



# NEWSLETTER

**68th edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale, New Houghton and Stony Houghton.**

## SEASONS' GREETINGS

It's that time of year again when we look back wistfully to days in the sun, and look forward to Christmas and wondering what the winter will bring. This is the last newsletter of 2023. A year that has seen some changes on the council, with one new member, Lynda Radford, joining and with another expected following the resignation of Councillor Tom Kirkham due to pressure of other commitments. Tom is continuing as a Bolsover District Councillor.

## Events in the parish

October 31<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Party at The Verney 4pm – 6pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Extreme Wheels at Rotherham Road Recreation Ground 12pm – 2pm

November 4<sup>th</sup> Live at The Verney: Old Spot 7.30pm

November 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday

10.00 Service of Remembrance St Michael's Church with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band

11.00am Act of Remembrance, laying of wreathes at Pleasley War Memorial

11.15am (approx.) Act of Remembrance, laying of wreathes at New Houghton War Memorial

November 16<sup>th</sup> Pleasley Pit Trust's Volunteers' Open Day at Pleasley Pit 10am -12pm

November 20<sup>th</sup> Community Speed Watch training session at The Verney 6pm - 8pm

December 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival St Michael's Church, 12pm – 3pm. *Trees put in church 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Nov between 1pm and 5pm.*

December 1<sup>st</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup> 3pm – midnight. Parish Council's Christmas Lights.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Carol Concert at St Michael's with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band

December 3<sup>rd</sup> St Michael's Christingle Service 3pm

December 10<sup>th</sup> St Michael's Nine Lessons & Carols 9.15am

December 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing at The Nag's Head 7pm

December 24<sup>th</sup> St Michael's Midnight Service 11.30pm

February 24<sup>th</sup> Cri du Canard Live at The Verney 7.30pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tree Planting at New Houghton

**Tuesdays** Keep Fit at The Verney 1.30pm – 2.30pm

**Thursdays** Open Door at New Houghton Community Centre 9.30am – 12.30pm



## SCARECROW FESTIVAL



As reported previously, the council was disappointed that the 2023 festival was cancelled, but undaunted, has decided to hold another Scarecrow Festival in the summer. The 2024 festival will take place on the weekend of July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Be prepared, put the date in your diary now.

Keep a look out on social media and on the parish noticeboards for information.

## ISSUES RAISED BY PARISHIONERS

A number of issues have been raised by parishioners since the publication of the last newsletter.



### Dog Fouling.

Concern has been expressed at dog fouling in the parish, particularly at Terrace Lane Recreation ground which is subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order. The council does provide dog waste bins and dog poo gloves in several places to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets and would like to thank the majority of those who do so. It is regrettable that there is still a minority of irresponsible owners who do not.

### Noise.

Do we consider how noisy we are? Are we noisy neighbours? Do you have a gate or fence panel that bangs in windy weather? The weather and hours of daylight over the next few months mean that we will be spending less time in our gardens and consequently the issue of noise becomes less of a problem than it is in the summer months. Perhaps now is a time for some reflection. Listening to music whilst sitting in your garden is fine, but what about the volume levels?



It's good to have family and friends around for social evenings, perhaps with a barbeque outside. What is an appropriate time to wind things up?

### Speeding Vehicles

Concern is still being expressed at the speed of traffic along Newboundmill Lane and through New Houghton. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the parish council is eager to renew its involvement with Community Speed Watch and a Community Speed Watch training event has been arranged for those who want to be involved.



Participation in the CSW scheme is a useful way of gathering evidence for the need of traffic calming measures such as the flashing speed signs that are on Chesterfield Road North, Pleasley Hill.

The training session with PSPO Shaun Woodcock the Derbyshire Constabulary Speed Watch Co-ordinator, which will last about two hours, will be at The Verney Institute on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The council hopes that there will be a big turnout because the greater the number of volunteers, the less time each individual needs to give.

## LIVE AND LOCAL



## LIVE AT THE VERNEY

The first of the four concerts in the new season got off to an excellent start with Sonrisa on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

“ . . happy, unaffected players of Latin-infused, Cuban-styling, negativity-defying dance music, and much more besides.” “They, don’t steal, they don’t copy, they don’t imitate. They receive, mix, ferment and serve something entirely original and all of their own.”

It’s not often that an evening finishes with a conga!

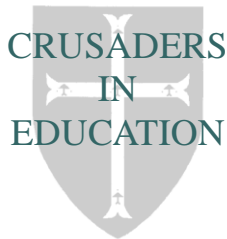


So, what will the next concert bring? On November 4<sup>th</sup> “Old Spot”, Rowan Piggott and Joe Danks, invite you to explore the European roots of Old Time Appalachian music as their foot-stomping fiddle tunes and lazy banjo backbeats give way to traditional harmony singing. Described in Americana UK as “Entrancing and hypnotic . . . music to lose yourself in”

Tickets (£12.50) are on sale now from 01623 810035 or 01623 819786, mickgamble@aol.com. Price includes complimentary refreshments in the interval. Whilst there is no bar, audience members are welcome to bring their own refreshments.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING AT ANTHONY BEK?

Mrs D\_M Johnson, Headteacher, writes:



It’s been a very busy start to the school year, here at Anthony Bek and we’ve got lots to look forward to over the Autumn term! The children have really settled into their new classes very well and are making us proud with their efforts, especially with writing, which is a whole school focus.

We have been very much looking forward to our events in the local community, such as collecting foods for Harvest to donate to our local soup kitchen, remembering those who have lost their lives serving our country in our Remembrance service in Pleasley on Friday 10th November, taking part in the Christmas Tree festival at St. Michael’s Church on Tuesday 5th December and visiting the Pantomime at Mansfield’s Palace Theatre on 13th December.

As Halloween approached, we were very busy planning our whole school dress up ‘Spooky Disco’ and our Stay and Play events for Early Year’s pupils in school and we hoped many parents would join in the dressing up, too!

Our new School Council members are very busy planning events for our Children In Need fundraising day on November 17th and are also busy collecting ideas on further ways to make our school even better!

KS2 pupils have completed some very impressive job applications for the vacancies we have around school and have now begun their ‘paid’ work, taking their roles very seriously, demonstrating how successful they will be when they leave education.

Newly appointed Mini-Leaders and Playground buddies are doing an excellent job leading our House team games at lunchtime and ensuring all children are happily engaged in play.

Our very popular residential visits to Wales for our Y5/6 pupils and to Walesby for our Y3/4 pupils are booked and children are already looking forward to these. This year, our Y1/2 children are trying a new residential visit to Gulliver’s Valley combining rides and outdoor adventure activities which they (and we!) are extremely excited about.

Congratulations to our current Year 3 class, who won the best class of the year for their attendance in 22-23. They are being rewarded with a free day out very soon! Well done all.



# THE BIRTH OF NEW HOUGHTON

*Received by W. Rendelock 17th Aug 177*

**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1871.**

Superintendent Registrar's District Manfield Enumeration District, No. 1

Registrar's Sub-District Pleasley Name of Enumerator, Mr. Thomas Belfield

**DESCRIPTION OF ENUMERATION DISTRICT.**

[This description is to be written in by the Enumerator from the Copy supplied to him by the Registrar. Any explanatory notes or observations calculated to make the description clearer or more complete, may be added by the Enumerator.]

Parish of Pleasley Col. 1. Pleasley Col. 2.

As everyone must know by now, Pleasley Pit Trust is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the sinking of Pleasley Colliery. So, what was our parish like before 1873 and what effect did the pit have on the area?

The census of April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871 for Pleasley comprised Pleasley Village, Pleasley Lodge, Pleasley Park, Pleasley Vale Works, Stuffingwood, Littlewood, Warsop Park, Carter Lane, Shirebrook Village and part of Stoney Houghton.

In Pleasley Village there were just 27 properties including the Nag's Head and the Rectory. Just three roads were named: Chesterfield Road, Teversal Road (now Newboundmill Lane) and Church Street. The population was 149, 84 males and 65 females.

The hamlet of Stoney Houghton had 19 properties with 40 males and 27 females. Employment in both areas was predominantly in agriculture. 64 people lived at Pleasley Vale Works with equal numbers of men and women. **There is no mention of New Houghton.**

Ten years later, eight years after the sinking of the pit, the situation was very different. According to the census of 1881, not only was the colliery working but a railway was being built as well. 64 people (male 52, female 12) were living in four huts for railway workers at Upper Pleasley. Two roads at Upper Pleasley

are mentioned, Nightingale and Florence and most of the adult male occupants were employed at the colliery. There were 132 people living in 38 houses in this area of Upper Pleasley.

Pleasley Village had a population of 194 in 33 houses. Several occupations were mentioned but still most were employed in agriculture, some at the pit and some (mostly women) at the mills. Stoney Houghton had 14 houses with 38 men and 33 women, mostly involved in agriculture.

The big change from 1871 to 1881 is the mention of New Houghton for the first time in a census. There were 20 houses with 117 occupants. This was a mixed population of men and their families who moved to work at the mine, some from Shropshire and Staffordshire but most from other mining areas in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. Of the 20 heads of household, all male, only three were above the age 35, two of them in their 50s. All the adult women were housewives with the exception of one 19-year-old who was unemployed.

The average age of the heads of household was 32. Of the 117 occupants 66 were children.

Surnames of householders were: Beal, Neale, Henson/Henton, Darby, Pearce, Pedley, Slaney, Jones (2 families), Busby, Cox, Etwell/Elwell, Dunn? Parker, Farmer, Marriott, Hand, White, Seals, Wells, and Wilson.

Are you a direct descendant of these "founding fathers"? Let us know. Do you have photographs?

## REMINDERS



### DERBYSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

Derbyshire's mobile library will be in Pleasley and New Houghton on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January.

2.00 – 2.15 Newboundmill Lane.

2.20 – 2.35 Booth Avenue

2.40 – 3.00 Recreation Road

## 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

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON EXERCISE CLASS

Do you want to improve your physical health and meet others?

The Parish Council offers the opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to engage in regular physical activity, each Tuesday, for an hour, in the downstairs room at The Verney from 1.30 with Julie Bonsall as leader.

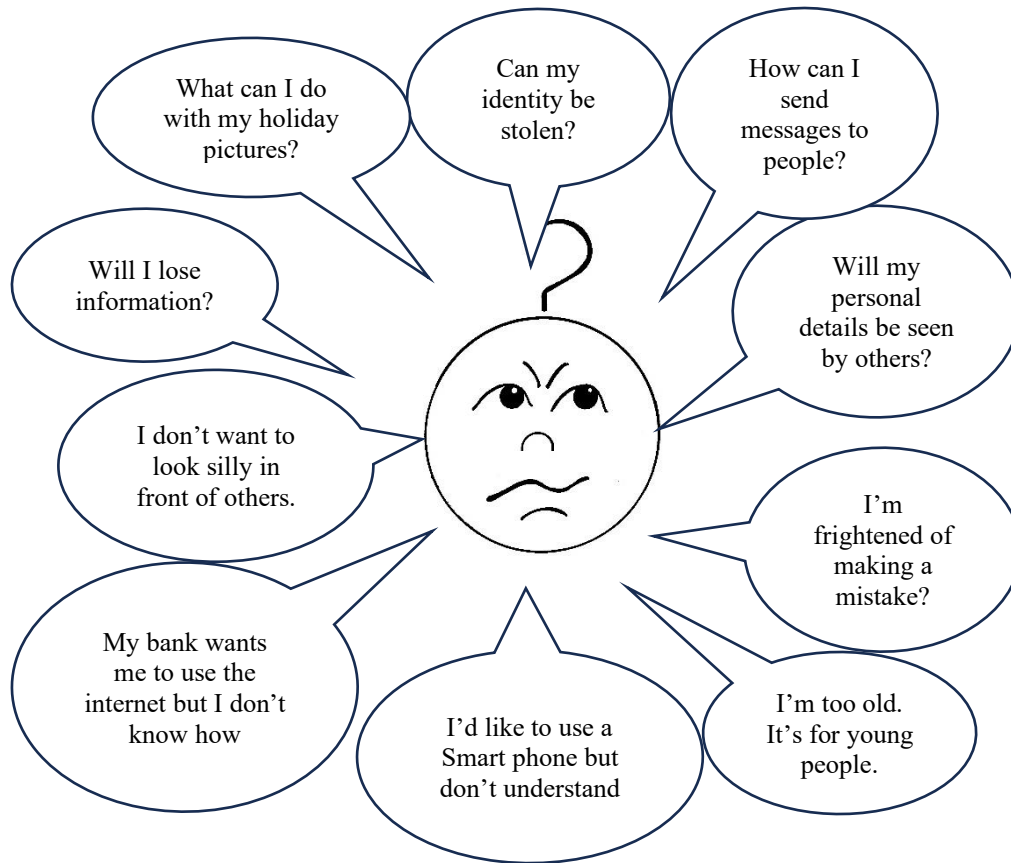
Exercises are essentially, but not exclusively, chair based where the body and chair are used as an exercise machine. The aim of the exercises is to improve flexibility and mobility. Exercises are low weight-bearing using arms and legs and there are some resistance exercises.

Why not come along and give it a try? You can do as much or as little as you like.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCILS – WHO DOES WHAT? A BRIEF GUIDE

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	PLEASLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Highways, road faults, potholes Street lighting Recycling centres Education Social services	Household refuse collection Recycling Street cleaning Fly tipping Noise/bonfire complaints Local planning applications Council housing Council Tax	Community Centres Cemetery Recreation Grounds Allotments Bus shelters

## IS THIS YOU?



## IF SO

Why not come along to "Open Door", Thursday mornings in New Houghton Community Centre between 9.30 and 12.30? No charge to parishioners, just £2 for others.

Richard is there to help you learn

- how to access the internet safely
- how to ensure that you can be safe online
- how to download files such as photos and documents
- how to install software and "apps" onto devices
- how to set up an email account and send messages
- how to be aware of phone, online, and email scams
- how to communicate safely with family/friends/businesses
- how to be more confident in using the internet



Just drop in at any time. You can stay as long as you wish. If you wish you can use one of the parish council's lap top computers.

**AND** have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee!



# COMPETITION TIME

## WORDSEARCH

Find the 22 crime writers listed in the table below and return your entry to The Verney, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley, Mansfield NG197PL or any councillor before December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Name

Address

There will be a £10 Garden Voucher for the winning entry.  
The winner of the Summer wordsearch was J Smart of Pleasley.

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RANKIN	BILLINGHAM
CHILD	BOOTH
MARSH	GRAHAM
DEXTER	CLEEVES
ROBINSON	RENDELL
MCDERMID	CHANDLER
FRANCIS	JAMES
MAY	MACBRIDE
HILL	SAYERS
CONAN DOYLE	WALLACE

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Pleasley Pit Trust invites you to its **Volunteer Open Day**.

Come and meet us, we are happy to chat about our volunteering opportunities and how you can get involved.

It's taking place at Pleasley Pit Trust Visitor Centre on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November between 10am – 12.00pm**. We will have drinks and cake waiting and a warm and friendly welcome.

Don't worry if you can't join us on that day, you can contact our visitor centre manager at a time convenient to you and ask about what's on offer and how you can be part of this special heritage site.

Please come along to the Open Day or email [pleasleypitvisitorcentre@gmail.com](mailto:pleasleypitvisitorcentre@gmail.com) to arrange a visit.

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

 <p style="text-align: center;">Ian Allen (Chair)</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Liz Smyth (Vice-Chair)</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Christine Dale</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Mick Gamble</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wendy Kirkham</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Lynda Radford</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hayley Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Louise Stokeley</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Howard Wright</p>
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