



# NEWSLETTER

**65th edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale, New Houghton and Stony Houghton.**

Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022)

You probably remember where you were when you heard the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September 2022. To pay our respects and following government guidance Pleasley Parish Council lowered the Union Jack flag at the Verney to fly half-mast and arrangements were made for books of condolence to be available at designated areas for members of our communities to pay their respects by the laying flowers in remembrance of Her Majesty during this national period of mourning. Thank you to all who took time to leave messages in the books of condolence which were available for people to sign in the foyer of The Verney in Pleasley and The New Houghton Community Centre. Flowers were laid in remembrance of Her Majesty the Queen at The Verney in Pleasley and The New Houghton War Memorial as Pleasley & New Houghton remembered our beloved Queen who reigned for over 70 years.



The coronation of King Charles III will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## THE NATION REMEMBERS



Parishioners gathered at the war memorials on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> for the Acts of Remembrance led by the Rev Karen Bradley. Wreaths were laid at Pleasley's memorial by Cllr Ian Allen on behalf of Pleasley Parish Council, Mrs Val Gamble on behalf of St Michael's Church, Mr Walt Edson on behalf of The Friends of Pleasley Pit. Cadets from St John Ambulance laid their tributes as well. Pupils from Anthony Bek School had held their act of remembrance two days previously and had left their tributes.

Wreaths were laid at New Houghton's memorial by Cllr Pauline Bowmer on behalf of Pleasley Parish Council, Mr Phillip Briggs on behalf of St Michael's Church. In addition, tributes were laid by cadets from St John Ambulance.



Parishioners will have noticed that, as in previous years, poppies had been fixed to lamp standards in the villages and also, that for the first time, commemorative silhouettes had been erected.

## THANK YOU

Pleasley Parish Council's Scarecrow Festival returned on June 25th and 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 with over twenty scarecrows on display this year. Visitors took advantage of favourable weather over the weekend and a shower of rain on the Saturday afternoon was not able to deter people.



Thank you to everyone who took time to make and enter a scarecrow and helped to make this event a success. Thanks to all who walked around the village, all who voted and visited the Verney for refreshments and cake to make this a great parish event.

Congratulations to the winning entries which were as follows;

1st The Queen and her Corgis - Louise French, 2nd The Stick Man – Kerry Parsons, 3rd Big Friendly Giant – Kate Sheppard, 4th Yoda –Dark Invader - Peter Chaweng , 5th Mario - Helen James

Thank you to all our sponsors, Arramax Engineering Ltd, Glapwell Nurseries, Maurice Hill Transport Ltd and Pleasley MOT & Service Centre.

Pleasley Parish Chair, Councillor Howard Wright, presented a cheque to Winnie Bennett with the Scarecrow Festival raising £577.16 for Pleasley Youth Division of St John Ambulance.

Thank you everyone for your support!

Let's hope for a bigger event in 2023. If you wish to enter the festival but don't have a suitable space at your home or, if you don't live in the parish but would like to be involved, just contact the council.



## GOOD NEWS



The Parish Council is pleased to have received very favourable reports about the Welfare Benefits Advice service which can be accessed at the New Houghton Hub, helping parishioners get welfare benefits to which they are entitled.

Karen Seymour is at The Hub each Thursday from 10am until 2pm helping people navigate the complicated welfare system.

As reported in the last newsletter, millions of pounds are unclaimed each year by people who have an entitlement

The service is completely confidential.



**Congratulations** to staff and pupils at Anthony Bek after receiving a "Good" rating following the most recent Ofsted inspection.

The report says "Anthony Bek is a welcoming school. Pupils say they enjoy school. They say they feel safe. They know there is always a member of staff they can speak to if they have worries.

Highlighting how reading is a priority, phonics is taught well and pupils enjoy maths, as well as the 'interesting and creative' geography

topics, Ofsted said: “Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum for all pupils. Pupils are taught a broad range of subjects.

“Leaders have identified the most important knowledge pupils must learn and remember. Pupils can make connections between what they are currently learning and what they already know.”

Donna-Marie Johnson, headteacher, speaking to CHAD, said: “We are extremely pleased by our latest Ofsted report, demonstrating we remain consistently good.

This is particularly impressive due to the turbulent times all schools have experienced over the last two years.

Whenever we have visitors to the school, we are always commended on how welcoming, friendly and calm our school is and how polite and well-behaved our pupils are and to see this also recognised by the report is very gratifying.

“The secret of our success is quite simple: we have a remarkable team of dedicated staff and governors alongside a supportive community.”

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Parishioners may have noticed that the 2013 mural on the walls of the underpass by the river has had a clean up with the removal of graffiti. The mural was produced as part of the Limestone Journeys project and pupils from Anthony Bek were heavily involved. Although on the south side of the River Meden it is actually in Derbyshire.

## **WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH**

**Every Tuesday** Keeping Fit – chair-based exercise at The Verney Institute 1.30pm. One hour, with a qualified instructor. No charge for Pleasley parish residents, a small charge of £2 per session for non-residents.

**Every Thursday** Open Door computer sessions in the Community Centre in New Houghton 9.30 to 12.30. A qualified tutor on hand to help solve problems encountered when using a computer. No charge for Pleasley parish residents, a small charge of £2 per session for non-residents.

3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm Live and Local. Live at The Verney with Leon Hunt and Jason Titley.

### Christmas at St Michael's

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree Festival. Church open daily 12.00 – 3pm

3<sup>rd</sup> December 12 – 3pm Visit Santa, crafts for children and adults

4<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service 3pm

11<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am 9 Lessons & Carols. 6pm Carols by Candlelight

18<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 am All Age Worship with Sunday Club nativity

24<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Carol Singing in The Nag's Head garden, mulled wine & mince pies

24<sup>th</sup> December 11.15 Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am A short service of Carols & Readings

**Looking further ahead:** Pleasley Pit Trust celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of Pleasley Pit in 2023 and there will be lots of ways in which residents can get involved. A calendar has been produced as part of the celebrations and is on sale at Pleasley Pit Visitors Centre.

## **Bolsover TV**

Each Friday a new programme on Bolsover TV with news, information and details of events in the Bolsover district becomes available.

You can find it at [www.bolsover.tv](http://www.bolsover.tv)

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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### **Resignation**

The council received the resignation of Cllr L Stokely at the November meeting.

**Website:** [www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk) Facebook: Pleasley parish

### **FIGURES FOR REPORTED CRIMES IN PLEASLEY PARISH**

Crime figures for July  
**Anti-Social Behaviour 8**  
**Other theft 3**  
**Violence & Sexual Offences 6**  
**Other crimes 4**

Crime figures for August  
**Anti-Social Behaviour 6**  
**Other Theft 2**  
**Criminal damage and arson 4**  
**Violence & Sexual Offences 13**

**Reminder** There are no further collections of the green bins until March 2023.



## LIVE AND LOCAL

## LIVE AT THE VERNEY

### LEON HUNT & JASON TITLEY December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 7.30pm



The new season of Live at The Verney starts at the beginning of December with a concert with Leon Hunt and Jason Titley.

An evening in the company of Leon and Jason is a rare treat, more a musical conversation than a rigid performance. Playing guitar, banjo, gourd banjo, and percussion, these old friends will most likely confound any pre conceived ideas you may be harbouring as to what these instruments can (and should) do. As well as leaning heavily on traditional roots, blues and folk music from the US and The British Isles, their own compositions

take on musical references from just about everywhere else.

This musical partnership started way back in the early nineties, at some truly unforgettable late-night festival jams. The magic of those early sessions inevitably led to the formation of a band, the ground breaking and hugely popular 'progressive' bluegrass outfit, Daily Planet no less. Numerous projects and years later, they're back as a duo, making the very most of the musical chemistry they always had but with the addition of decades of experience.

Concerts in the new season start at 7.30pm, half an hour earlier than in previous years. The ticket price has been kept at £12.00.

There is no bar but patrons are invited to bring their own drinks.

Complimentary light refreshments will be served during the interval.

Tickets, which are on sale now, are available from Mick Gamble, 01623 810035 or Ian Weekes, 01623 819786

We hope to see you there.

### Parish Council supports School Holiday Activities

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Bolsover District Council, has continued to provide activities for young people during school holidays. Extreme Wheels ran four sessions during the



summer break and there were Active Communities sessions during the October break. Activities were held at Rotherham Road New Houghton and Terrace Lane Pleasley recreation grounds.

## **WHY NOT TRY THIS?**

For those with a sweet tooth but who want healthy foods as well. This recipe is not suitable for those with some allergies.

### **LUXURY FLAPJACK**

#### **Ingredients**

300grams of oats  
150 grams nuts & seeds. Try a mixture: pistachio, cashew, almond, sunflower and pumpkin seeds  
82 grams plain flour  
170 grams butter  
3 tablespoons golden syrup  
130 grams light brown sugar  
60 grams crystallized ginger (chopped) or sultanas

#### **Method**

Heat oven to 180° C.  
Mix oats, nuts, seeds, flour and ginger (or sultanas) in a bowl.  
Melt butter, syrup and sugar in a pan  
Add dry ingredients to the pan and mix well  
Transfer to a baking tray and spread evenly. A 23cm square tray is good.  
Bake for 18 -20 minutes. This may need more or less depending on the oven used.

#### **ENJOY!**

Do you have a favourite recipe? Let the council know for inclusion in a future newsletter.

## **ROOM HIRE**

**Remember.** The parish council has two venues which can be hired.



The Verney Institute and New Houghton Community Centre are both available for room hire by arrangement with the caretakers.

To book The Verney Institute contact Phillip Briggs 01623 810732

To book New Houghton Community Centre contact Laretta Brudenell 01623 811390

# COMPETITION TIME

## WORDSEARCH

Find the 15 butterflies listed in the table below and return your entry to The Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane Pleasley NG19 7PL or to any councillor before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Name  
Address

There will be a £10 Garden Voucher for the winning entry.

The winner of the Summer Wordsearch was J Barker

RED ADMIRAL	ORANGE TIP	RINGLET
GATEKEEPER	COMMA	PEACOCK
SPECKLED WOOD	BROWN ARGUS	HOLLY BLUE
SMALL WHITE	ESSEX SKIPPER	BRIMSTONE
COMMON BLUE	WALL BROWN	PAINTED LADY

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A	P	A	B	M	M	H	W	C	L	O	C
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## **CHURCHYARD OR CEMETERY?**

There are two places of burial in Pleasley Parish. St Michael's Churchyard and the Parish Council cemetery and some people believe that they are one and the same place. This is understandable in some ways as they are next door to each other.



St Michaels' Churchyard was closed officially some years ago as there was no further space for burials and it is maintained by Bolsover District Council.

Pleasley Cemetery which is in use is in the care of the parish council. Arrangements for burials and interment of ashes are made through the parish clerk. The parish council has certain responsibilities under the law. The Parish Council has decided to replace the noticeboard by the main gates with a larger one which will have the cemetery rules displayed.



## **DERBYSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY**



Derbyshire's mobile library will be in Pleasley and New Houghton on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

2.00 – 2.15 Newboundmill Lane.  
2.20 – 2.35 Booth Avenue  
2.40 – 3.00 Recreation Road



## **Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

The Parish Council is keen to reintroduce Community Speed Watch into our villages but at the moment there is an insufficient number of volunteers.

The time commitment is up to the individual but could be as little as one hour a month.

All volunteers (who have to be 18 or over) have a short introductory training session with Derbyshire Police to learn how to use the hand held radar device (speed gun) and how to conduct a speed check.

Details of cars travelling too fast are passed on to the police.

Speed Watch is not about catching speeding drivers, it is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and educating them. However, motorists found to be driving at excessive speeds on more than one occasion are contacted by the police.

Derbyshire Police provide high visibility orange or yellow jackets for volunteers.

**Do YOU want to make a difference?**

**Protect our community?**

**Make our villages safer?**

**Here's how.** Register an interest in being a CSW volunteer in Pleasley Parish please contact Ian Weekes, 01623 819786 or [ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com](mailto:ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com)