



NEWSLETTER

69th edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale, New Houghton and Stony Houghton.

SPRINGTIME GREETINGS

Daffodils and tree blossom are emerging as the winter changes into spring and there has been another change on the council, with Elizabeth McCormack being welcomed as a councillor.

Events in the parish

March 16th Grace Smith Trio, Live at The Verney. 7.30pm

May 18th St Michael's Spring Fayre 12.00 – 4pm

May 19th Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group Wildlife Day 10.00 – 4pm

Tuesdays Keep Fit at The Verney 1.30pm – 2.30pm

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The Parish Council was represented at the service of Remembrance at St Michael's Church and wreathes were laid at the war memorials in both New Houghton and Pleasley by Cllr Ian Allen, Parish Council Chairman.

The acts of remembrance were led by Rev Ellie Launders-Brown.



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 20th & 21st. Be prepared, put the date in your diary now.

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



A freaky sweet time was had by all on Halloween. Spook you again next year. 4-6 31st October.

Jackie Jones

It is with sadness that the council reports the passing of former councillor, Jackie Jones.

Jackie served the residents of the parish with diligence over a number of years until she tendered her resignation due to ill-health

Speeding Vehicles



The training session originally planned for November 30th had to be postponed but it is hoped that by the time you receive this newsletter those newly trained to conduct Community Speed Watch will have held their first sessions. Nine volunteers took part in training which was conducted by PCSO Shaun Woodcock.

A Community Speed Watch session can only be held when there are at least three trained volunteers and the police have been told in advance

of the location and time at which it is taking place. The locations have to be agreed by the police in advance.

As mentioned before, 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.

A further training session can be arranged for anyone who was unable to attend the initial training. Volunteers from New Houghton would be especially welcome.

LIVE AND LOCAL

LIVE AT THE VERNEY

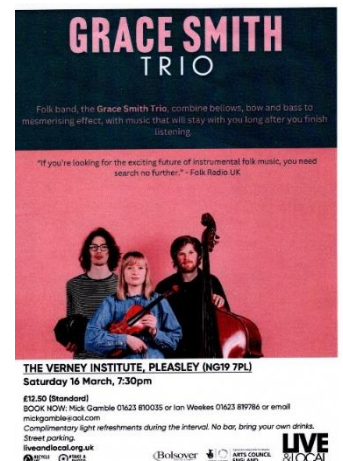


The third concert in the council's Live and Local season was Cri du Canard who entertained the audience with a succession of lively French folk dance tunes. The enthusiasm of the musicians was infectious and the audience members went home with smiles on their faces.

The fourth and final concert is with The Grace Smith Trio on March 16th, 7.30 pm, in The Verney. This promises to be another great evening as the band combine bellows, bow and bass to

mesmerising effect, with music that will stay with you long after you finish listening.

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.



A MESSAGE FROM NEW HOUGHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND MILLENIUM GREEN TRUST.

In January of this year the Community Association and Millenium Green Committee was made aware that legal documents appertaining to the green had been passed over to a Bolsover District Councillor who took those documents to Bolsover and after having conversations with officers at Bolsover came up with a resolution to take over ownership of the Village green and build on part of it.

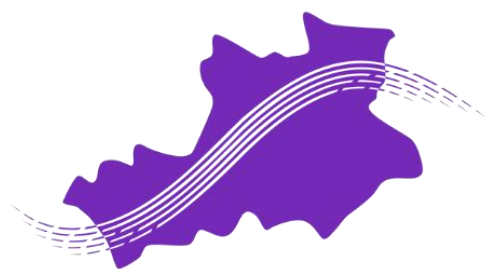
Once the committee became aware of this an emergency meeting was called to discuss what had happened and to decide on the way forward.

The meeting was well attended and those that attended unanimously agreed that the district councillor must return the documents to the committee as he had no right to even have them which he agreed to do and has since done.

The chairman at the meeting also stated that due to selected officers and trustees being either too ill or having passed away that it was necessary to select officers of the Community Association and Millenium Green to take up positions to ensure continuity.

The meeting also asked that once the documents had been received if the chair would make copies available for distribution to anyone that would like a copy and asked for them to also be placed on notice boards and shop windows in the village which he agreed to do.

Ian E Allen
Community Association and Millenium Green Trust Chairman



BOLSOVER DISTRICT CULTURAL CORRIDOR

INTRODUCING THE CULTURAL CORRIDOR PROJECT

I'm Kate, the new Cultural Corridor Project Development Worker.

The Cultural Corridor is all about boosting the local culture and creativity in three parish councils: Ault Hucknall, Glapwell, and Pleasley. It includes the villages along the A617 from Stainsby to Pleasley Mill. The corridor encompasses award-winning sculptures, National Trust and English Heritage properties, a history of live music performances, identified scheduled monuments, sites of special scientific interest, and listed buildings; including the Hardwick estate, Pleasley Vale mills and woods, the Archaeological Way, the Meden Trail Nature Reserve, Pleasley Pit Museum & Country Park, the Verney Institute and the Stainsby Festival.

Funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and focused on improving wellbeing and pride in our community, the Cultural Corridor project believes that working together creatively can make our community stronger. It's all about the community shaping the project from the ground to up to make a lasting impact for future generations; we want them to feel proud of their cultural heritage and have a way to engage with the community.

Our goal is to keep the existing cultural scene vibrant and create new creative opportunities in the communities along the corridor. We want everyone to be part of it, contributing and celebrating our community's unique cultural story. I'm discovering so much creativity in the area and would love to hear your ideas or learn about what is happening locally.

You can reach out to me at - culturalcorridor@doelea.org.uk or 01246 690029 - if you want to share your knowledge or volunteer to be involved. You can also find us on Facebook bit.ly/culturalcorridorfacebook



CELEBRATING LOCAL TALENT

The Parish Council is very pleased to recognise the achievements of three young residents, who are pupils at Anthony Bek school. Congratulations to all three.

My name is **Mia** Rose Quinton, I am 11 years old and I am an Elite Gymnast training 20+ hours per week at Amber Valley Gymnastics Academy, coached by Performance Director and Head Coach Jenny Clay. Jenny also coaches Olympian Becky Downie "it is amazing to see and train alongside such an inspiring woman, I dream to be just like Becky one day and follow in her footsteps."



This past year has been Amazing!! Not forgetting all the hard work and dedication it takes to achieve your goals, in March I competed the biggest competition of the year which is called "Grades" I competed at compulsory 3 and placed 1st over-all, making me East Midlands Champion. In recognition of this I was selected to attend a training and educational day at Lilleshall National Sports Centre (home of Team GB) this was The Best Experience!! I really wish to be training here myself one day!! We had specialised training and coaching with the Top BG coaching team, met some Fantastic gymnasts and had photos with Olympian Alice Kinsella.

I was also selected to represent East Midlands at National Finals in Stoke, in May, this was presented by the Beautiful Danusia Francis another GB Artistic Gymnast. I placed 9th overall as an individual against girls from all over England, Scotland & Wales. My journey continued, I then got re-selected for National Finals later in the year, this took place in Guildford in November, I placed 8th overall in the country, competing against the best gymnasts in England, Scotland & Wales.

I am also apart of "The East Midlands Regional Squad 23/24" - we train 3 times throughout the year at selected clubs within our region, coached by The Top Coaches giving there expertise throughout each sessions.

It has truly been an Amazing year!!

I am currently in training towards Compulsory Grade 2 which will take place this April.

Time to Focus, Train hard, Trust the Process but most of all Have Fun!!

Dreams can come true, you just have to Believe in yourself 🦋

Carys is 9 years old and a competitive freestyle dancer for Step Up Dance Academy in Huthwaite. She joined 5 years ago after her consultant suggested trying a ballet class due to years of problems with her hips, legs and feet.

Her dance teacher Tiffannie became like a second mum to her, she spent endless hours training Carys and 6 months later she took part in her first dance competition as an Under 6 Beginner.



After a 2 year break due to covid Carys restarted competing as an U8 beginner and last year she finally broke into the championship section.

Carys has 3 wonderful teachers now, Tiff, Taylor & Liam who have dedicated all their time to ensure Carys is the best she can be x

Pippa aged 7 attended STARS, a championship riding club show, held at Aintree racecourse in November 2023 on behalf of her riding club Kirkby-in-Ashfield riding club.

She took part in the tiny tots working hunter class and the first ridden plaited ponies' class. She was accompanied by her pony Flash Gold and after working hard all year together to reach this show she had a fantastic few days there and received two Rising Star awards.



Do you know of other young people whose talents can be recognised? Let the parish council know.



Would you or your business like to sponsor a Hanging Basket or Christmas Light in Pleasley or New Houghton?

Pleasley Parish Council is opening up the opportunity for individuals, families or Companies to sponsor a hanging basket during the summer months and/or a Christmas light throughout the Festive season. In return you or your business will receive special mention in our Newsletter which is sent out 4 times a year, and a label on the item you choose to sponsor (should you wish it).

If you are interested in sponsoring a Hanging Basket or Christmas Light and would like further details about prices, please contact the Parish Council Clerk Ian Weekes on 01623 819786 or email, ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com

Did you know that both Audio and Large Print books are available from Derbyshire's mobile library?



Derbyshire's mobile library visits the parish every four weeks on Tuesdays.

The next visits will be in Pleasley and New Houghton on Tuesday, 26th March and 23rd April.

In Pleasley 2.00 – 2.15 Newboundmill Lane and 2.20 – 2.35 Booth Avenue

In New Houghton 2.40 – 3.00 Recreation Road



REMINDER

Don't forget "Open Door". The Thursday mornings in New Houghton Community Centre between 9.30 and 12.30 where you can improve your computer skills. No charge to parishioners, just £3 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

ROOM HIRE



The parish council has two venues which can be hired. The Verney Institute (left) 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

THANK YOU



The Parish Council would like to thank Aileen Chapman, Director of Advatac Ltd for the generous gift of a 10 ft Christmas tree, decorations and lights for The Verney Institute.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Local businesses only £25
Non-local businesses £40

Contact Ian Weekes
ian.pleasleypc@gmail.com



Are you interested in learning to play the acoustic guitar?

I am looking at starting a small group guitar class in the Pleasley area. Covering all the basics and moving on to learning to play a variety of popular songs from the 60s through to the 2020s.

Any age and ability welcome

If you would like more information contact Andy
on 07970 921 405 or email
andrewmccormack200@hotmail.com

COMPETITION TIME

WORDSEARCH

Find the 20 crime sports listed in the table below and return your entry to The Verney, Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley, Mansfield NG197PL or any councillor before April 30th.

Name

Address

There will be a £10 One4all, multi-store gift card, for the winning entry.
The winner of the Autumn wordsearch was Chloe Meredith of Pleasley.

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TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL
GOLF	RUGBY LEAGUE
SOCCER	BASKETBALL
BOWLS	RUGBY UNION
DARTS	WRESTLING
JUDO	ATHLETICS
POOL	TABLE TENNIS
BOXING	CURLING
POLO	SNOOKER
BOULE	CRICKET

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL



JULY 20TH & 21ST SCARECROW ENTRY FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY 30TH MAY

Name

Address

Contact Information: Phone Email

Please return to "Scarecrow", The Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley NG19 7PL or email the parish clerk, ian.pleasleyppc@gmail.com

TUESDAY AFTERNOON EXERCISE CLASS

Do you want to have fun, improve both your physical and mental health, meet others and make new friends? If so, come along to the exercise class.

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.

Julie can adapt all exercises so that they can be done either standing or seated to suit the individual. 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.

Come along, give it a try. You can do as much or as little as you like. Have a laugh and a joke and feel better.



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