2012 Dates for the Diary

- more details in this issue.

**Saturday 3rd Nov.** Annual Bazaar (PVH) 2pm
**Monday 5th Nov.** WI Annual meeting (PVH) 7.30pm
**Tuesday, 6th Nov.** PVH Committee AGM (PVH) 7.30pm
**Saturday 10th Nov.** “A Christmas Carol”, Cheshire Rural Touring Arts (PVH)
**Saturday 10th Nov.** Creative Stitchers Handbag Workshop (PVH Ctte Rm)
**Saturday 17th Nov.** Creative Stitchers Machine Embroidery Workshop (PVH Ctte Rm)
**Tuesday 20th Nov.** Police Surgery, Plantation 10am
**Wednesday 28th Nov.** PC Meeting (PVH Ctte Rm) 7.45pm
**Saturday 1st Dec.** Coffee Morning (PMC) 10.30am
**Monday 3rd Dec.** WI Christmas party (PVH) 7.30pm
**Saturday 8th Dec.** Christmas Music - Phoenix Quartet (PMC) 4pm
**Sunday 16th Dec.** Afternoon Tea with Santa (PVH) 2pm
**Friday 21st Dec.** Christmas Carol Concert (PVH) 6.30pm
**Sunday 23rd Dec.** Carol service (PMC) 11am
**Monday 24th Dec.** Christmas Eve service with holy Communion (PMC) 8pm
**Saturday 5th Jan.** Coffee Morning (PMC) 10.30am

**Police Contact Number**
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.

**Key**
PVH - Plumley Village Hall
PMC - Plumley Methodist Church
WI - Women's Institute
PC - Parish Council
LP - Lower Peover
P - Plumley

*Previous issues can be found on the web site, at:* [http://parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/](http://parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/)

*November/December 2012*

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.
Between editions of the Newsletter all the latest information and news can be found on the web site, at:


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**Parish Council News**

**Parish Council Meetings**
The next meeting of the Parish Council (PC) will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 7.45 pm in Plumley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome at the PC meetings, and a 15 minute period is included on the agenda for public questions.

A police surgery is held prior to the PC meetings. On the 28th November it will be held in Plumley Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Additionally, PCSO Lindsey Whitehead has been running Police Surgeries at Plantation in the Cafe. The next one will be 20th November. Details on our website.

**Community Pride Awards**
The awards were held on 4th October. Cllr Sybil Crossman and Cllr Tony Gabbott attended the event.
We were delighted to receive two Highly Commended Certificates, one for our new Web Site and one for Community Spirit.

Our thanks go to everyone who gave their time to enable us to participate in the awards and we look forward to an even more successful year in 2013.

**Community Resilience Plan**
The Community Resilience Plan will be available in draft format on the web site during November. As you can see from the appeal below from Cllr Jim Lloyd we still need your help to make this plan effective. If you can help please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk.

With Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year from all your Parish Councillors.

**Parish Council Responsibilities**
Sybil Crossman-Chairman.
David Nichols-Vice Chairman & Plumley Village Hall.
Tony Gabbott-Community Pride & Parish Plan Implementation.
Jane Richardson-Transport & Highways.
John Wright-Footpaths & Planning.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED - could you help in a crisis?**

We understand the everyone leads busy lives. With this in mind we are reissuing our appeal for help as there has been little response to our September appeal for Parish residents to avail themselves of the opportunity of some free publicity for their businesses via the council website.

This appeal is for a wide variety of businesses /trades who might have something to offer the community (on a business basis) after it has suffered from an extreme event such as winter storm damage. We are particularly interested in those with skills relating to repair of property eg. builders / tree surgeons/ roofers /glaziers/ fencing contractors at this time of year.

I have approached a number of individuals directly and have received very positive responses from most people, so I am taking this opportunity to remind you all that simply by contacting myself or the Parish Clerk your business can be included on our community resilience website section and our business directory. This could generate many approaches to your business, bolstering your income for no cost and minimal effort.

Whilst the resilience plan will be ongoing, so we will accept submissions on a rolling basis, the first draft plan is timed for the end of this month. So to be one of the first included we need your response from most people so I am taking this opportunity to remind you all that simply by contacting myself or the Parish Clerk your business can be included on our community resilience website section and our business directory. This could generate many approaches to your business, bolstering your income for no cost and minimal effort.

Thank you in anticipation,
Cllr Jim Lloyd

Please send any submissions to the Clerk (address details on page 4)

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**Afternoon Tea with Santa**

Enjoy **Afternoon Tea with Santa**, on Sunday 16th December at Plumley Village Hall from 2pm.

This fun packed afternoon includes:
- A visit to Santa in his 'Magical' Grotto
- A Gift & Personalised Letter
- Christmas Movie on our 'BIG' screen
- Afternoon Tea.

Tickets are £10 per Child (all ages welcome).
Tickets are ONLY available in advance from Sarah - 07554 344420 or Michelle - 07930 987940.

Refreshments will also be included for Parents, to also include a selection of Christmas Craft Stalls to browse whilst the children are being entertained!

We’re looking for donations to deck out Santa’s Grotto….White Sheets, Blankets, Christmas Trees, Baubles…..etc.

Anything Christmas related really!!!!

If you can help contact Sarah or Michelle

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**Children’s Corner**

- **Sights and Sounds of Bonfire Night**
  - Since Guy Fawkes’ time, our bonfire nights have been bewitched by sounds and sights. They represent his punishment for plotting against parliament.
  - The prancing, dancing flames of fire excitedly rise higher and higher, tripping, skipping in the air, raining hot ash everywhere.
  - The wailing, trailing rockets fly attention seeking in the sky, while shooting, scooting, left and right explosively display their might.
  - The swirling, twirling Catherine wheel then orbits with a piercing squeal, sprinkling twinkling stars around which fall like moon-dust on the ground.
  - Then all at once, the silence falls and once again the night-time calls normal life again resumes, the memory lingers, with the fumes.

**Mid Cheshire Line Award**

Volunteering on the line - YOU HAVE WON A NATIONAL AWARD!!
Hello Friends of the Mid Cheshire Line,
You have won the “Outstanding Teamwork” award for all your efforts along the line last year for North West In Bloom - Northern Rail nominated you & the Association of Community Rail Partnerships shortlisted you at the national community rail awards last Friday in Swindon.
AND YOU WON FIRST PRIZE - fantastic, THANK YOU & WELL DONE.
See the ACORP website for more details …… press release about to go out too …… We have a glass trophy, a certificate & £250 to spend - wayhay!! Plants galore for 2013!!
http://www.acorp.uk.com/2012%20Awards%20Winners.html

I am so proud & pleased that your efforts have been recognised.
Please let me know if you want a photo with the trophy!!
Here is looking forward to 2013 …… after we have done the Autumn planting of course!!
Regards Sally
Sally Buttifant
Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership Officer

**Christmas Banner Competition**

Calling all young artists, we need your creative talents to make us a special Christmas Banner for our web site.
The winning entry will be on the Parish Council web site from the beginning of December through to 4th January 2013.
Your entry needs to be a 2-dimensional piece of artwork, measuring exactly 11cm high and 58cm wide.
We want your interpretation of what Christmas means to you this year.
The competition is open to children up to 16 years of age and we will have two categories, up to 11 years and 12—16 years. There will be prizes for the winner and runner up in each group.
Please send your entries to the Clerk at the address on page 4 of this Newsletter, no later than 24th November 2012. Make sure you put your name, age, address and phone number on the back of your entry. Also, please let us know if you wish to have your artwork back after the competition. Good luck!

**Village Rider/Flexible Transport Service**

In recent newsletters we have let you know that there may be changes to the existing service (run by Whitegate Travel).
Cheshire East have looked at responses to their Consultation and have drawn up proposals for changes. As yet there are still no firm plans in place for changes (if there are any) to the service. The proposals may be confirmed very soon. We will then be informed and there will be a public information campaign. To read the proposals go to http://modemgov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/ielistDocuments.aspx?cd=241&mid=4286 and right click “Agenda reports pack.pdf” then select “Save target as …” and save a copy to your pc.
In the meantime the service will continue as normal, if you need to use the service please contact Whitegate Travel - 01606 786833.
We will report again in the next newsletter.

**MAJOR CONSULTATION ON FUTURE PLANS FOR CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Cheshire Fire Authority is the publically accountable body, which manages the fire and rescue service on behalf of local people.
The Authority has now published its annual plan, the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for 2013/14 and the years beyond and a comprehensive 12 week consultation was launched on 24 September, which runs until 17 December.

This draft plan is the most significant in the Fire Authority’s 15 year history, as it sets out a number of far-reaching proposals, which have been developed so that it can maintain and improve the services it provides to the local community and make most effective use of its reduced funding.

The proposals would help the Service to meet expected budget cuts of around £5 million over the next four years, but will take a number of years to implement. However, Members of the Fire Authority say they are confident that NO fire fighters will be subject to compulsory redundancies.

You will also be able to access a summary of the plans, as well as supporting material and a full copy of the IRMP 2013-14 by visiting our website: http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/home/current-consultation

The website page contains a link to an online survey for residents but we also welcome any written submissions on the proposals, which can be sent to:
Communication and Engagement Officer
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sadler Road
Winsford
Cheshire CW7 2FQ

Tel: 01606 868408
Or email: consultation@cheshirefire.gov.uk

**Creative Stitchers Sewing Club**

Would you like to meet other people who enjoy sewing?
We meet every Thursday, at the Plumley Village Hall, usually alternating weekly between morning and evening sessions.
Our aim is to have some sewing fun, get inspiration, discuss ideas, help each other out and maybe learn something new, all over a friendly cup of Tea!
People of all abilities welcome – the more the merrier!!!!!
Just £3.00 incl. Refreshments
Mornings 9.00am – 12 noon,
Evenings 7.00pm – 10.00pm

**Sewing Workshops**

Would you like to learn how to make your own Handbags or perhaps how to do free-motion machine embroidery?
We are holding Saturday workshops in November.
For further information on these and the sewing club
Tel: Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058
visit our website
www.creative-stitchers.co.uk

Don’t forget to use the Knutsford Village Rider. Telephone 01606 786833
Changes to the service are likely in the near future, full details in the next newsletter.
**Plumley Village Hall**

**Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 6 November 2012**

Unexpected circumstances have resulted in the AGM of the Village Hall Committee this year being rescheduled to Tuesday, 6th November 2012 at 8.00pm, and will be held at the Village Hall.

I had previously reported that there are several vacancies on the Committee and I am pleased to say that some offers of help have been forthcoming. In particular, we are most grateful to Sue Wainwright who has kindly taken over as Bookings Secretary (she can be contacted on 723988 and at wainwrightsus@btinternet.com).

Nevertheless, you are most welcome to come along to the AGM and share your views; also cheese & wine will be available afterwards. Please remember that your active support for this and other events is vital for the continuation of the Village Hall.

**Cheshire Rural Touring Arts**


You may have seen posters/flyers in the village about this production. Tickets are available from Plumley Post Office and from Penny Allen (722259): £8 for adults and £6 for children. Book early to avoid disappointment!

**Tea with Father Christmas, Sunday 16th December**

I am delighted to tell you that Sarah Sanderson and Michelle Moores have persuaded Father Christmas to make a guest appearance at the Village Hall on Sunday, 16th December, despite his busy schedule!!! I understand he will be distributing presents to children who have been good and further details will be given on a leaflet that is to be distributed shortly.

**Christmas Carol Concert, Friday 21st December**

Mereside Brass have again kindly agreed to give a Christmas Carol Concert on Friday, 21st December in aid of the Village Hall. There will be a traditional mix of music and you will be able to participate in some familiar carols (- sheets will be available, if you can’t remember the words!). Tea, coffee, and hot mince pies will also be available to enhance the mood. We do hope you can come.

With best wishes and thanks for all your support.

David Nichols - Chairman
**Plumley Village Hall Committee**

**Plumley Methodist Church**

The harvest weekend has been and gone with a most enjoyable hot pot supper followed by an entertaining talk by Terry Wardle about his journey from schoolboy to a medical student and qualify as a doctor.

The next event is the Annual Bazaar, Saturday 3rd November 2pm in the Village Hall.

Do join us to buy your early Christmas gifts, fresh vegetables, plants, home made cakes, bargains on the bric a brac stall. Also tombola and raffle and refreshments.

**Saturday 8th December 4pm Christmas music** by the Phoenix quartet followed by refreshments at 5pm Tickets £6

**Coffee Mornings are from 10.30 am - 12.30pm**

The next ones are:

*Saturday 1st December for Christmas Carol service*

*Saturday 5th January for the New Year*

Do come along to these social events normally held on the first Saturday of each month. If you would like to host a coffee morning in the future please speak to a Church Member. Proceeds can be given to your chosen charity.

*The October coffee morning raised £265 for Parkinson’s Disease society.*

**Services at Christmas**

*Sunday 23rd December 11 am Carol service*

*Monday 24th December 8pm Christmas eve service with holy Communion*

Please join us for any or all of these services. You will be very welcome.

**The Guild**

is an informal meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. It last for 1 to one and half hours, usually with a speaker followed by a chat and cup of tea and biscuits. New members are very welcome (male and female), just come along or for more information contact Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt.

**Help Save Our Footpaths**

*Have you enjoyed walking the footpaths through the Plumley Lime Beds?*

*Have you been doing it for several years?*

*Would you like to help make them public rights-of-way?*

The Parish Council submitted an application in 2011 for the Definitive Map (for foot paths) to be changed to show the footpaths as public rights of way, with eight witness statements giving evidence that they have been used for many years.

Progress is slow in getting the matter determined, additional statements may help.

If you would like to help by filling in a witness statement form please contact me as soon as possible.

Cllr John Wright. Tel: 01565 722828, John.wright@johnwrightsurveyor.co.uk

**Plumley Women’s Institute**

Monday, 5th November - Annual meeting, also John Hooley will be giving a talk entitled “Royal Trains and their Passengers”. Competition – A Royal souvenir.


Both meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. in Plumley Village Hall.

Our monthly meetings resumed again on September 3rd with a talk given by Dr. Kathleen Edwards on the subject of Gorillas in the wild.

The monthly walks are commencing again with the first walk at Brereton. These walks are usually about four or five miles long, and always finish at a local hostelry for lunch.

We've had some lovely walks over the years and visited places such as, Arley, Tatton Park, Rudyard Lake and Great Budworth to mention but a few.

The Darts Team are sharpening their arrows ready for the Autumn/Winter Darts Season.

Plumley won the CFWI Darts Cup in 2008, and we are going to do our best to win it again in 2013.

The Annual meeting on 5th November is when the Institute’s President and Committee are elected, and Reports of the year’s activities and Financial details are put before the meeting.

December is always a busy month for members, besides the usual Christmas duties ie buying presents, writing Christmas cards etc, members put their best efforts into the Christmas party, there is always a wonderful atmosphere at this particular evening.

Well, here we are again at the end of another full and enjoyable W.I. year, so on behalf of our President, the Committee and all the members of Plumley W.I. - HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO EVERY-ONE!!!

Virginia Williamson
Tel: 01565 722260

**Boundary Commission**

The final proposals are now available to view in Knutsford Library. The consultation is open between the 16th October to 10th December 2012. You can find more details of how to respond on our website, or you can write to us direct at: Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ or email northwest@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk.

You can also find more details about the rest of the review on the website www.consultation.boundarycommissionfors england.independent.gov.uk
Join our SpeedWatch team and stop speeding cars through Plumley!
To join E-Mail Clerk@Plumley-Toft-Bexton-PC.co.uk

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**Local Contacts**

- **Parish Council Chairman**
  Cllr Sybil Crossman  722650
- **Village Hall Committee Chairman**
  David Nichols  723837
- **Village Hall Bookings**
  Sue Wainwright  723988
  e-mail: wainwrightsue@btinternet.com
- **Chapel Bookings**
  Elizabeth Hall 722721
- **Knutsford Village Rider**
  01606 786833
- **Tennis Courts & Play area**
  Pam Arnfield 722262
- **Plumley Stores/Post Office**
  Jonathan Royle  722277
- **Toft Church Hall**
  Hazel Raw 651205
- **Cheshire East Council**
  0300 123 5500
- **Knutsford Police**
  0845 458 6380
- **Knutsford Village Rider**
  01606 786833
- **The Guild**
  Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt

**Local Groups in Plumley**

- **Creative Stitchers**
  Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058
- **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
- **Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years**
  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 Celtic FC**
  J Betts. Tel 01606 737602
- **Plumley WI**
  PVH 1st Monday in month Christine England. Tel 722283
- **Probus Club**
  D Tricker. Tel 634756

**Rubbish Collection Day is Wednesday**

- **Black bins**: 14th & 28th November, 12th December, 9th January
- **Recycled materials including silver bins**: 7th & 21st November, 5th & 19th December, 2nd January
  *Recycling Only.
  Refuse queries Cheshire East Council - 0300 1235011

**Events at Toft Church Hall**

### Monday

- **U3A Drawing and Painting**
  10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053
- **Band Practice**
  8pm-10pm Kerrs68@talktalk.net

### Wednesday

- **Art Group**
  10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362
- **2nd Toft Brownies**
  6pm-7.30pm Lisa Codling & Lynne Young. 640572 and 621682
- **Toft Quilters**
  1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month

### Thursday

- **The Callanetic Gp**
  9am-10am Carol Gunter. 651038
- **5th Knutsford Brownies**
  5.00pm-6.15pm Caroline Morris rickcasper@btinternet.com
- **6th Knutsford Guides**
  7.15pm-8.30pm. Kat Banks. 07789 146346 banks.k.abc@gmail.com
- **Toft Mothers Union**
  2pm-4pm 1st Thursday in month. 634644

### Friday

- **The Callanetic Gp**
  10.15am-11.15am Carol Gunter. 651038

**NEW Mobile Library Schedule**

Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am
Dates: 19th November, 10th & 31st December
If the car park is busy the Mobile Library will stop at the end of Malt Kiln Road

**Cheshire East Councillor George Walton - 651507**

george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk

**Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama**

Sessions are being held every week at Plumley Village Hall (during term time) on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4.00 - 5.00pm and 5.00-6.00pm for 5 - 11 year olds and from 6.00-7.00pm for 11 - 18 year olds

**Parish Clerk - Sharon Jones**

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Telephone - 07834 230351
E-mail - clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk