



NEWSLETTER

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



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

The Remembrance Service in St Michael's Church Pleasley at 10.15am on November 8th in memory of the fallen heroes in the conflicts as far back as the First World War was rather disappointing in attendance, the service was taken by Canon Keith Bingley. This was followed by the laying of poppy wreaths at Pleasley War Memorial at 11am by Cllr Howard Wright and after at 11-30am at New Houghton War Memorial by Vice Chair Cllr Pauline Bowmer. Both services were conducted by Canon Bingley.



Pleasley Miners' Welfare Band played for all three events. One more name is to be added to the memorial in New Houghton that is Cpl Keith Evans.

Welcome to 2016. Pleasley Parish Council wishes all parishioners a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Howard Wright, would like to thank those who did attend to sing Christmas Carols in the Verney on Friday 11th December and join him in a festive drink along with the traditional mince pie.

Once again this was a chance to meet and talk to friends and catch up on the latest gossip. It was a most enjoyable evening despite the decline in attendance which unfortunately will throw doubts on the future of this event.

Howard would also like to thank Jean and Ralph Holmes for their valued assistance in playing the piano and leading the singing. Also a big thanks to those who served the refreshments.

TREE FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Special congratulations to St Michael's Church Christmas Tree Festival which was once again a huge success. This was a result of the few dedicated church workers who gave their valuable time to make this possible, arranging the trees, setting the stages and electricity supply then the clearing up afterwards which is always a problem.

The Parish Council tree was one of the 44 trees decorated with lights.

The Festival was opened on Friday 4th December with Pleasley Band playing carols.

On Sunday the 6th "Take Note" a newly formed choir conducted by Jean Holmes gave a most enjoyable concert which was very much appreciated by those attending.

The large Christmas tree was donated by Glapwell Nurseries, as was the one outside the Verney and the one in the Community Centre.

The Parish Council Newsletter is now in its eighth year, the first being in October 2007 when only four of the present Councillors were Council members. We have come a long way since then and with the help of the existing members who work as a team we have improved tremendously.

This newsletter will try to cover interesting issues, past, present and forthcoming events that some of you may have forgotten for January February and March.

Try to make your New Year resolutions.

January 3rd 1946 Englishman William Joyce propaganda minister for Hitler known as Lord Haw Haw was hanged for treason, A few of us will remember his announcements on our radios: "Germany calling, Germany calling".

Other events that happened in January:

January 1893 British Independent Labour party was founded with Keir Hardy as leader.

Elvis Presley was born January 1935.

Elizabeth I was crowned Jan 1559.

Martin Luther King was born Jan 1929.

Cassius Clay was born Jan 1942.

Queen Victoria died Jan 1901.

Winston Churchill died Jan 1965.

Many of us will be celebrating Burns Night 25 January.

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.

Thursday 2nd Feb is Candlemas Day;

Snowdrops (*galanthus nivalis*) are known as Candlemas Bells because they often bloom early in the year, even before Candlemas.

Some varieties bloom all winter (in the northern hemisphere). The superstitious used to believe that these flowers should not be brought into the house prior to Candlemas. However, it is also believed in more recent times that these flowers purify a home.

Feb 14th: a day when we should all remember our loved ones: Valentine's 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.

Feb 17th Shrove Tuesday; Pancake Day is followed by Ash Wednesday on the 18th.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian festival. It marks the beginning of six and half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the most important Christian festival Easter.

For Christians, ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things they have done wrong and want to rid forever. It also a reminder to them that we all come from ashes, and to ashes we will return, as in the funeral service ashes to ashes.

Then **March** - a very unpredictable month. The nights are getting lighter but remember the sayings@
"March winds doth blow and we shall have snow".

"If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb"

March 15th has forever been imbued with a sense of foreboding. The Ides of March. This was the day Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44BC by Brutus.

Two national saints in March. The Welsh, Saint David's Day on the 1st. The Irish, Saint Patrick, 17th March.

March 1916 Harold Wilson was born.

26th March 1923 The first radio play was produced by the BBC - 'The Archers'

The clocks will go forward one hour.

Holy week starts with Palm Sunday March

20th, Maundy Thursday the 24th Good

Friday the 25th and Easter Monday the 28th.

Your 10 Parish Councillors are.

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Ann Syrett

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Lauretta Brudenell for New Houghton

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

NEWBOUNDMILL LANE PLEASLEY

From Feb1st to 12th Feb Between 8am and 4pm daily. Close Newboundmill Lane between Chesterfield Rd and Batley Lane.

To facilitate traffic calming works.

Alternative Route; will be via Chesterfield Rd A617 –ChesterfieldRd North-Penniment Lane-

RECYCLING

Over 80,000 households across Bolsover District and North East Derbyshire District will be able to recycle more waste as food and drink cartons and shredded paper can be disposed of through their burgundy bins from 1 November 2015.

Food and drink cartons may be placed in the main part of the burgundy bins and shredded paper in the bottom of caddies weighted down by other papers and magazines.

As part of the recycling schemes an extension to the burgundy bin contracts have been negotiated that will see the addition of this type of material and provide residents with the opportunity to recycle even more of their household rubbish.

LIVE AND LOCAL at THE VERNEY

It wasn't a load of Mumbo Jumbo - it was Mambo Jambo!

The musical journey at The Verney continued on November 14th with the appearance of Pete Jack and Frankie Banham, otherwise known as Mambo Jambo.

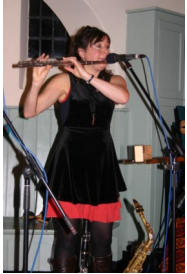
This was a complete change from the bluesy style of October's concert with Mumbo Jumbo as the audience was treated to music from around the world.

Frankie and Pete played over ten instruments between them, the most unusual being a suitcase which provided an alternative to a bass drum.

Many of the tunes and songs had their background in the music of New Orleans but sets from Russia, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Sweden and Cuba also featured.



The concert soon got into full swing with a tune reminiscent of a New Orleans' carnival and was followed swiftly by a Cajun waltz and a self-penned song based upon a Zimbabwean groove before moving on to a Swedish hambo. Instruments were changed frequently throughout the evening with guitar, saxophone, flute, clarinet, accordion, banjo and spoons! One instrument played by Pete was a self built 10 stringed instrument which emulated the sound of a Cuban tres. The second half began with a Brazilian Samba featuring Pete on ukulele and the audience was soon joining in with choruses and at one point with a bicycle bell and a horn!



One member of the audience said "the style of music was not my usual cup of tea but the intimacy and ambience of the venue, the rapport between musicians and audience, the high quality and versatility of the musicianship combined to make a thoroughly enjoyable night's entertainment".

COMING NEXT IN APRIL

Another change of musical genre with Aire Flamenco, presented by Synergy

Synergy's alluring vocals produce the most natural and close of harmonies. Their guitar playing is fiery and complex and features awesome traditional flamenco pieces and exotic driving accompaniment. The highly rhythmical style employed, moves from irresistible South American Rumbas and Tangos to complex Andalusian tempos.

Their live show is presented with upbeat humour and anecdotal song introductions.

www.aireflamenco.co.uk

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?x-yt=1422503916&v=GkYY7nQ9XAU&x-yt-cl=85027636>



PREVIOUS PERFORMERS

Ashley Hutchings who was the first artist to perform at The Verney with his son, Blair Dunlop, has been awarded an MBE for his services to folk music.

Ross Couper, the Shetland fiddler who played with Tom Oakes, is also a member of the Peatbog Faeries and their album "Blackhouse" was nominated as album of 2015 at the Scottish Traditional Music Awards which was televised from Dundee recently. The Peatbog Faeries played a couple of tunes at the awards' event.

Best wishes go to **Gordon Giltrap**, who was at The Verney in March. He has announced that he will not be doing any live shows in 2016 as he is having treatment for Gastro Intestinal Stromal Tumour, a rare form of cancer, and will have surgery sometime in 2016.

**PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL—
CLERK VACANCY.**

A vacancy has arisen for a Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer for Pleasley Parish Council.. The successful candidate will be responsible for keeping the council's clerical and financial records. An office is provided at the Verney Institute Pleasley and by arrangement the Clerk may also work from home.

The successful applicant if not already familiar with local government law, procedure and finance, including payroll and audit will be expected to take Clerk Induction Training with DALC Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and it is preferred that they will have, or are prepared to work to achieve the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

Training will be offered as appropriate and remuneration will be based on experience and qualifications, but within the NALC/SLCC Scale LC2, SCP26-29 (£22937-£25440 pro rata). The post is for 15 hours per week.

Attendance at the monthly Parish Council Meeting generally held on the first Monday in each month at 7pm is required.

As Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer the successful applicant will be responsible for:
The preparation of meeting agendas and taking accurate minutes of Parish Council Meetings.

Keeping accurate financial records, banking , invoices, payments of accounts and HMRC payments/wages etc.

Taking action on resolutions passed by the Council.

Administering Parish Council events and projects.

Management of the Council's facilities including two recreation grounds both with play areas, two allotment sites, The Verney Institute and New Houghton Community Centre.

Management and administration of the Council's employees.

Management of assets and Insurances.

Administering, maintaining and recording interments and memorials at the Parish Council Cemetery.

Maintaining and upgrading the Council's website through the Council's web manager.

Applicants should have good IT skills (word. Excel. e.mail etc)

The successful applicant will be required to travel to various meeting/training etc. and therefore a car and driving licence is essential.

A job description may be obtained from the Clerk telephone 01246 273239.

The Parish Council has a web site www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org which contains further information on the Parish Council.

Letter of application with Curriculum Vitae to be sent to Brian Carnall, Pleasley Parish Council, 53 Malvern Rd Chesterfield S404DX asap.

Notification of Interviews will be notified and will take place in the Verney Institute and the successful applicant will be expected to start as soon as possible.

KEEP FIT

The Adult and Community Learning Team at West Nottinghamshire College has is hoping to relaunch these classes in January 2016 after a short break for recruiting a new tutor.

"All our courses are for adults aged 19 and over, with an average class size of 8 learners; these courses are delivered at over 50 small community venues across the area , with morning, afternoon and evening courses available.

The fitness classes at the Verney have included Turn Up and Tone Up, Zumba and Stretch and Tone; they have been well supported over the years with lots of positive feedback, and form part of our mission to "bring learning to your doorstep."

It is hoped the classes at the Verney in January will continue to be held on Monday mornings, so if you'd like to book a place please call the team on 01623 413602 – the cost is £4.20 per or FREE if you are in receipt of a qualifying means-tested benefit each session is for one and half hour. Our course guide can also be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.wnc.ac.uk/Adults/Community.aspx> or a hard copy can be posted out to you by calling 01623 413602.

The two village halls are for hire.
For New Houghton Community Centre
Contact Laretta 811390

The Verney Institute.

It was the first anniversary of the **Freedom Community Project in New Houghton** at which Cllr Howard Wright along with Dennis Skinner MP was invited to attend this celebration along with other members of various organisations.

District Councillor Pauline Bowmer also attended this first anniversary.

It was good to see this building being used for the benefit of the people of our parish for such a worthy project.

Freedom Community is a charity working together to help residents' lives change. This new venture in New Houghton is working very well and is having very good reports.

It has its regular visitors who meet daily to exchange pleasantries over a cup of tea and talk about local family life. It was good to see so many people who appreciated this venture.

Dennis Skinner and Cllr Wright spoke to residents and organisers alike; Dennis even gave them a rendering of songs "my Mother used to sing" much to the surprise of those present.

This project is supported by local volunteers who give their time freely to help run this successfully and credit is due to them.

Freedom Support helps in many ways.

Food Bank is from Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm. Its aim is to support those who are unable to buy food by providing an emergency supply of food. It is operated on a referral basis.

Free Café everyday from 10am to 2pm provides a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet where you can find free help and support.

The **2 Shires Credit Union** runs a drop in where you can arrange a savings account, deposits, withdrawals, small loans and repayments.

Help is provided for those with debt and/or benefit issues, including help with budgeting, benefit checks, a self-help debt pack and where to get specialist help and advice.

There is a small friendly group aimed at providing one-to-one support for adults who struggle with reading and writing. There is a team of volunteers who meet during term time.

The clothing store is second to none and provides a selection of new and nearly new items at affordable prices, including children's, men's and ladies' clothing and accessories.

There are furniture items too.

The client support service provides impartial help for people struggling with a range of issues. Such as support for homelessness. Benefits, addiction and debt among others.

IS THERE ANYBODY THERE?

An interesting item, very much debatable and sceptical by many people, was brought to light recently when our village hall was hired by a group of paranormal Investigators, in other words Ghost Busters. They met to discuss their movement and schedules, very much like any other organisation might meet to discuss their movement and activities.

It was mentioned that whilst this group was in the building they could sense a presence of an unidentifiable existence dating back to the 1700s. This may be thought by many to be out of context with the building, as it was built in 1906 and therefore not applicable at all. But, on this site there was the Pleasley Parish Hall, the meeting hall for the Pleasley Parish Council and lending library which was demolished in 1905 for the new Verney Institute to be built in 1906, so is the well known phrase which so often repeated, true or false.

We will never know unless this group can make further contact on a future visit which they are contemplating.

One of the most paranormal reports have been made at Pleasley Vale Mills.

Throughout history, many have spoken of ghosts they see in their rear view mirror as they drive away, sounds on the tracks when loads of cotton would be transported, and other ghostly sounds, creaks, and apparitions.

The male energy who is thought to be a supervisor is said to have committed murder, which led to a murdered woman feeling distraught and showing herself on the top floor, especially in and around the dye room.

Many mediums have picked up on the fact that he committed murder and rape during life on the premises.

Are all the ghosts centred on Hollins and this supervisor and this treatment or could they be from the prehistoric inhabitants that lived in the cave below? If you should happen to visit, pay close attention, you may be the one to help solve the mysteries that have forever left Pleasley Vale Mills haunted.

NEW HOUGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The parish council has had problems with blocked toilets at the Community Centre, the reason being, tree roots from a neighbouring property. The roots are seeking moisture to feed and have infiltrated through the pipe joints into the pipes blocking the drainage system.

The drains have been cleared. The offending tree is to be taken down in the very near future.

The emergency exit was also impassable because of overhanging bushes, this has been rectified.

"If You get caught speeding or any traffic offence. Remember the 14 DAY LIMIT."

Temporary safety cameras catch 80,000 speeding drivers in 18 months and claim £4.7 million in fines.

What do I do when I receive the NIP (Notice of Intended Prosecution)?

You are required to identify the driver of the vehicle. You must do this within 28 days and if you fail to do so, you have committed a further offence for which your licence can be endorsed with 6 penalty points and a fine up to £1,000 imposed, unless you can show that it is impossible to comply despite your best reasonable and diligent enquires to establish the driver's identity.

What are the rules regarding the N.I.P.?

For certain offences, the process can be started by serving a Notice of Intended Prosecution Pursuant to Section 1 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act. Typically, these offences are speeding, failing to comply with traffic signals etc.

The obligation is upon the prosecution to have issued and dispatched the Notice in order that it arrives with the registered keeper of the vehicle within 14 days of the offence.

Service can be by first class post, by hand or in some circumstances, by recorded delivery.

The method of delivery is at the discretion of the prosecution who only have to show that they have followed the correct procedure.

The Notice must be signed (although this can be typed) on behalf of the Chief Constable, typically it will simply name an authorised officer, dated and contain sufficient information for the offence to be identified.

What is the 14 day rule?

The 14 day rule relates only to the period of time in which the Police/Process Unit must serve the original Notice.

The Police do not have to prove that the Notice reached its intended recipient within 14 days, merely that they believe that it arrived, but there may be a defence available if the intended recipient can convince a Court that the notice did not arrive in time or at all.

In many cases, the registered keeper will be a lease company not the actual driver, with the result that even if the driver is unaware of the incident, service of the Notice is good if it was sent to arrive at the registered keeper's last known address within 14 days of the offence. If the N.I.P. was issued out of time, what can I do? If you are the registered keeper of the vehicle and the ISSUE date on the Notice of Intended prosecution is more than 14 days after the of-

This only applies if it is dated more than 14 days after the alleged offence. If the NIP has been issued too late, then you should return it to the Process Office stating that you reject it because it is time barred. Bear in mind that if you are not the registered keeper, the NIP may have originally been issued within time and sent to the keeper.

What if the incorrect details have been quoted such as; model of car. Road Name have been quoted on the N.I.P.?

If the matter can be identified, regardless of the error, then you still have an obligation to reply. If the error means that you are unable to substantiate the allegation, you should return the Notice asking for clarification. An error would not immediately mean the Notice is null and void.

Tickets issued over the 14 day limit

If the issue date of the NIP sent to you was more than 14 days after the alleged offence took place, then you can refuse to accept it on the basis that it is time barred. This is certainly true in your case and if you appeal against the ticket on these grounds you should have no problem getting the ticket cancelled."

General Garden Tasks for Now.

Now the ground becomes vacant, you can dig it over and spread manure over the surface. Leave the soil roughly dug in large clumps and the worms will break these up as they get the manure. The freezing and thawing of water in the soil will cause the soil to break up finely so becoming easier to handle in the spring.

Digging over introduces air into the soil, loosening it and avoiding it turning into a solid pan. It also exposes insect pests to the open air where the birds can eat them. Double or deep digging and introducing manure or composts to the base of the trenches will deepen your top soil providing a better growing medium.

With light, sandy soils digging every year is not needed but heavy soils really benefit from it. It's also the time to lime as required but don't add lime and manure at the same time.

If you're making a bean trench, keep on filling it, adding a little soil over each layer of kitchen waste as you go.

Now is a good month to attend to pruning the raspberries, blackberries and hybrid berries as well as being the ideal time to plant bare rooted canes. Don't forget to add plenty of compost to the soil and 250gr (8oz) per square yard of bone-

Bolsover Community Partnership is giving a **free** window alarm to any Bolsover resident as part of its campaign to raise awareness of home security during the winter months.

Homeowners can be warned of unwanted entry through front, back or patio door.

This is an ideal weapon against bogus callers.

For a copy of the Community Safety Partnership leaflet about keeping your property safe during the winter months and a free window alarm, complete and cut out the voucher on the right.

FREE WINDOW ALARM



To claim your free window alarm please complete and take this voucher to one of Bolsover District Council's contact centres or send it to Bolsover Community Safety Partnership at Riverside Depot, Mansfield Road, Doe Lea, S44 5NY.

Name

Address



Firstly I would like to thank all those who entered a scarecrow in last year's festival - not only the entrants but the visitors also, and all those who helped to put the show on the road. The quality of all the scarecrows was excellent, and that is what makes the festival a success. There must be winners and losers no matter how good, so do not be disappointed. 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 it is the time to start thinking of your next scarecrow.

I know that many were under par in age, fitness and health but you did manage to make the effort and credit due to you. **NOW** is the time to think about your scarecrow for this year's festival in June. **Think of those who will benefit from your efforts.**

You may enter now or wait until the next newsletter when the entry form will be available.

If you wish to enter now contact the parish council chairman Cllr Howard Wright on 01623810486 or johnwright828@btinternet.com

This year the John Eastwood HOSPICE will benefit from your efforts. You will be helping those in need to be more comfortable, both patients and families. The profits of the scarecrow festival will be donated to that cause. Please do your bit to help. Thank you.

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COMPETITION TIME

NAME

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Address.....

Closing date 1st March

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

Tel No

Apple. Pea. Leek.
Cauliflower.
Rhubarb.
Beetroot. Turnip..
Radish.
Damson.
Carrot. Celery.
Onion. Potato.
Kidney bean
Strawberry

The winner of October
Wordsearch was
Mrs M.Stelling Garden Ave
New Houghton.
who received a £10 Gar-
den Voucher from Glapwell
Garden Centre presented
by Chairman Howard
Wright

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PCSO Dave Hancock attended the December parish council meeting and gave the latest crime figures for the parish.

Violence against person	4	Arson	1
Drug offence	1	Burglary	1
Theft from motor vehicle	2		
Attempted burglary	1		

The Clerk asked if there was any feedback from the incident on Crompton Street allotments. No further action could be taken because of lack of independent witnesses. The parish council will monitor any further incidents and the offenders will be given immediate notice.

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