



# NEWSLETTER

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

Half way through the year already, the past three months have been very exciting for the parish council with the scarecrow festival and the party in the park to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

The Annual parish meeting was held in May before the annual council meeting-this is not a parish council meeting this is when any person in the parish can attend along with the local organisations to give their report on their activities and their proposals for the coming year, and ask questions.

The Chairman confirmed the minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on the 10th May 2011, there were no apologies for absence, he announced the precept for the coming year of £75,000, there has been no increase for six years despite the increase of expenditure.

He then, for the record, gave a short report despite that no member of the public attended, in the report commended the newsletter and the web site explaining that members of the public were well informed of the successful events and achievements of the parish council and the plans they have for the future.

He thanked Councillors Gamble, Kirkham and Douglas for giving their time to oversee the Open Door computer class in New Houghton, and thanked the council employees Brian Carnall the clerk, Phillip Briggs, Lauretta Brudenell the caretakers and James Roddy the litter picker for the work they have done over the past year.

At the Annual parish council meeting which was held after the parish meeting in May Councillor Howard Wright was once more proposed as Chairman for the ensuing year and Cllr Pauline Bowmer as Vice Chair, Cllr Wright thanked his colleagues for their support over the last year and explained that their support is essential to enable the chair to do a good job and even more essential to have a good relationship with the Clerk, he thanked Brian Carnall for doing an excellent job.

The police reported five crimes for April, a significant reduction.

Councillor Stockdale was questioned, why the hedge had not been cut approaching the Doctors surgery, it was pointed out that it cannot be cut whilst birds are nesting it is against the law.

The Clerk announced that there were three vacant allotments on Meden Ave.

## Bus Shelter.

The bus shelter on Terrace Lane is causing problems with children and teenagers gathering and causing a nuisance, as it is no longer used for service buses plans were discussed what to do with it, suggestions have been made these are being pursued.

The bus shelter on Rotherham Road is also causing a problem which the police are dealing with.

£200 was donated to St Michaels Church Well Dressing and Flower Festival

The parish council decided not to increase any fees and charges for their amenities

The annual scarecrow festival this year has had some new competitors which is a good sign. A few from previous years are unavailable because of holidays and illness, many are busy with other events but still find time to enter, credit due to them. This event is the same as any sport or game there is only one winner and it's taking part that matters-without the losers there would not be any festival or competition.

Each entry is worthy of the highest praise and the parish councillors sincerely thank every entry, they are very much appreciated it makes Pleasley Parish a talking point. Lets hope the weather is good, The winners will be in the next newsletter.

Saturday 2nd June St Michaels Church Garden Party was a great success, fortunately the rain did manage to keep away, there was a good turn out, they took nearly £500.

Monday June the 4th the celebration for the Queens Jubilee party in the park organised and funded by Bolsover District Council in conjunction with Pleasley Parish Council by permission of Pleasley Miners welfare was a successful event enjoyed by many spectators, Blidworth Colliery band, Pleasley Colliery and Desford Colliery which was a combined band excelled with rousing marches to popular English music such as Lady in Red, and the Floral Dance, the final band played the typical last of the proms music, famous British marches, Men of Harlech, Nimrod by Elgar, Fantasia on British Sea Songs by Henry Wood which included Rule Britannia, Jerusalem by Hubert Parry, Pomp and Circumstance, (Land of Hope and Glory) by Elgar, finishing with the Radetsky March by Strauss.

The credit and thanks for organising this event must go to Carole Hirst from BDC who did an excellent job, Thanks Carole.

The weather was threatening but the rain just managed to keep off

## Black Bridge.

Bolsover Planning Committee have approved revised plans for the improvement of the Gypsy and Traveller site at the Black Bridge site in Pleasley.

The permission, which has a host of stringent conditions attached to it, is for 21 residential caravan pitches and 11 transit pitches with a warden's bungalow and amenity block.

The approval is a revision of a previously approved application (in 2005) on the same site which reduces the overall number of pitches by 4 and has a revised design for the bungalow to give it an improved position, better surveillance and control of the site with additional improved facilities in an amenity block.

Eighteen conditions have been attached to the permission—which will give us a better monitoring, control and enforcement over the site—and include issues such as the caravans can only be sited in accordance with the approved plans, no storage of waste, will be allowed on the site, no residential pitch can be occupied until the warden's block has been completed and occupied and a written log of the dates and names of the occupants is kept at all times. We are working with the owner to achieve an improvement to the condition of the site and better management in the future and the development of the site must be started within three years of the date of the permission being granted. Date issued: 4th April 2012

Regarding the resignation of a parish councillor. The position was duly advertised by law by Bolsover District Councils returning officer asking if anyone requested an election to fill the vacancy, there was no response, The Parish Council decided not to co-opt, the parish council remain quorate.

## Cemetery.

The ashes plot is to be extended as the existing plot is getting rather full, the extended plot will be for 20 or 30 years of use, which is far more than can be expected for the grave plots for burial.

There are now 40 reserved grave plots for burial, this is because the remaining vacant plots have only a few years left and we shall be looking for a new cemetery and residents who are wanting to be buried in the existing cemetery are reserving their grave space to be near their families, residents of the parish can reserve a grave space for £50, grave spaces cannot be reserved by people living outside the parish of Pleasley unless they are of Pleasley descent. Contact Brian Carnall

We have had made 100 crosses to mark the reserved grave spaces and ash plots, the grave numbers will be on the reserved crosses not the names,

Will those who have already reserved grave spaces please check their numbers and contact the Chairman Howard Wright to make sure we have the correct space reserved, this is all to do with the new data base that has been done on the cemetery, every grave space number and name is now on computer file and can be traced with little effort including the ashes plots.

## WELL DRESSING

St Michaels Church will be having their Well Dressing and Flower Festival on Saturday 7th July when the Well will be blessed, This will be followed by a concert from Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band.

There will be stalls outside and refreshments in the Church. The Church will be open to visitors thro' to Wednesday 11th July. Daily from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Further details 01623 810574

## Complaints.

Anyone who has a complaint regarding the parish council or any thing that may appear in the newsletter, it is of little use of reporting same to Bolsover District Council. Let it be reassured that,

Pleasley Parish Council are not answerable to the other two tiers of councils Bolsover District or County Council.

One thing that must be made clear regarding the Parish Council is, that it is a statutory local authority and have an element of sovereignty and whatever these council committees decide they cannot dictate to the parish council their decisions be our doing.

We are only answerable ideally to the Derbyshire of Local Councils DALC and the Secretary of State.

There is also the disclaimer to read on the back page.

## TERRACE LANE RECREATION GROUND

We have had several comments regarding the lack of amenities for children on Terrace Lane recreation ground, the council is aware of this and understand the concern.

They are doing the utmost to address this problem, although they have a healthy bank balance, they cannot justify spending the amount of money that would be required to bring the amenities up to specifications without first applying for funding at all sources available, as they did with the refurbishment of the Verney and the upgrading of the Rotherham Rd recreation ground in New Houghton.

We have just had one application turned down which we thought would be accepted, which was a blow to our plans, now we have to start again with further applications, this takes time, only when we have exhausted all available contacts can we consider funding a project of this nature.

Even when equipment has been chosen and purchased it has to be approved by RoSPA the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents for health and safety. The question of a skate park has been mentioned, this alone would cost at least £60,000, far beyond our budget, perhaps those that request this amenity would suggest the type of skate, scooter, area they would be satisfied with, we would welcome all suggestions of any description that would satisfy your requirements, also any comments of any description regarding the project, either for or against, without your comments we cannot hope to please the media, you probably know better than us.

**HEALTH.**

More health notes that people should be aware of these are taken from medical notes and personal experience, A high diet in red meat and animal fat increases the risk of bowel cancer your own blood cannot manage to mix with the blood of animals, the main risk factor for bowel cancer is increasing age. More than 8 in 10 people who get bowel cancer are over 80.

Some bowel conditions increase your risk of developing bowel cancer. If you have bowel polyps your risk of bowel cancer is increased.

**It is important to remember that most chronic bowel problems are not bowel cancer.**

A doctor who specialises in bowel cancer will assess your risk. **Phone 08007076060 for a bowel screening kit.**

Being overweight is a risk, some studies suggest that people who are not physically active are at risk. Some risk factors, such as age and family history, are beyond your control, but there are some risk factors you can control, known as lifestyle risk factors 1 in 4 cancers could be avoided if people made changes in their lifestyles.

It is peoples lifestyle that is the culprit.

Hear are some things to consider.

Eat a healthy diet that contains plenty of fibre, fruit and vegetables and reduce the amount of red meat, fat and salt, drink plenty of water and fresh fruit juice helps.

Try to exercise regularly, you do not need to go the gym, regular walking, cycling, gardening can be enough.

Fruit.

For example, fruit and veg with a blue/purple-black colour, such as plums, blackberries, blueberries, raisins, prunes and aubergines contain health promoting phytochemicals (natural plant compounds) Bananas, Garlic and Avocado's are very good to.

The trauma of being diagnosed with cancer is bad enough, without the additional shock of all the other elements and ailments, and the physical and emotional stress along the way.

**This is an excerpt taken from the Angora Health Ltd HIS The Health Sciences Institute, If you take statins don't exercise!**

From here on out, any medical professional who recommends statin drugs to healthy patients is either delusional or in denial (or borderline criminal!).

I'm not talking about the known risk of statins raising blood sugar and promoting type 2 diabetes (although that alone is all the reason you need to avoid statins).

And I'm also not talking about the known risk of statins causing cognitive problems (usually referred to as "brain fog" to make it sound more cute than dangerous).

This time I'm returning to familiar territory: muscle pain

But "pain" hardly begins to describe what's going on here. Some of these cases of pain lead to fatalities.

**Killer workouts**

We've known for many years that statins increase the risk of muscle pain and fatigue.

Then, a few years ago, studies revealed that pain and fatigue are actually symptoms of something much more serious: muscle damage. As the alarming warning on the Lipitor website puts it, this damage "can lead to kidney problems including kidney failure."

And just to be clear, kidney failure is not a condition you come back from — it's the absolute end of the line.

But now the issue of muscle damage has taken another leap forward with this astonishing new warning: People who exercise are the ones who are most likely to experience statin-related muscle pain. And the more you exercise, the greater the pain, and the greater the damage.

According to a news report, about 10 per cent of statin users experience muscle ache, pain, or fatigue. But among people who exercise regularly, that percentage rises to 25 per cent. And the rate is an astonishing 75 per cent or more among competitive athletes.

Of course, the irony here is as subtle as a sledgehammer, because regular exercise is recommended and is one of the healthiest and most effective means of controlling cholesterol levels.

Most doctors who write a statin prescription will advise you to start getting daily exercise. But many patients who begin taking the pills will soon be feeling fatigued and unmotivated — unlikely to get a daily exercise regimen off the ground. And then, those who push themselves to exercise despite the fatigue may actually cause greater harm to their muscles than if they just sat on the couch and watched TV.

This insidious pattern was recently confirmed in a French study where researchers compared muscle biopsies from mice given statins vs. mice who didn't receive the drug.

In mice that weren't exercised, oxidative stress (which is a measure of potential cell damage) was 60 per cent higher among the animals that received a statin compared to those who didn't. In mice that were exercised on treadmills, muscle oxidative stress was more than 225 per cent higher among the animals that received statins. In addition, the biopsies showed evidence of dysfunction in cell mitochondria, the mechanisms that generate a cell's power.

One cardiologist said it appears that statins not only increase muscle damage during exercise, but afterwards as well. And what's worse, the drug may actually interfere with the body's ability to repair damaged muscles.

As with the increased risk of type 2 diabetes, and increased risk of cognitive problems, the worst part of this muscle damage issue is the fact that most people who use statins don't need them at all.

Evidence shows that a small percentage of statin users who have known cardiovascular problems will benefit from a slightly reduced risk of fatal heart attack. But for those who have high cholesterol and no other cardiovascular problems, statin benefits are virtually non-existent. It's time for doctors everywhere to let go of their statin dependency and put it behind them. It's done.

Talking about maintaining optimum cholesterol levels and keeping your heart healthy, if you're looking for good solid and honest advice on the use of statins and protecting your heart, why not visit **The Cholesterol Truth**.

On this dedicated blog, our medical expert Dr. John Briffa tells you exactly how to keep your heart healthy and avoid falling into the trap of **taking statins needlessly**.

Another recent survey on statins is that it may have a protective effect against the development of bowel cancer. Diets high in fat and red meat, as well as lack of exercise, are thought to be among the main risk factors. Although previous studies have investigated statins possible protective effects in bowel cancer, **the results have been inconclusive**.

The good points for statins is they reduce levels of cholesterol, which can build up in our arteries raising the risk of a heart attack or stroke and blood clots. What are people to believe desperate cases need desperate measures you cannot do right for doing wrong, the drug companies are still experimenting at the expense of peoples recovery.

One must put their faith in the hands of the surgeon they know best.

**One thing that you should not do is take alternative herbal or natural substances with drugs prescribed by your doctor, an example is if you take Metformin for type two diabetes do not take cinnamon or garlic. There are very good results with cinnamon**

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### Chairman's Column



The Chairman would like to thank all the people who have wished him well and a speedy recovery after the pending operation for cancer, it is uncertain when this will be now due to the operation being cancelled, he hopes it will now be after the scarecrow festival, which starts at the Verney. Unless they change the date of admission.

I recently heard the following poem and the recent illness makes you think how true it is, it gives a different prospective on life, if one can make this the philosophy of ones life I am sure we would be more satisfied with our efforts.

### One small 'dash'

In the Book of Common Prayer, at the graveside during a funeral, the Minister may use the following words: 'in the midst of life we are in death' and I find this sentence to be both very poignant and quite logical.

To dwell on this sentiment makes one aware of just how short life is and of how we should use the time allotted to us.

How much of this time do we waste in worrying, complaining and arguing amongst ourselves whilst the life force slowly but steadily drips away from us?

To strengthen my argument, I would like to share some words that I heard recently.

When we stand at the graveside of a loved one, we invariably read the words on their gravestone and those words usually include their name and then a line stating their date of birth and the date of their death – these two dates being separated by a single 'dash'; and this plain, simple, 'dash' is, surprisingly, the most important part of this line.

For this dash represents the life that has taken them from birth to death and it is this that we remember, the deeds that they have done, the love they gave and the good that lives on after them.

I am sure that we would all prefer people to remember our good deeds and our kindnesses and they surely will if we live good lives ... this is illustrated in the words of the well known song recorded by the famous American Gospel singer: Mahalia Jackson: and Paul Robeson for those that remember him, 'If I can help somebody as I pass along. If I can cheer somebody with a word or song. If I can show somebody how they're travelling wrong, **then my living shall not be in vain.**'

Beautiful words encapsulating a clear message that it matters not when we were born nor when we died – what matters is the time between .. the 'dash' that the engraver puts on the tombstone.

In the Christian religion, we have 2 great commandments: i. You must love God with every part of you and ii. You must love your neighbour as yourself . Jesus gave these commandments to us in order that our living should not be in vain and the song enforces this with its concluding verse:

'If I can do my duty, as a good man ought.  
If I can bring back beauty, to a world up wrought.  
If I can spread love's message, as the Master taught,  
then my living shall not be in vain.'

When I first heard about the Dash I did not realise it was a poem written by Linda Ellis. It goes something like this.  
How Do You Live Your Dash?"

I read of a man who stood to speak,  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the plaque,  
From the beginning.... to the end.

He noted that first came his date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars... the house....the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

Before I go in hospital I had the privilege of attending two garden parties in one week, June 2nd the St Michaels Church Garden Party, attended by 80 people, and four days before that a Garden Party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace by invitation from the Queen attended by 8000 guests. Regardless of size each garden party was just as important to the organisers and people attending.

The Palace Garden Party was one of two being held leading up to the Queens Diamond Jubilee, with guests chosen from charities, the armed forces and civic lists.

I was nominated by DALC the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and was accompanied by my wife Margaret,  
It was a memorable day.

To accommodate the huge crowd there were three entrances to the Palace Grounds, the front entrance through the Palace, at the rear were Hyde Park Gate and Grosvenor Gate, we were lucky, being early we were first in the queue at Grosvenor Gate entrance within minutes there were hundreds behind us.

The Bands of the Coldstream Guards and The Rifles two military bands played selections of music during the afternoon, at 4pm they played the National Anthem when the Queen and her party appeared from the Palace to walk down the steps into the garden.

The Queen was accompanied by her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, Charles the Prince of Wales and Camilla The Duchess of Cornwall,

Catherine (Kate) The Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Edward, who is the Earl of Wessex along with his wife Countess Sophie, Princess Ann, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Duke of Kent, and Lady Ogilvy Princess Alexandra.

Each takes a different route and random presentations are made, these fortunate people had a chance of speaking to Her Majesty and other members of her family, one such person was Winnie Bennett from Pleasley Miners Welfare St John Ambulance who had travelled with us to the Palace.

The crowd formed lanes at various places in the garden it was a matter of luck if you were in the lane the Queen chose to walk down, we were lucky in that respect. The Queen passed within 3 feet of where we stood, unfortunately our vision was a bit restricted as one of her bodyguards in full regalia of the Yeoman of the Guard came and stood immediately in front of us,

After she had passed by we hastened across the garden to another lane and managed to get quite close to Kate and Camilla.

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family eventually arrive at the Royal tea tent, where they meet and dine with further special guests. Our tent was on the other side of the garden, Tea and other refreshments are served from a 408 feet long buffet table, servers stand every 20 feet apart and the public guests queue at any one of them to get their refreshments. The quantities served are enormous, around 27,000 cups of tea or iced coffee, over 25,000 sandwiches, crab, ham, egg and cress, flans with strawberries in, tiny lemon tarts, 25,000 slices of cake. Some 400 waiting staff are involved with serving, with it being such a hot day cold drinks were available all day and ice cream for every person.

At about 6pm to mark the end of the party the National Anthem is played when the Queen and other members of the Royal Family leave the garden, every one leaves by the Palace entrance, it is a site to behold, no cameras were allowed but as soon as people were in the inner yard they used their mobile phones to take pictures.



**Chairman's Column continued**

The first day of our trip to London was just as memorable as our visit to Buckingham Palace, this was another honour and privilege. When we met our local MP Dennis Skinner who took us round the house of commons showing us rooms that tourists and visitors never see, he knew the history of every room.

Westminster Hall is the oldest remaining part of the original Palace of Westminster, this was featured on the TV where the Jubilee Buffet was held, it is steeped in 900 years of history, it was commissioned in 1097 under William II Rufus, son of William the Conqueror. The Hall played an important role through the centuries, Feasts and entertainments were held there with masques, music, dancing and jousting taking place in front of hundreds of guests, something like you might see in Robin Hood films.

The Hall has been used for the lying-in-state of monarchs and great parliamentarians, including George V, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, William Gladstone, and Sir Winston Churchill.

Oliver Cromwell's head was impaled on a spike on Westminster Hall's roof after his body was exhumed and decapitated in 1661 by Charles the second supporters, it remained there for 20 years.

Just off the Westminster Hall not open to the public we visited the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, this stands at ground level, immediately beneath what was previously an upper Chapel and is now St Stephen's Hall. Together the two chapels made up the Royal Free Chapel of St Stephen, St Stephens was conceived by Edward the first this is very ornate.

The present use for the Chapel of Mary Undercroft is for Holy Communion, for baptism, weddings, services held for Peers, Members of the House of Commons, as well as Officers of both Houses. William Hague was married there.

We went in the House of Commons Chamber to the speakers chair and despatch boxes, Dennis sat in his usual seat on the front row he explained all the procedures of government, it was a surprise how small the distance was between the two oppositions on TV it looks far apart in reality it is only about 12ft.

He then took us onto the Terrace where we had tea overlooking the Thames, he pointed out various landmarks, part of the House of Commons overlooking the Terrace is the residence of John Bercow the speaker, directly opposite was St Thomas's Hospital and to the left was London Eye. We were very thankful to Dennis for the tour.

**Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group Wildlife Day.**

Wildlife day at the Pleasley Pit Country Park, a Local Nature Reserve, opened at 10am by local Member of Parliament Dennis Skinner was a huge success and was blessed with marvellous weather and many visitors, there were several exhibits and stalls. Many wildlife groups were in attendance the winding house was open for visitors.

**PLEASLEY COLLIERY 1949 TO 1983****MY LIFE and TIMES****By Dennis Hall**

I remember leaving school on Friday 26th March 1949 at the Easter Holidays, I arranged with my friend Peter Wathall to go next day to look for a job, We had no idea as what we wanted to be or do.

Saturday morning came; I got up early and was talking to my Dad about looking for a job, he had just come off the night shift at Pleasley Colliery and must have had a bad shift, because he said in no uncertain terms "keep away from that bloody place down the road" meaning the pit.

I promised him I wouldn't go anywhere near it. I met Peter later, he told me his Dad Harry Wathall, who was also on the night shift, said that we were not to go anywhere near the pit.

We went by bus to Mansfield Labour Exchange, had our interview and was told the best jobs available were at Pleasley Colliery and as we lived at New Houghton it would mean no travelling.

We left the Labour Exchange and went to the pit. Walking up Pit Lane we both said our Dads would kill us.

We were interviewed by Jim Allison, the training officer at the time. Peter got a job underground I as an apprentice fitter on the pit top.

Harold Cooling, an assistant to the training officer took us round the baths to get us set up with pit boots, our pride and joy, a locker and a soap card, the soap was free-one tablet a week.

Whilst we were in the baths looking round, we saw a man's steel back support (Clarry Downs) hanging up, another man's artificial left arm (Harry Simpson's) and a pot leg (Arthur Bootman's). The results of horrendous injuries these men had suffered in the pit, and they still kept on working. We wouldn't see that happening today.

We were then taken onto the pit top to get our bearings the pit at that time of day turned coal on Saturday's and the number of tubs of coal coming out of the pit was unbelievable to our unaccustomed eyes, this resulted in shouts from the men working near, "mind out of the way of the bloody tubs, wake up".

I was taken to the "Cutter Repair Shop" under the wing of Jim Chappell, he showed me round and told me what he expected of and what my jobs would be.

Leaving the pit we went home to face the wrath of our parents, it wasn't too bad for Peter because he had two brothers Wallace and Bernard working in the "deep hard" seam at the time, so they were told to look after him.

My Dad was in bed, I had to wait for my him getting up, when he came down stairs, I plucked up the courage to tell him and soften the blow by saying I was going to be a fitter on the pit top, Mum and Dad accepted this Mum said "don't let me hear you using bad language"

I polished my new pit boots and eagerly awaited Monday morning to start what was to become a long career in the coal industry.

On Monday morning I awoke early armed with an old vest, shirt, trousers and an old coat from my Uncle Denis, a billy can from my grandmother, two mashings of tea and sugar, four slices of bread and three pence for milk, I set off for work.

We had to get changed in the baths which was a bit scary I had never seen so many bare bums however I proceeded to get changed into work clothes and go across the pit top to the "Cutter Shop", so called because we overhauled gear heads, coal cutters and power loaders.

In the Cutter Shop where my workmates Jim Chappell the foreman, Jim French, Tony Haywood, Alan Hudson and Kenny Place, Kenny had been blown up in the pit and had a badly scarred face, Happy to say after all these years—better!.

My job was to clean all parts of machinery that had been dismantled, fetch new parts from the stores, (Mr Chappell was brilliant, he knew every part number and bin number and where they were kept) I made the tea, taking all my mates billy cans to the canteen for hot water. I felt very proud when I was given my own cupboard. Although I had not got any tools, I had my dust-ers, towels and soft soap (swarfega).

I stayed in the Cutter Shop for two years, I got 6/11 per day (35p), in which time we built the first A.F.C.

(Armoured Face Conveyer) to arrive in England in the Summer of 1949, it was later dismantled and rebuilt underground at Rufford Colliery, it was 280yards long. Also at this time we helped build the first conveyer up the dirt disposal tip in the Winter of 1949.

After many happy times I went underground to officially do 28 days training in the pit bottom with the onsetter Harold Wilkinson, a very well known canary and budgerigar breeder and show judge, there wasn't a lot Harold didn't know about birds-the feathered kind.

We had a horse called "Blucher", he was a dappled grey, a huge pony he won many shows at area and colliery open days, another very small black pony was called "Rip", he could get on and off the conveyer belt and ride back up the gates.

I was now 17 years old and our favourite hobbies were bike riding and playing football for New Houghton Villa and the Pleasley Youth Club, where I met my future wife. Mavis.

Working in the pit bottom I struck up a great friendship with my second cousin Teddy Fretwell, we worked together for about eight years, both in the pit bottom and on the coal face. We used to go swimming together, playing football and cricket they were very happy years.

After one year we reached the age of 18 and were allowed to go training on the coal face at ripping etc; Ted went on afters and I went on nights in my Dads team, it wasn't long before I managed to get into a cutting team of my own, our job was to under cut the coal and nog it up for the day shift fillers to fill out, I will continue this life in the coal mines in the next newsletter.

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**Send your entries to.**

The Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley NG19 7PL by post or put it in the post box on middle gate, or to Cllr Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane or any parish councillor, Entries to be in by September 1st

The winner of the last wordsearch was Mrs June Darch Newboundmill Lane, she was presented with The Queens Diamond Jubilee UK Coin by the Chairman Cllr Howard Wright.

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**This is an information board for forthcoming events in our Parish mainly for newcomers into the Parish and a reminder to other residents.**

**June 16th & 17th Scarecrow Festival**

Start at the Verney Hall 9am to 5pm.

**July 7th to 11th** 10am to 6pm Well

Dressing & Flower Festival St Michaels Church Pleasley.

**September 8th & 9th** Pleasley Colliery

Open Weekend. Flypast by Battle of Britain Lancaster Bomber on Saturday.

**November 11th** Remembrance Service

St Michaels 10-15am laying of wreaths at two war memorials after.

**December 14th** Carol Concert and festive drink with the Chairman inside the

Verney Hall 7pm.

**Free Computer Sessions** on Thursdays 9

-30 to 12-30 with qualified tutor.

Also use of computers 4-30 to 6-30pm

New Houghton Community Centre.

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