



# Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

June / July 2017

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

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## Village Hall News

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RAFFLE            TOMBOLA  
                      CAKES  
WI TEAS         BEER TENT  
                      BOOKS  
PLANTS           BRIC-A-BRAC

Three Fun Dog Competitions  
(Waggiest Tail, Best 6 Legs & Egg & Spoon Race)

Best Single Rose Competition

GAMES & MORE...

All profits to Plumley Village Hall Charity No 520096

### Plumley Village Fete

Saturday 24th June 2017 starting at 2pm at the Village Hall

Please come & join us on the afternoon of Saturday 24th June when we will be holding our annual village fete. As well as all the usual attractions we are going to have three fun dog competitions for all our well behaved canine friends. Plus, by popular demand we are again having a Best Single Rose Competition.

So, do come along, bring your family, your pet dog, & your favourite rose - we look forward to seeing you.

We will be doing a tour of the village on Monday 19th June from 6pm, collecting your donations to the raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac & books stalls. Leave your donations by your gate, or your door. If you miss us, the hall will be open on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June or you can phone us to arrange another time.

Thank you for your support. Pam Arnfield Chair

Phone Pam on 722262. Penny 722259

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## Chairmans updates from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

**Plumley Village Hall** One of the biggest changes made by the council last year was the decision to help fund the village hall via an increase in the precept. The reasons this was required have been documented and discussed elsewhere. Suffice to say that the council felt it was in the interest of all residents to help ensure the future of the village hall, and that the required precept increase of just under £9 per year for each household was justified. I have not heard or received any adverse comment in this respect and therefore remain hopeful that this decision has been widely supported. That said it may well be that in future years even greater support for the village hall may be needed from the council requiring that this issue be re visited

**New litter and dog mess bins** were introduced during the year and seem to have been very helpful in helping to keep our village clean. Sadly, it seems that one of the bins has now been stolen from the approach road to Holford Hall. We are currently arranging its replacement. We are currently looking at other initiatives for other areas of the parish that are experiencing similar issues.

**The passageway** or Ginnel opposite the station and running through to the bungalows has also now been recently cleared. The overgrown vegetation and trees were unsightly and also becoming a safety hazard. I am very pleased that this had now been resolved

Copy date for the next edition will be 20th July 2017

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### Parish Councillors areas of responsibility responsibilities

Tony Gabbott	Chairman.
Chris Wilson	Vice Chair and playing fields
David Nichols	Village Hall
John Wright	Planning.
Gerald Coates	Highways
Jonathan Beever	Footpaths
Howard Lawton	Community Resilience

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PVH	Plumley Village Hall
TCH	Toft Church Hall
SJT	St John's Church Toft
PMC	Plumley Methodist Church
WI	Women's Institute.
PC	Parish Council
LP	Lower Peover

Childrens corner	Cheshire East Community Grants										
<p><b>Can you find the right answer to these jokes?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did the zero say to the eight?</li> <li>• Why did the tomato blush?</li> <li>• Why did the mushroom like to party so much?</li> <li>• What do cows read?</li> <li>• What washes up on tiny beaches?</li> <li>• What do you call it when a dinosaur crashes his car?</li> </ul>	<p>The next deadline for applications to the Community Grant Scheme is 30th June 2017. The scheme is making a huge difference to the community activity taking place across Cheshire East, which provided funding towards nearly £3 million worth of project costs in 2016/17. The first round for 2017/18 closed at the end of March and so far this year, successful projects include festivals, holiday clubs and volunteer training as well as larger projects including soft play areas, storage provision and new football goals. If you have projects or events coming up, have you considered applying?</p>										
Music on the trains	Chairmans Highways update from the Annual Meeting										
<p>Wednesday 14 June – Nelson Peach on the Music Train from Chester to Plumley and at the Golden Pheasant</p> <p>Nelson Peach are Lesley Nelson, Richard Nelson and Richard Peach. They play flute, whistles, cittern, guitar, mandolin, violin and banjo. “The basis of our music is English Traditional, though we mix in contemporary folk and pop, and also some American versions of traditional songs”. Instrumental arrangements are lively and songs often complemented by two and three part harmonies. And Thelwall Morris Men will be performing at the Golden Pheasant as well!</p> <p>Music Train Programme in full - all on Wednesdays</p> <p>Chester to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>14 June</td> <td>Nelson Peach</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 July</td> <td>Mossley Hill Grasshoppers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 August</td> <td>Espionage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 September</td> <td>Port Sunlight Sea Dogs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11 October</td> <td>Time Bandits</td> </tr> </table>	14 June	Nelson Peach	12 July	Mossley Hill Grasshoppers	2 August	Espionage	6 September	Port Sunlight Sea Dogs	11 October	Time Bandits	<p>General safety and traffic speeding issues on Plumley Moor Road still remain an important issue as they were then. However, progress has been made in that an in-depth assessment of the issues the council is concerned about was recently undertaken by Cheshire East council. Our concerns centred on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The line of sight at the roundabout from Trouthall Lane</li> <li>• The width of the pavement and carriageway itself over the railway bridge</li> <li>• The lack of a foot path to the Golden Pheasant</li> <li>• The line of sight from Pin Hill lane</li> <li>• The Middlewich Road and A50 Junction</li> <li>• The overall speed limit on Plumley Moor Road</li> </ul> <p>There are other smaller points of signage for example but I am pleased to confirm that the highways engineer who came to assess matters understood these concerns and our feeling that they represent significant safety issues. We are currently waiting to hear how they plan to move forward with them and continue to monitor things closely. Having raised the speed watch issue last year, only one new volunteer has recently come forward from the community. This is disappointing given the comments made by most residents about the speed of traffic along the road</p> <p><b>Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact the clerk on 07968 603811</b></p>
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### Greenfingers

As summer approaches, here are a few hints and tips of work you can do to make your gardens beautiful:

- Tie clematis and climbers into supports
- Plant out veg crops - grow tomatoes from a grow bag (even if you have limited space!)
- Plant out summer bedding plants & prepare hanging baskets
- Remove suckers from rose stems
- Lower the cutting height of your mower for a denser lawn

**Cheshire West and Chester Council operate the “Rural Rider” bus from Plumley to Northwich on a Wednesday and Friday. if you would like to use this service please call 01606 784100.**

Plumley Womens Institute	Plumley Methodist Church
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May meeting is the Annual Resolution night where members discuss topics which the National Federation of WI'S can act on. Alleviating Loneliness and Plastic Soup(the micro fibres that come off synthetic clothing during washing) were this years topics. Members also enjoyed savouries and wine and the craft group are making Twiddle Muffs for Dementia sufferers. The Train travellers are taking a ride to Bury Market and the cinema group will be visiting the new Northwich Odeon. The next meeting speakers are "The Wordybirdies" on Monday 5th June at 7.30pm at Plumley Village Hall.

**The coffee mornings** continue to be held each month on the first Saturday and is a happy time of fellowship together as well as raising funds for the church and various charities. So why not call in if you've never been before especially if you are new to the village and we will make feel welcome and introduce you to some of your neighbours in Plumley.

**Next Coffee Mornings are:**  
 3rd June all from 10.30 - 12noon, the proceeds will go to Winnington Club for disabled young people. The following ones are: 1st July and 5th August. Come along and catch up with friends and perhaps meet new ones too.

**KNUTSFORD FLORAL DESIGN CLUB**

Come and join us at our friendly club in Plumley Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month 1 -30 for 2pm for an afternoon of flower arranging with a professional demonstrator who entertains and shares tips on this creative art form during the demonstration, these exhibits are then raffled. A warm welcome is always guaranteed. Visitors fee £6. includes tea and biscuits.

Linda 01477 532266  
 Win 01565 650422

The afternoon tea held on Wednesday 10th May was well supported by our friends in the village and also other churches in our circuit so a big thank you to all involved. We raised £325 towards church repairs which hopefully will commence very soon.

**The Fellowship house group** is on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm throughout the autumn, winter and spring. All are very welcome and for more information and the venues contact Elizabeth on 722271

**Guild meetings** are held on the last Tuesday on the month 2.30pm and offers a varied programme lasting around an hour. For more information contact James Eaton on 722387

**Chairmans updates from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

**Neighbourhood Plan** The council is still assessing the need or otherwise for a neighbourhood plan for the parish. This is not straight forward as I referred to last year and as yet I think it is fair to say that we are not clear as to the benefits such a plan would deliver for the parish. Matters are further complicated by the need for it to be completed by someone who is not part of the Parish Council, and that the final plan would need to be approved by the members of the parish via a vote.

We now have some examples of plans from other parishes in similar circumstances to ourselves and we will continue to work towards a conclusion.

**Moorcroft Play area** Within the last few months we have seen the completion of the new playground at Moorcroft. This represents a huge investment of time and effort by Cllr Chris Wilson who has delivered a substantial new asset for the village. This is a timely opportunity for us say thank you to Chris and congratulations on a tremendous achievement within a tight budget.

**Get Involved** The Parish Council are volunteers who have a desire to work for the best for the parish and its residents. But we don't have a monopoly on good ideas and we are not always fully aware of every aspect that affects the lives of the people who live in this wonderful parish. So at the start of every council meeting there is a time for anyone to come along and let us know about anything that's important to them, or that we may be able to help with. So please feel free to come and talk to us, or better still come and help us.

Kids corner answers—in no particular order !!

- Cattle-logs.
- Because he saw the salad dressing
- ♦ Tyrannosaurus Wrecks

- Nice belt!
- Microwaves.
- Because he was a fun-guy.

Local Contacts	Local Groups in Plumley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Parish Council Chairman</b> - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Committee Chairman</b> - Pam Arnfield 722262</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Bookings</b> on 0770 9864568 or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk">bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk</a></li> <li>◆ <b>Chapel Bookings</b> Elizabeth Hall 722271</li> <li>◆ <b>Tennis Courts &amp; Play area</b> Penny Allen 01565 722259</li> <li>◆ <b>Plumley Stores/Post Office</b> Jonathan Royle 722277</li> <li>◆ <b>Toft Church Hall</b> Hazel Raw 651205</li> <li>◆ <b>Cheshire East Council</b> 0300 123 5500</li> <li>◆ <b>Knutsford Police</b> 0845 458 6380</li> <li>◆ <b>Flexible Transport Service</b> 0845 0779110 (from 09.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday)</li> <li>◆ <b>Cheshire West &amp; Chester Rural Rider</b> 01606 784100</li> <li>◆ <b>The Guild</b> James Eaton</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete &amp; Fund Raising)</b></li> </ul>	<p>                     Guild Chapel Hall Last Tues in month 2.30pm                      Halle Group Jim Rankin. Tel 651170                      Holly Tree Riding Stables Gloria Robinson. Tel 722188                      Iyengar Yoga Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm                      PVH. Contact Sue Rennie.                      Tel 01606 888324                      Contact Kathy McIntyre.                      Tel 722358                      Mereside Brass Band (PVH) Bookings Tel 07747 302064                      Practice Fri 8-10pm                      Tel 07747302064                      Learners 6.45-7.45pm                      Tel 07879697768                      Mums and Tots VH Tues morning (termtime)                      Plumley WI PVH 1st Monday in month                      Sandra Youngson 723 220. .                      Probus Club D Tricker. Tel 634756                 </p>

Waste collection	Mobile Library Schedule
<p> <b>General waste:</b> 7th and 21st June &amp; 5th and 19th July  <b>Recycling and Garden :</b> 14th and 28th June &amp; 12th and 26th July                 </p>	<p>                     Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall                      9.45 am—10.15 am  <b>Dates: 19th June &amp; 17th July</b>                      If the car park is busy the Mobile Library will stop at the end of Malt Kiln Road                 </p>

Events at Toft Church Hall	Cheshire East Councillor George Walton - 651507 george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk
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Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Knutsford Hosts
<p>U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053</p>	<p>Art Group 10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362                      2nd Toft Brownies 6.pm-7.30pm Sarah Brown                      E-mail : <a href="mailto:sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk">sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk</a>                      5th Knutsford Brownies 5.00pm-6.15pm Rachel Reyer                      E-mail : <a href="mailto:thereyers@ntlworld.com">thereyers@ntlworld.com</a>                      Toft Quilters 1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month                      Veronica Walton 651507</p>	<p>The Callanetics Gp 9am-10am Carol Gunter. 651038                      Toft Mothers Union 2pm-4pm 1st Thursday in month. Veronica Walton                      01565 651507 or Pam Willocks 01565 722501</p>	<p> <b>Knutsford Hosts</b>, the town-wide volunteering scheme which links people who care about helping their local community with worthwhile projects and good causes, celebrated its 3rd birthday with a get-together at Cottons Hotel and Spa. The scheme welcomed its 85th Host with around 40 Hosts enjoying the day. Sarah Flannery who founded the scheme said: "The Hosts continue to go from strength to strength and we welcomed eight new Hosts, including the 85th Host to sign up. We were delighted that George Osborne, who has been an honorary Knutsford Host since we started the scheme, was able to attend and present the badges. As our numbers grow, so too does the number of community organisations and events that we are asked to help. As a volunteering resource for the whole town, we look forward to supporting Royal May Day, Lions Centenary Fair, Tabley House collection, RHS Tatton, Children's Adventure Farm Trust open day and many more activities."                 </p>

Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama	Police Contact Number
<p>                     Sessions are being held every week at Plumley Village Hall (during term time) on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 -5.pm and 5 - 6pm for 5-11 year olds and from 6.00-7.00pm for 11-18 year olds.  <b>Pre-School Drama Class</b>, rising 2's to 4 year olds contact Sam Marsden for details, phone - 07887 778 822 or email -<a href="mailto:mwsd@hotmail.co.uk">mwsd@hotmail.co.uk</a> </p>	<p>                     To contact the Police for important but non emergency issues dial 101.                      The 999 number is still reserved for Police Emergencies and the other Emergency Services.                      You can also leave a voice mail on 0845 458 6380.                 </p>