted as reasonable are such things as, loss of value to property, weight of public opinion, loss of view over others' land, **(You cannot buy a view)**, possible future developments, or any private agreements.

ADVICE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

People with overgrown bushes and hedges that encroach onto the public pavement should have them cut back to prevent catching people walking by being injured, and making claims for damage.

Tree owners are not responsible for fallen leaves and any damage that leaves might cause to neighbouring drains, lawns or pathways.

Reference: C2264 Bank phishing scam]

Below is a basic example of one of the tools (emails) used by phishers to try to gain your personal details.

There are many different types around and most of them are easy to spot.

The bank ones usually state that they are updating their security protocols to make your online data more secure.

There will be a link that takes you to another site that will look very professional. This is where they capture your details.

They often ask you not to log on within 24 hours to give them time to access your account before you notice anything untoward.

The link may also contain other malicious coding that could infect your machine. At the very least, clicking the link lets them know that your email address is active and you will be probably targeted with other scam emails.

Banks do not contact their customers in this way and if you are ever unsure about the validity of an email contact the bank direct.

Never use a contact number supplied with the email. Here is an example of what you might receive .

Ignore any letters that ask personal details and ones illustrated below - they are scams.

Dear Customers,

We've got some good news about a big upgrade to share with you. It's going to require a cooperation, and about one minute of time, but it'll all be worth it.

We're launching a major overhaul of our username and password system. The upgrade delivers on a variety of long-standing user requests related to security and login.

The new system was designed with the latest security best practices in mind.

The new system will allow you to log into any accounts without having to hold a card reader but you will only use to card reader for making a payment. **(Continued on page 8)**

18 names associated with Christmas

Mistletoe Holly
Tinsel Santa Claus
Carols Turkey
Crackers Pudding
Baubles Snow
Reindeer Presents
Cards Sleigh Jesus
Manger Tree Toys

Entries to the Verney Institute or any councillor before December 17th. It will be drawn at the carol concert at the Verney. On December 17th.
Good Luck.

The Winner of the September Word Search was Mrs Janet Benford Newboundmill Lane Pleasley. She was presented with a grass trimmer by the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Howard Wright.

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If you have any information relating to incidents or crimes, please call 0345 123 33 33

In an emergency call 999 Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 with information about crime

For any queries about community messaging contact details, please call 0345 123 33 33 and ask for your Divisional Community Information Officer

Road Safety Issues



Did you know that 70% to 80% of children who are injured in traffic accidents are hurt because the child restraints that are being used are faulty or inadequate?

Advice from the Road Safety Partnership is that parents should not buy child seats from car boot sales unless they have a full history and the manufacturers' instructions which should always be followed .
Never, ever, have a young child sitting on an adult's lap in a car!

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WARNING

What you'll need to do

Please [click here](#) to supply all of the information requested in the link and consequently filling and confirming this account, you are indicating your compliance with and acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in this letter.

Warning Do not login elsewhere after you confirmed the account, within 24 hours, to avoid duplicate access records in our database as this could caused the account being suspended.

Thanks again for being a our customer! We're sorry about the hassle of picking a new user-name and password, but it'll all be worth it in the end.

Looking forward to 2011 and beyond,
Barnaby Davis
Director, Electronic Banking