



NEWSLETTER

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

What is the role of a parish council?

There are 205 Parish and Town (first tier) Councils in the county. Together with Borough/District Councils and the County Council they constitute the 3 tiers of local government.

Parish Councils are currently the common type of local council. The parish council is the final tier of local government. They were constituted by Local Government Act 1894 taking powers and duties. They are an independent bodies and are not ruled by the district or county council. Their guiding body is Derbyshire Association of Local Councils through the National Association. They have an element of sovereignty and are not answerable to the other two tiers of councils in the county

The current powers and duties of parish councils are derived from various parts of legislation. Parish Councils exist to discuss community affairs and exercise the powers bestowed on them.

Your Parish Council usually meets at least 6 times per year and it is good practice to have a period for public question taking at each meeting. Your Parish Council is encouraged to publish reports on its activities.

The Chairman, at a meeting, may exercise all the powers and duties of the Chairman in relation to the conduct of the meeting. The Chairman may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote and in the event of an equality of votes may give a casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.

Each council has a Clerk who acts as the chief officer and, although not elected he is the most important member of the committee. In liaison with the Chairman, he prepares Agenda and Minutes and ensures that the Council makes legal decisions and holds effective meetings. He implements decisions made at the meeting before the next meeting where possible, and reports to the Chairman.

His job is to advise the chairman on different issues and see to the finances of the council, among many other important and complex jobs. A position not to be taken lightly.

The Parish Council maintains local amenities such as recreational areas, footpaths and cemeteries.

The parish council is also consulted on highway and planning applications, **but the final decision is with the District Council.**

Councillors must familiarise themselves with these parts of the constitution, in particular the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct, the rules on declarations of interest, the timings and order of business at council meetings and the rules of debate. By law the council's formal meetings must be held in public, although the public and press can be excluded for discussions on some confidential items.

The agenda must be made available at least five days before the meeting.

The minutes are published on the council's noticeboards, website and are available on request.

Their main purpose is representing the views of all residents within your parish. As part of a local council they will have responsibility for running local services which include: open spaces, play areas, village halls, and potentially much more.

Each Parish Council is required to set a budget each year.

To fund its budget the Parish Council sets a precept, which is included in your council tax, for financing the work they undertake in the community on your behalf.

The council decides on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services, to improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area.

It works to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents they represent and fosters an understanding and willingness to represent the views of the whole community.

The General Election for a new government is scheduled for 7th May 2015. It is also the elections for District and Parish Councils.

Parish councils are slightly different in as much that if the nominations are just the required amount for council they are returned unopposed.

Polling Stations will be The Verney for Pleasley & The Community Centre for New Houghton. 7am to 10pm

Your Parish Councillors are

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Your two District Councillors are.



Pauline Bowmer



Ann Syrett

Your County Councillor is Marian Stockdale
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What do you know.

Many of us use the word Yahoo without realizing where it came.

The word is from Jonathan Swift's satirical *Gulliver's Travels* of 1726 and described one of the races he encountered, on his travels. **yahoo** (n.) "a brute in human form," from the race of brutish human creatures. And to quote Michael Caine "not a lot of people know that".

Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band -

Midlands Regional Championship

Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band has been invited to the National Finals being held at Cheltenham in September following a great performance in the Fourth Section, at the Midlands Regional Championships where the band came 2nd.

This is the first time since 1963 that the band has achieved an invitation to the National Finals and it is also expected that they will be promoted to the Third Section.

A big thank you goes to Geoff Benson the Musical Director, all the players and supporters and in particular Pleasley Miners' Welfare for supporting the band and supplying the coach to take them to the Regional Championships in Bedworth.

The next concert will be held on **Friday 24th April 2015 at Pleasley Welfare - 7.30 pm**, where the trophy will be on display. There will also be a presentation during the evening from Mansfield Building Society for the Community Support Grant. The event is a free event. Please come along and support your local brass band.

Pleasley Parish Council's 2015 Scarecrow Festival

Starting at 10.00am Saturday 13th June at the Verney Institute NG197PL until Sunday 14th June 5.00pm Route maps available £1 this will include light refreshment for one person, light refreshment for other family members and friends only 50p. All profits, including raffle, to King's Mill Hospital Dialysis Unit. You the public will vote for the winning scarecrows.

Other dates to look forward to are:
Saturday 16th May Summer Fayre 2pm
 St Michael's Church.

11th - 15th July Well Dressing and Flower Festival St Michael's Church. Open daily 10am to 6pm. Blessing the wells Sunday 12th at 3pm.

Friday 5th June 7.30pm Brass and Song Concert at Pleasley Miners' Welfare with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band & The Phoenix Choral Society

Pleasley Parish Council has appointed a new caretaker to take over from Phillip Briggs when he retires. The new caretaker will be Mr Philip Crouch 46 Deansgate Pleasley.



How many times must we repeat this danger?



The problem of dog mess is getting out of hand despite the article in the last newsletter which appealed to the public who take dogs for walkies, especially on our Recreation grounds and millennium green the request to use doggie bags and bins, this has fallen on deaf ears in a few cases, it is those few cases that are putting children's eye sight in danger.



Dog poo is a problem, it not only litters our parks, pavements and public footpaths and spaces, but it carries disease and parasites, bacteria and viruses. **which can cause blindness.** You do not want to be responsible for a child's blindness.



We urge you to pick up and help clean up our public spaces for a great summer outdoors. Dog waste isn't just a pain in your shoe treads, an unappealing smell in your yard. It is unhealthy for you, your family, your dog, your community, and the ecosystem of which we are all a part. Picking up after your dog isn't a choice, **it is a responsibility.**

The main danger to human health in dog faeces is the presence of the eggs of **Toxocara Canis**.

This is a roundworm which lives, harmlessly, in dogs but presents severe danger to humans. A dog can pass 15,000 eggs in just one gram of faeces. Toxacara can also spread through unwashed vegetables as they can live in the soil long after the faeces have disappeared, even up to three years. Be careful if your dog goes onto the vegetable garden or allotment. If a single larva invades one of the body's most delicate structures, such as the retina, severe damage can occur, **leading to severe visual impairment or total blindness.** Young children are vulnerable.

There will be a heavy fine when offenders are caught and names will be made public.

The parish council is considering covert cameras or a last resort of banning dogs on the recreation ground. It's up to those responsible. We need the public's help, your help.

Motorists urged to be vigilant following catalytic converter thefts

Motorists are being urged to be on their guard following a number of catalytic converter thefts across the Chesterfield Division.

Throughout January, police have received reports of several catalytic converters have been stolen from vehicles in local and surrounding areas. Community Safety Inspector Russ Dakin said: "Following these incidents, I would ask motorists to park in well-lit, overlooked areas where possible and ensure that alarm systems are activated before leaving their vehicle unattended.

"Thieves would have had to get underneath the vehicle in order to remove the catalytic convertor so where possible, park in a safe location where it is difficult for the offenders to access.

"I would urge residents to remain vigilant and to report anyone acting suspiciously, especially around commercial vehicles, to us without delay as this could prevent yours or your neighbour's vehicle from being targeted by thieves.

The following 9 crimes were reported at the last parish council meeting.

Violence against person: 6 Drug related offences: 2 Theft from motor vehicle: 1

5 of the violence against person offences and 1 of the drug related offences were from 2 properties.

What we have been waiting for.

British Summer Time started on 29th March when the clocks were put forward. The lighter nights are approaching.
The S.A.D. people will welcome this change.

The origin of April Fool's Day is obscure. One likely theory is that the modern holiday was first celebrated soon after the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar, The term referred to someone still adhering to the Julian Calendar which it replaced. Also it was a name given to gardeners who planted spring plants usually planted in May. An April Fool was someone who did this prematurely and the late frosts killed their plants.

SPRING IS HERE This thirty eighth edition is in April — the month when we hope winter is dead and gone, but don't be fooled by this, on the first day of April It has been known to snow and not to forget the saying "Cast not a clout till May is out". April — the month when summer sports begin, Tennis, Golf, Fishing, and Cricket once referred to as the Gentleman's Sport, replacing football, April, when the weather is supposed to improve. Palm Sunday followed by Good Friday April 3rd and Easter Day April 6th.

One momentous day in April 1905 was when Shirebrook which was in the parish of Pleasley formed its own Parish Council and became an independent parish, now of course it is a Town Council.

1926 April 21st Queen Elizabeth was born
23rd April is our national patron Saint; St George
The Titanic sank in April 1912, Sweet rationing ended in 1949. Two welcome birds we see and hear. The swallow and the cuckoo.

This makes one think of Robert Browning's Poem O, to be in England Now that April's here,
Another perhaps better known is Wordsworth's, A Host of Golden Daffodils. Below are just two verses.

I wander'd lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.

The May Day Bank Holiday On the first Monday 4th May, May Day can refer to various labour celebrations that commemorate the fight for the eight hour working day.

May Day in this regard is called International Workers' Day, or Labour Day.



Perhaps the most significant of the traditions is the Maypole, around which traditional dancers circle with ribbons.

By the middle Ages every English village had its Maypole.

The Maypoles were of all sizes. And one village would vie with another to show who could produce the tallest Maypole.

Maypoles were usually set up for the day in small towns, they would then choose the MAY QUEEN. Dancing round the Maypole was always performed by local schools well into the 1950s, I don't know whether they do now.

Readers can see this tradition every year on the village green at Wellow near Ollerton.



JAM and JERUSALEM
For Pleasley Parish residents.

**Your Women's Institute
needs you!!!!**

Come along to any meeting to try us out!!
YOU will be very welcome.

New members are always welcome-
Meetings on the third Tuesday in the month at
7pm in the Glapwell Centre.

Monthly speakers include.
'Animals in Films'
'Textile Art'
'Flower Arranging'
'Peak Performance & Peak Youth'

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY
BRIDLEWAY CLOSURE PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY
NO.41, AULT HUCKNALL AND PUBLIC
BRIDLEWAY NO.24, PLEASLEY WHEN:**

16 March 2015 to 15 September 2015 WHERE:
Close Public Bridleway No.41, Ault Hucknall
continuing as Public Bridleway No.24, Pleasley
(Teversal Trail) between the junction with Public
Bridleway No.13, Pleasley and south side of the
bridge over Batley Lane. **REASON:** To facilitate
public safety during replacement of bridge.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no alternative
route available. Access will be maintained,
whenever reasonably possible, on the affected
length of bridleway. The bridleway will re-open as
soon as the work is finished.

Following the request for recipes in the last newsletter two more have been sent in.

HEARTY MINESTRONE SOUP

Serves 4, not good to freeze.
Ready in 15 minutes.

1. 200 gm mixed green vegetables: broad beans, peas, and courgettes and chopped spring onions (or cooking onion).
2. 700 ml hot vegetable stock.
3. 140 gm cooked pasta. Perhaps spaghetti, broken into small pieces.
4. 250 gm tin of butter beans, washed.
5. 3 tablespoons of green pesto.

Put the vegetables into a medium pan, pour over the stock, bring to boil, and simmer for 5 mins, or until cooked through.

Stir in the cooked pasta, beans and 1 tablespoon of pesto.

Warm through and ladle into bowls and top each with a drizzle of pesto.

VEGETARIAN KORMA

Easy exotic curry, mildly spiced with lots of flavour. Serve with rice or naan bread.

Serves 4 persons.

- ½ teaspoon vegetable oil or coconut oil.
- 1 diced onion.
- 1 teaspoon minced root ginger. (Not important).
- 4 cloves of garlic.
- 2 potatoes, cubed.
- 4 carrots, cubed.
- 1 fresh green chilli, seeded and sliced.
- 100g diced fresh tomatoes.
- 2 teaspoon sea salt.
- ½ teaspoon curry powder, mild.
- 150g garden peas.
- ½ red pepper chopped.
- 225ml double cream.
- 1 bunch coriander to garnish.

Method.

Prep 25 mins, cook 30 mins.

Heat oil in pan over medium heat, stir in onion, and cook until tender.

Mix in garlic and ginger and cook for further one minute.

Mix potatoes, carrots, chilli. Add salt and curry powder.

Cook for ten minutes until potatoes tender.

Stir in peas and cream into pan. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for ten minutes.

Garnish with coriander.

We have in the past newsletters referred to the history of Pleasley Vale Mills. Recently some other history has come to light about the vital work that took place on our doorstep. This was during the Second World War.

In **1939** when after ten years of strife profits for this were best for a decade and shareholders received their first dividend payment since 1932.

1941 Introduction of “Dayella” as an alternative cloth to Viyella, rather than compromise the quality to “Utility” standard.

Following heavy air-raids on Birmingham, some production for BSA, Birmingham Small Arms, the armament makers, (every one can remember BSA rifles and guns) was relocated at Pleasley Mills.

Perhaps a good job the Luftwaffe didn't know

1947 Exports amounted to £340,000. Workforce at Pleasley Vale 800.

1948 Exports rose to £700,000 with a workforce of 950. New machinery installed to replace worn-out and out dated equipment.

1949 Exports topped the £1 million mark.

Clothing rationing ended in the UK, with a corresponding uplift in trade.

1952 Export drive still gained momentum. Hollins trading with 45 countries.

1957 Workforce was 939, but failing orders due to intense, cheaper, foreign competition.

1961 Taken over by Gainsborough-Conard which provided much-needed cash injection against an overdraft of £3 million . The name changed to Viyella International.

Workers cottages built in 1792 were demolished.

1970 Viyella International merged with Carringtons to become Carrington-Viyella.

More standardisation to cut costs and improve efficiency in face of increasing foreign competition.

1986 Last ditch attempt with the final merger to become Coats-Viyella.

1987 The sad demise. Closure of mills after 200 years production on one site.

The residents of Pleasley Vale from both sides of the County have formed a residents’ committee who have worked unceasingly over the years to restore the history of the Vale and surrounding countryside for the benefit of visitors both local and national to visit.

Pleasley Vale lies in a peaceful beautiful river valley, supporting a large variety of flora and fauna, overlooked by the imposing mill buildings from the Industrial Revolution. A small church, with a romantic history and pre-historic caves on the Meden trail, provides a wonderful variety for walkers visiting the Vale.

Wow!

What an evening of spellbinding music was enjoyed on March 28th by the audience for the sixth concert in the "Live at The Verney" series.

Gordon Giltrap, at his very best, enthralled the full house with his musical virtuosity and conversation, demonstrating his range of skills with a wide variety of material and technical wizardry.

"*Appalachian Dreaming*" opened the concert and was followed by "*Isabella's Wedding*" and a Davey Graham tune "*Angie*". The first tune was played on a ¾ size guitar bought from a car boot sale with a hole drilled in it to retain the first string! Throughout the concert, Giltrap added information about his tunes with anecdotes from events in his career and he talked about the influence Graham had been as a pioneer of the DADGAD tuning which is used widely by acoustic guitarists.

"*5 Dollar Guitar*", a driving blues number followed "*Mrs Singer's Waltz*" and the first half of the evening ended with "*The Dodo's Dream*", which introduced the loop station, an electronic device which records odd sequences which are then layered with "over dub" creating a dazzling and intriguing effect.



Complimentary tea, coffee and cake were served and the usual raffle was held. Gordon Giltrap had been heard on a previous occasion talking about raffles at his village concerts and he had expressed amusement that at one event the prize was a flannel and six eggs! He was accordingly presented with a flannel and six eggs.

After the interval the audience was once again mesmerised by Giltrap's guitar playing as it was led through "*Maddie Goes West*" and "*Dublin Day*", which got its title from being composed in Dublin during the day! "*On Camber Sands*" and "*Sadie in May*" were followed by two tunes from the 2013 album "*Ravens and Lullabies*" which was a collaboration between Giltrap and Oliver Wakeman (Rick's son who replaced him as keyboard player in Yes). First was "*Fiona's Smile*" which was written for Oliver's daughter and then "*Anyone Can Fly*".

Time certainly flew very quickly and the evening drew to a close with "*Loren*", a tune dedicated to Bert Jansch's wife, followed by "*Heartsong*", which reached number 21 in the charts in 1977. This number was nominated for an Ivor Novello award and later became the signature tune for the popular BBC TV programme "Holiday". After rapturous applause the concert ended with "*Lucifer's Cage*" from the 1976 album "Visionary".

Gordon Giltrap has enjoyed a long career, working with a host of musicians; Brian May, Rick Wakeman, Cliff Richard, Bert Jansch, John Renbourn and Mike Oldfield - just a few among many. He endeared himself to the Verney's audience with the way he interacted, his gentle humour and self-effacing manner but above all with his masterful guitar playing.

Pleasley Parish Council was pleased to be able to host the concert with such an icon in the music world and is grateful to Live and Local for the opportunity.

The council plans to host more concerts in the future. Look out for information towards the end of the summer.

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Pleasley Parish Council

Annual Scarecrow Festival

Saturday and Sunday JUNE 13th and 14th

Follow the trail with the route map costing £1.

Tea or coffee & light refreshment for one is included in this with tea token inside the route map.

Tea or coffee & light refreshment for other visitors will be 50p per person.

Proceeds to King's Mill Hospital Dialysis Unit

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Firstly I would like to thank all those who entered a scarecrow in last year's festival - not only the entrants but the quality of all the scarecrows were excellent, which is what makes the festival a success. Like the TV programme **THE VOICE** there must be winners and losers no matter how good. It's taking part that matters. Without your entries there would no festival. It is you that makes this event successful.

May I remind all those people who took the trouble to build a scarecrow last year, that now is the time to send in your entry for this year's festival.

Please do not leave it too late as the entrants are needed to print the route for the visitors to follow.

This year the King's Mill Hospital Dialysis Unit, will benefit from your efforts. You may be helping to save a life as the profits will be donated to that cause.

PLEASLEY PARISH SCARECROW FESTIVAL

I WISH TO ENTER THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL FOR PLEASLEY PARISH ON JUNE 13TH & 14TH 2015

Name: Telephone:

Address:

Please tear along the dotted line and return to "Scarecrow" Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane Pleasley NG19 7PL or Cllr Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane or contact johnwright828@btinternet.com

ASAP & BEFORE 14th May.

Profits will go to the King's Mill Hospital Dialysis Unit

SIX Prizes will be awarded, to be judged by the public by voting for the best scarecrow £75 Second £50 the next four £25 each

COMPETITION TIME

THIS WORDSEARCH IS:

Fourteen Fish of the world

**Post entries in Verney Institute post box or
59 Newboundmill Lane or any councillor.**

NAME

Address

Tel No

**FLOUNDER. BREAM.
POLLACK. ROACH.
SHARK. GRAYLING.
SILVERSIDE. HALIBUT.
WHITING. TUNA.
LEMON SOLE.
STURGEON.
SALMON. COD.**

**The winner of February
Wordsearch was
G Clarke of Newboundmill
Lane, Pleasley.**

**He was presented with a
garden voucher by the
Chairman
Cllr Howard Wright
Purchased from the
Glapwell Garden Centre.**

**Closing date for all en-
tries is May 31st.**

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