



NEWSLETTER

Twenty second edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale
New Houghton and Stoney Houghton.

2012 How time flies. Twelve years into the new millennium and still it seems a new beginning - technology is moving so fast, far beyond the normal concept of those that are born in the early twentieth century. If you want to know how to operate an ipod, notebook, netbook or use facebook or twitter ask a teenager.

Our first newsletter was in 2007, five years ago when there was only five of the present councillors on the parish council. Five having since withdrawn through unforeseen circumstances. We have been fortunate to replace them with five more who have proved to be a credit not only to the parish council but to the community in which they serve. What will the next five years hold is beyond imagination.

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We try to make our newsletter interesting with not only news but every day issues like health, history, gardening, general information and being in touch with local people's problems. **We would welcome suggestions and comments on our newsletter.** Are you satisfied with what we do? what other articles would you like? Unfortunately we haven't got an Agony Aunt for your personal problems or a Mystic Meg to tell your future which is perhaps as well but we do try to make it interesting with other features. We try to answer your community problems; some would be taken more seriously if you, the public, would complain directly to Bolsover District Council and County Council. Make them take notice - we do all we can but if you yourselves do not complain they think it's not very serious and nothing gets done. The biggest issue is traffic problems:

write and complain time after time by email, find out the name of whoever is responsible followed by the council's name for example

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We get numerous complaints about the chicanes and speeding traffic on Terrace Lane.

Certain changes are to be done at the end of Newboundmill Lane whether it makes a difference only time will tell.

December Parish Council meeting Prior to the start of the meeting Carole Hurst gave a presentation on a proposal for a band concert to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. She confirmed that the cost of the event would be covered by monies that are held by Bolsover District Council from the new housing development. The event would consist of children's activities in the afternoon and a concert of bands in the evening. It is proposed to hold the event on the former recreation area adjacent to the Pleasley Miners' Welfare on 4th June 2012. This is all a proposal and details if sanctioned will be announced in our next newsletter in May.

Carole also gave details of a proposed event at Anthony Bek school that is being considered for 2014. In addition she suggested that the Parish Council consider hosting a "Live and Local" event.

The Chairman thanked her for the presentation and indicated the Parish Council would discuss the proposal and make a decision on the Diamond Jubilee event later in the meeting.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Howard Wright,



would like to thank all those who braved the cold weather to sing carols in the Verney on Friday 16th December and joined him in a festive drink and the traditional mince pie. The 50 people that attended had a surprise in store for them when they were pleasantly entertained by the St Michael's Church Sunday Club of youngsters led by Hayley Hallows and Nicola Watson singing Little Donkey and Eva Bowdler playing the piano to one of the carols.

It was a most enjoyable evening.

He would also like to thank Jean and Ralph Holmes for their valued assistance in playing the piano accompanying and leading the singing.



Also a big thanks to the ladies who served the refreshments: Margaret Wright, Jackie Jones, Sheila Clay and Pauline Bowmer

Also at the December Parish Council meeting

The Clerk reported that the final order went in for 2 benches and a picnic table with 2 benches for Terrace Lane recreation ground. These have now been installed.

It was reported that the contractor had agreed to meet half the cost of repairing the radiators estimated at £930 in the Verney Institute. This was discussed and accepted that the parish council pay half the cost.

A letter was received from Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band requesting a grant towards sustaining the viability of the band. Following a discussion it was resolved that a grant of £350 be given.

Another letter was from St John Ambulance requesting a contribution towards the cost of uniforms for the new cadets, Following a discussion it was resolved that a grant of £150 be given.

The police representative gave the following crime figures:

Assaults	2
Drug incidents	2
Criminal Damage	2
Theft from motor vehicle	2
Theft from dwellings	5
Non dwelling burglary	5

Quick reaction by Cllr Ian Allen saved many of the people who attended the Remembrance Service in New Houghton from getting dog mess on their shoes. This was a total disgrace on the part of whoever was responsible to allow this - he did what the dog owner should have done - clean the mess up. Maybe the next big fine will be in our own parish?



**DOG MESS
COSTS
BOLSOVER
MAN £148**



A Bolsover man has been ordered to pay **£148** by the courts after he failed to clean up after his dog had fouled on a highway.

Bolsover District Council's Dog Warden responded to complaints that a Mr Alan Stevenson allowed his dog to foul on the highway and then walked away without making any attempt to clean up the mess.

The Council issued Mr Stevenson with a **£50 Fixed** Penalty Notice, giving him 14 days to pay.

The defendant requested an extension to pay the fine, which was granted, but after this time had elapsed a letter was sent advising that he had not paid the fine. No further contact from the resident was made, so the issue was referred to court.

North East Derbyshire & Dales Magistrates Court heard the case on Thursday 20th October 2011 and after pleading guilty by post.

The Magistrate issued a fine of £33, contribution to costs of £100 and £15 victim surcharge to be paid within 28 days of the decision.

Bolsover District Council Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Dennis Kelly said, "Mr Stevenson seemed to think he was above the law and did not need to clean up his dogs mess – well the court's decision proves he is not and no one else is.

I am astounded that some dog owners, and it is only a minority, still do not take responsibility for their animal. We provide free poop scoop bags, have done countless promotional and educational campaigns and offered help and assistance wherever we can, but we still have some who feel it is not their responsibility.

Well, we are telling them right now, there is no excuse for this, that it is their responsibility and we will catch them and take the severest action possible."

FIVE HUNDRED REASONS TO PICK UP DOGS' MESS

A local Glapwell resident has been ordered to pay **£515** after he failed to clean up after his dog had fouled on a grass verge near the highway.

Bolsover District Council's Dog Warden was driving along The Hill in Glapwell and witnessed Mr Michael Bonson's dog defecate on a grass verge and then saw him walk away without making any attempt to clean up.

The Dog Warden then identified himself to Mr Bonson and explained what he had witnessed.

The defendant became very aggressive and stated that there was no dog bin; he would not pick up the faeces, even though he had bags attached to his lead.

The defendant refused to co-operate and provide his name and address, so the Council officer returned to his vehicle..

The day after the offence took place the defendant rang the Council disputing the offence and again spoke aggressively to an officer..

The Council issued Mr Bonson with a **£50 Fixed** Penalty Notice, which was posted through his door which he failed to pay within the mandatory 14 days.

North East Derbyshire & Dales Magistrates Court heard the case on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 and found the defendant guilty on two counts.

The first for failing to clear away his dog's mess and the second for failing to give his name and address when required to.

He was fined **£100** for each offence, **£15** victim surcharge and **£300** contribution towards costs, totalling **£515**. The judge took into account that Mr Bonson is in receipt of benefit and agreed he could pay £20 a fortnight.

Free poop bags are available from any parish councillor and the Community House.

Usually there are some near the gateway on 59 Newboundmill Lane.



**CLEAN UP BLITZ
HAILED A
SUCCESS**



Following a rise in litter and dog mess in South Normanton and Pinxton, Bolsover District Council set about blitzing the villages in June.

The action was part of our 'It's green, keep it clean' commitment and was in response to local residents comments about dog mess not being picked up and litter being thrown onto the ground.

The Council focused its efforts on the Market Street area in South Normanton in the morning, then moved onto the area around Frederick Gent School at dinner time, before finally moving to the Hilltop and Wharf recreation ground areas in Pinxton in the afternoon.

Council officers and partner agencies took a high visibility approach on the day wearing coloured tabards and they:

- Spoke to 11 dog walkers in total and issued them all with poop bags
 - Issued 1 Fixed Penalty notice
 - Spoke to a group of pupils (aged 15 - 16) from Frederick Gents about dropping litter and passed information to all the other school children in the area
 - Spoke to numerous members of the public about what we were doing and why
- Collected 5 black bags of litter in total from all three areas on the day.

Bolsover District Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Dennis Kelly said, "We took a high visibility approach as we wanted people to see us, come up and talk to us about the problems they are experiencing and understand what actions we are taking to deal with it.

"Litter and dog mess is not an uncommon problem in any town or village, but we seem to have seen an increase here, that's why we wanted to try and educate people and stamp out the problem before it escalates any further."

Pleasley Parish will be next

Who will be the first to be fined **£500**

The excuse that there isn't a bin will not prevent a fine. As it did in Glapwell.

If you notice or want to report any dog fouling or litter issues please visit www.bolsover.gov.uk or telephone 01246 242424. or visit www.bolsover.gov.uk/dog-fouling-report.

Our Safer Neighbourhood Team



Welcome to PC Tony Bagshaw the police officer for our parish, along with PCSO Dave Hancock
Their area also includes the whole parish of Glapwell.

£133 for a soft drink!

A soft drink cost a local resident £133 after he left his cup on the side of the road and was taken to court for littering the highway.

A Bolsover man was parked near Tally's End, Barlborough, when a police officer witnessed him open his door and place a large soft drink cup onto the road and then drive away.

Upon checking the owner of the vehicle, The driver was issued with a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) on 8th July 2011. The defendant was again reminded about the FPN on 31st August 2011, but failed to make the payment.

The driver pleaded guilty to the offence at North East Derbyshire & Dales Magistrates' Court, but stated that in mitigation he had not intended leaving the cup but was distracted by his child crying in the back of the car.

The judge found the defendant guilty under Section 87(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and ordered him to pay a fine of £50 (due to his low income/benefits), however this was reduced to £33 for an early guilty plea, court costs of £85 and a £15 victim surcharge.

Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Dennis Kelly said, "This has turned out to be a very expensive drink. Every time someone throws litter out their car window or can't be bothered to discard of their rubbish properly, it costs us money, and ultimately the tax payer money, to go and clean it up.

We are very pleased with the courts decision and this should serve as a warning to anyone else who considers breaking the law and thinks our district is a dumping ground for their rubbish – that we are on the lookout and we will take action where appropriate."

For further information on littering issues or if you want to report a problem please use our on-line form or telephone 01246 242424.



OPEN DOOR
Still available



The drop-in computer sessions take place every Thursday from 9.30 to 12.30 and 4.30 to 6.30 at The New Houghton Community Centre.

No previous knowledge of computers is necessary.

You are able to learn what **you want** and at **your speed**. Sessions are **free**. **All are welcome**.



YOU can now find out what the Parish Council is doing and keep in touch by finding Pleasley Parish on Facebook

Ageism.

Do not scoff - it might happen to you if you are lucky.

Today there are more than **20 million Britons over 50**; yet, despite our numbers, we can be forgiven for feeling that we are an embarrassment.

The ageing population is almost never out of the news, but the fact that we're all living longer, which really ought to be a good thing, is always seen as a problem. The country can't afford the pension bills or the social care. We're threatening the social fabric with our healthcare costs and our housing wealth.

Recently Gransnet was launched as a social networking site for Britain's 14m grandparents. It is the offspring of Mumsnet, which has, in its 11 years, given a voice to a group – parents – that was previously somewhat disenfranchised.

It was hoping that something could be done for people in the second half of life. Yet it's fair to say that when advertising agencies was approached before the launch, many of the young people that were met looked blankly. Like, you mean, old people?

There's a paradox here. At the same time as older people are presented as a threat, they are also widely ignored.

That older women feel invisible is a common complaint, of course, in a society where a bit of cellulite on a celebrity thigh is cause for scandalised newspaper articles, and in which Miriam O'Reilly was advised to get Botox before being removed from her job as a television presenter.

But men also suffer from a similar sense of vertigo, especially once they have retired. Between the ages of 50 and old age, who are we? What's our purpose? It appears we're not even wanted as consumers. We can feel as though we exist in a kind of identity void.

After 50, you join a group that might as well be on another planet when it comes to marketing. Advertisers think in demographic blocs of 18-49,

It's as if there is no adulthood beyond that. This is very short-sighted because, by 2030, over-65s are going to account for a quarter of the consumer market.

Presumably the assumption is that we'll only be interested in buying insurance and cruises – and they all have the same advert anyway. It's that picture of a silver-haired couple walking along a beach.

It will need to be a very long beach. One-fifth of Britons alive today can expect to see 100.

Increasing longevity and improved healthcare mean that many people over 50 are fit and capable. And they are confidently looking forward to all those spare years and wondering what to do with them.

You could always be a member of the parish council where your experience of life is a bonus to help come to the right decisions for the community.

We hear an awful lot about the ageing population, but the real story is that there's an explosion of people in late middle age.

Mid-lifers have very few roadmaps through the new phase that has opened up. All the assumptions about life courses were made for a different time, when childhood was followed by adulthood, retirement and, then, in fairly short order, decline and death.

In the 20th century, as life spans began to increase, the "golden years" were invented – a time for the golf course, for that beach so beloved of advertisers and, er, that's it. In the 21st century, that looks rather boring and, frankly, a bit infantilising.

It may be that many mid-lifers will continue to leave 9-5 jobs in big companies (to "make way" for younger people, who are, not entirely coincidentally, cheaper), but that doesn't mean we don't want to go on working or volunteering or being involved with our families. We still want to be a part of things.

One in three working mothers relies on grandparents for childcare; and are crucial to the smooth running of busy families.

Some of us are also founder members of what has been called the club-sandwich generation caring for elderly relatives. (From experience I recall at least six retired people in their sixties delivering meals on wheels to people younger than themselves)

We hope that this will also be true for Gransnet; in the process, we may even find that we are not a homogeneous horde, but as diverse as any other group.

Cinnamon. The dried inner bark of a tree from Sri Lanka, is a common ingredient used to flavour a variety of dishes that you probably have sitting in your kitchen spice rack.

Latest research findings have revealed that this popular spice possesses far more than a distinctive taste.

It is proving to have remarkable powers as a safe and effective treatment for diabetes.

Common symptoms of Type 2 diabetes are fatigue, frequent hunger, excessive thirst and a frequent need to urinate. It can also cause blurred vision, a dry mouth and a dry or itchy skin. It is important to see your Doctor immediately if you suspect you may be developing diabetes, as it can be life-threatening condition. If not well controlled, the long term effects of diabetes can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, vision loss and nerve damage.

While conventional anti-diabetic drugs like Metformin can control blood sugar levels effectively, they come with a long list of harmful side effects, including dizziness, fatigue, headaches, nervousness, confusion, nausea, sweating and loss of appetite.

Clinical trials involving diabetic patients and cinnamon have revealed startling results in the discovery that it can successfully control blood sugar levels.

One should read the book by the well known ethno-botanist James Wong, (**Grow your own drugs**) to enlighten you into which plants you could use to ease various complaints, although even the garden plants may have their problems to certain type of people. He does advise to consult a medical practitioner before using the remedies as some plants may interact with prescribed drugs from your doctor such as the pill or anti-depressants or you are pregnant or breastfeeding, it for you to decide and how long you have suffered with the complaint.

Arthritis; Chilli and Peppermint Salve.

60 ml Hot Chilli and Mustard Foot Oil, 20g beeswax
30 Drops of Peppermint essential oil 30 Drops Rosemary essential Oil. Put the oil in a glass bowl (to use as the top of a double boiler) or bain-marie. Add the beeswax. Place over a pan of hot water and heat gently, stirring until the wax melts. Take off the heat and allow to cool. Just as a skin begins to form on the surface of the oils, add the peppermint and rosemary oils using a dropper Mix well. Pour the mixture into a sterilized dark glass jar. Allow to cool before putting the lid on. Apply twice a day to affected areas, remembering to wash your hands NB this oil is hot, so keep away from eyes and other sensitive areas. Keeps for up to six months. Reading that it must be worth a try.

An alternative is, **The Cabbage Leaf poultice.**

Cabbage leaf has been used for centuries for swellings, ulcers, sprains and strains. In one Swiss hospital, patients with **rheumatoid arthritis** have their swollen joints wrapped up at night in cabbage leaves to help reduce joint swelling and pain.

Savoy cabbage works best. Take some cabbage leaves, cut out the central rib, lay them flat on a chopping board and bash with a rolling pin until the juices start to come out. Then place the leaves over the swollen joints, Then place the leaves over swollen joints. and wrap round with a crepe bandage to keep the leaves in place.

Feverfew. Although feverfew is for raging headaches and migraine, taken regularly it is also recommended for **arthritic** pains.

Feverfew sandwiches: 2 fresh feverfew leaves in sandwich containing fillings of your choice. This is because the leaves have a bitter and unpleasant taste and it is better to disguise the taste.

Turmeric is increasingly being used by herbalists as an anti-inflammatory for the stiffness and pain of **arthritic** joints and skin diseases, as a paste or ointment. To make the paste put 30g dried turmeric powder in a pan with 150 ml of water and simmer to a thick paste. Place gauze on affected area and apply paste for a few minutes 3 times every day.

Meadowsweet; Usually found in wet woodlands or marshlands. Harvest the flowering tops, dry them for a couple of weeks then make tea or tincture. It is useful for the treatment of acid stomach disorders, indigestion and gastritis. The inflammatory properties are calming and soothing to the stomach. Meadowsweet, contains the pain killing substance from which aspirin was developed it can help to relieve the inflammation of pain of joints like rheumatism, **arthritis** and gout.

Soak a thin cotton cloth in a strong hot infusion of tea to apply to the joints, leave for two minutes then refresh.

Last but not least the stinging **Nettle** one of the most useful plants. The leaves are very nutritious, high in vitamins, minerals and chlorophyll. When made into soups or eaten raw, (be brave, but roll them up into a tight ball first) they can give the immune system a boost at any time of year. They contain anti-inflammatories and natural painkillers and have a long history of treating rheumatic disorders and **arthritis**. Recent research illustrates the point. Applied as a lotion to sore joints or drunk as a tea, nettles appear to reduce the pain of **arthritis** and lessen the need for painkillers like aspirin and ibuprofen which really do have side effects.

The yellow root provides treatment for an enlarged prostate. A condition that effects many men in midlife. After taking nettle root extract for a few months, both urine flow and frequency could be shown to improve.

You can also add nettle rinse to your haircare routine to help dandruff, improve growth, and bring a healthy, glossy shine to hair.

To ease the pain of acute arthritis, steep 50g fresh young nettle tops in 500 ml freshly boiled water. Cover and leave for ten minutes. Strain. Makes 3 cups to be drunk over the day.

As in so many cases you are what you eat;

Besides Omega 3, and Cod Liver Oil consuming two servings of fruit and three servings of vegetables daily is ideal.

Additional Monitoring. An additional benefit to monitoring food quantities, beside the assurance of getting enough essential nutrients to treat arthritis pain, is making sure that you do not consume too much food. This is important because extra weight can increase arthritis pain.

Olive Oil is rich with oleic acid, which is similar to omega-3 fatty acids. This food reduces inflammation, which helps reduce arthritis pain. Arthritis.org advises arthritis sufferers to be sure that they not only eat the right foods but to eat the right quantity of foods.

It is important for people suffering with arthritis to be mindful of what they eat. Including certain foods in their diet may help reduce their arthritis pain.

Fatty acids foods that contain omega-3 fatty acids have anti-inflammatory effects on the body. The body cannot produce omega-3 fatty acids, making it essential to have a diet that includes them. Sources of Omega-3 foods that are rich in omega-3 fatty acids include seafood such as salmon, halibut and scallops; walnuts and flaxseed; and green leafy vegetables.

One should not rely on vitamin tablets to supplement the vitamins in food. You may be overdosing yourself. You should eat a balanced diet and get all the vitamins you require in your food. Far better than taking tablets with side effects, Your garden produces enough herbs to keep you fit and healthy.

On the cold front.

Putting up a strong defence.

As always prevention is better than cure. It is important for all of us to wash our hands regularly throughout the day and to avoid touching your face after touching surfaces. Especially keyboards, telephones, door handles and shopping trolleys should be cleaned and germ free.

Is it a cold or flu? There is a great difference. A cold is an inconvenience that slows us down.

Flu on the other hand knocks someone for six and can leave them fatigued for months after the symptoms have gone plus flu symptoms develop so quickly, you can be feeling fine in the morning but come the afternoon you're tucked up in bed with a fever, headache, sweating and shivering, no appetite and exhausted.

The influenza virus is able to mutate into new strains which people may have little or no immunity against. It is for this reason that those at risk of flu complications are advised to have flu vaccination every year.

Ensuring enough rest, sleep and relaxation is essential as stress weakens the immune system.

Exercise boosts the immune system as does a healthy diet that is rich in fruit and vegetables.

When taken at the first sign of symptoms, echinacea and pelargonium are believed to be able to shorten the duration and severity of these.

Zinc is thought to do likewise. **Probiotics** can help to support the immune system and taken daily may help lessen the chance of viral coughs and colds taking hold.

Selenium has an important role in a healthy immune system and research has shown that it can help the immune system to defend itself against viruses.

Probiotics: a word used so freely but what does it mean? The official definition refers to live micro-organisms which when consumed in adequate amounts, are of benefit. It was noted that people consuming fermented milk products had a longer lifespan.

This observation led to an interest in Probiotics which have been linked to a broad range of health benefits. These include protecting against bacterial and viral infections, promoting the immune system, improving digestive health and bowel habits.

Not all bacteria is bad. We need the good bacteria for it is clearly of benefit to human health and wellbeing.

The question arises have we become 'too clean'? are we destroying the immunity in our bodies?

Scientists believe that the human population in the western world has become 'too clean' mainly through preoccupation with hygiene and the widespread use of antibiotics.

The gut is the largest organ in our bodies and is responsible for immunity and is the natural home to millions of diverse bacterial species.

Without bacteria in the human gut we would not have an immune system. If we don't have enough bacteria in our system our bodies can struggle to cope and defend itself against harmful pathogens.

You should use 101 not 999 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

For example:

- if your car has been stolen;
- if your property has been damaged;
- where you suspect drug use or dealing;
- if you want to report a minor traffic collision
- if you want to give the police information about crime in your area
- if you want to speak to your local officers; or- general enquiries

Derbyshire police held a special operation to target motorists who use their mobiles while driving. People were also stopped if they were not wearing a seatbelt and inspections revealed that some vehicles were being driven without insurance or with serious defects.

A total of 42 people were seen using their mobile phones, 215 were not wearing seatbelts and 11 people were given prohibition notices, preventing them from driving their vehicles again until the defaults are fixed. Fourteen people were spoken to about the manner of their driving.

Drivers were dealt with by way of Fixed Penalty Notice, court summons or cautions.

Inspector Adam Waterfall said: "It's alarming to see that so many drivers are risking their lives, and the lives of others, by using their mobiles or failing to belt up. Drivers who talk on a phone are four times more likely to be involved in a crash and texting on your phone can be even more distracting."

The week of action coincided with Brake's national Road Safety Week but police are holding spot-check days throughout the year.

The protected status of Canada Geese.

The Canada Goose, like all other birds in Britain, is protected under the EC Wild Birds Directive implemented in the United Kingdom through the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). **This makes it an offence to capture, kill or injure** Canada Geese, to damage their nests or eggs, **or to disturb them on a breeding site.** Any control technique which involves breaking the protected status of the geese requires a licence from the appropriate government authority

Canada Geese can be legally shot by authorised persons or trapped by approved methods in the **open season (between September 1st and January 31st, or February 20th on the foreshore).** The use of shooting or trapping by approved methods to control Canada Geese during the open season does not, therefore, require a licence, but care should be taken to ensure that other regulations concerning firearms safety, capture methods etc. are adhered to. If in doubt, advice can be sought from the organisations.

Thus, fencing the edge of a lake may be sufficient to cause the geese to move elsewhere if they are unable to walk easily out of the water

Canada geese may be legally shot during the open season (1st. September to 31st. January, or 20th. February on the foreshore) by authorised persons (i.e. persons acting with authority).

BDC launched a new housing application system on Thursday 19th January 2012 which will give people more choice over where they would like to live. Choice Based Lettings (CBL) or Bolsover Lettings will allow people who are registered on our Housing Register to express an interest or 'bid' for properties that become available.

This new system will give people the chance to look at available properties on a dedicated website or in our offices and they can 'bid' by phone (0845 505 2360), by text (07537 402491), over the internet and in our Contact Centres.

Applicants can bid on up to 3 properties each week from Thursday mornings until midnight on Tuesdays (bidding will close at our Contact Centres at 12 noon on Tuesdays).

To help people understand the new system better and give them an insight into how the scheme will work, open days have been arranged as follows:

Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover - Monday 9th January 2012 from 9am – 12 noon and from 2pm – 7 pm
Shirebrook Contact Centre - Friday 13th January from 10.30am – 1 pm
Cabinet Member for Housing Management, Councillor Keith Bowman said, "This is a new system that is designed to give people more choice and more say in where they want to live. By increasing the choice of properties and places available, we hope to develop more settled and sustainable communities.

I would urge people to come along to the open days and talk to us and see for themselves what is available and what they need to do."

As well as bidding for Bolsover District Council properties, applicants can also bid for some properties within Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council (Rykneld Homes) and Bassetlaw District Council (A1 Housing).

Thursday 2nd Feb.

Candlemas Day; This brings to mind the various sayings, anecdotes and writings, which refer to February, one of the worst months of the year.

If February brings no rain,
Tis neither good for grass nor grain,
If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight,
But if Candlemas Day be clouds and rain
Winter is gone and will not come again.
February can be the worst month of the year, not a lot happens, one thing you men must remember of course is that the 14th is St Valentines day,



Valentine's Day has its origins in the ancient Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia, and was associated with St. Valentine and February 14th by Pope Gelasius around 498 A.D.



Chairman's Column.

The Chairman of Pleasley Parish Council Councillor Howard Wright would like to thank all the people who have wished him a speedy recovery from his present illness, with the hope that his treatment of radiotherapy and chemotherapy before and after his operation be a success. He is hopeful of a speedy recovery. He is doubtful if he will be physically fit in time for the Queen's Jubilee and the Scarecrow Festival. He will however contact people and be able to continue working on the computer. During the time spent in and visiting various hospitals he has met some remarkable and courageous people and not only in the hospitals. People he knows as friends locally who have endured this complaint with enormous resilience and fortitude. These people who will only be named by their Christian names. He owes many thanks for their support: so thanks to Mick from Sutton, Stuart, David, Neil and Pete from our parish, Karen, Kym and Beeda they gave him support, faith, hope and encouragement. He wishes to thank those and the staff at King's Mill, Queen's Med and City Hospitals. And a big thank you to the Macmillan Nurses for their help and support.

PLEASLEY PARISH SCARECROW FESTIVAL
I WISH TO ENTER IN THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL FOR PLEASLEY PARISH ON JUNE 16TH & 17TH 2012

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Please tear along the dotted line and return to "Scarecrow" Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane Pleasley NG19 7PL or Cllr Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane.

ASAP & BEFORE 1ST MAY

COMPETITION TIME

THIS WORDSEARCH IS:

NAME

Address

.....

Tel No

Names of Patron Saints.

George, Patrick, Zita,
Andrew, David, Jude,
Agatha, Barbara,
Crispin, Martha, Cecilia,
Dunstan, Julian, Giles,
Wenceslas. Christopher.
Luke. Sava.

The Parish Council decided that the winners of wordsearch during the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012 will receive a £5 commemorative coin.

There was quite a number of entries for the last word search and the winner was:

Lewis Burton

Newboundmill Lane
Pleasley

Send or take your entries to The Verney Institute,
Newboundmill Lane
Pleasley

Mansfield
Notts

NG19 7PL

or to any parish councillor.

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They will be held at Glapwell Community Centre and Doe Lea Centre on alternate weeks with the first session taking place in Glapwell on January 18. The sessions are free and open to anyone under 18 living in the area.

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