



Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

March/April 2013

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

Between editions of the Newsletter all the latest information and news can be found on the website, at:

<http://parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/index.htm>

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2013 Dates for the Diary

- more details in this issue.

Sat 2nd Mar - Coffee Morning at 10.30am PMC

Mon 4th Mar - WI Talk "Wardrobe Angel" at 7.30pm PVH

Mon 4th Mar - Police Surgery at 10.00am Plantation Cafe

Sat 16th Mar -Family Quiz Night at 7pm PVH. Teams of 6 or less. Contact Michelle Moores or Sarah Sanderson to enter.

Sun 17th Mar - Mission in Britain Service at 6.00pm PMC.

Wed 27th Mar - Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm PVH.

Fri 29th Mar - Good Friday Service at 11.00am PMC.

Sun 31st Mar - Easter Day Service at 11.00am PMC

Sat 6th April - Coffee Morning at 10.30am PMC

Mon 8th Apr - WI talk "The Vine Project" at 7.30pm PVH.

11th, 12th & 13th Apr - TOTC production of 'Quartet' by Ronald Harwood at PVH.

Sat 20th Apr - Police Surgery at 10.00am Plantation Cafe

Thur 25th Apr - Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm PVH.

Thur 25th Apr - Annual Parish Meeting, 8.00pm PVH.

Sat 4th May - RTA production of 'In Praise of Elephants' at PVH. Tickets £6 from Penny Allen or Village Stores.

Mon 8th May - WI talk "My time in Uganda" at 7.30pm PVH.

Key

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

Copy date for the next edition of the newsletter will be 20th April 2013. All items to be sent to the Clerk

Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council (PC) will be held on Wednesday 27th March 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 27th March 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 two will be 10.00am on 4th March & 20th April 2013. Details on the Local Policing page on our website.

In Conversation with the Leader of Cheshire East Council- Cllr Michael E Jones

We would like to thank Cllr Jones and Adrian Fisher for meeting with the Parish Council and Plumley residents at the Village Hall on 26th February. The Meeting offered local residents a rare opportunity to speak directly to the Leader of Cheshire East Council about local issues and to ask him questions.

There was an excellent turnout and enthusiastic participation by all.

Cllr Jones has taken away a number of actions and has agreed to a follow up meeting in a few months time. A full report of the meeting will be available on the web site shortly.

Annual Parish Meeting 8pm 25th April, 2013

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at PVH. We are delighted to confirm that Peter Shields, Assistant Road Safety Manager, Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service and PCSO Lindsey Whitehead will be two of the speakers the meeting this year. There will be annual reports by our Parish Councillors and other local groups, followed by refreshments. We hope, very much, that you will be able to join us.

P C Responsibilities

Sybil Crossman-Chairman.
David Nichols-Vice Chairman & Plumley Village Hall.
Tony Gabbott-Community Pride & Parish Plan Implementation.
Jim Lloyd-Home watch & Cheshire Resilience Plan.
Jane Richardson-Transport & Highways.
John Wright-Footpaths & Planning.

The impact of HS2 on Plumley and Cheshire East

Government plans to build a high speed rail link, known as HS2 Phase Two, threatens the future of local villages and countryside within Cheshire's Tatton constituency.

The preferred route passes through Winsford, Middlewich, Lostock Green, Lostock Gralam, Plumley, Pickmere, High Legh, Bucklow Hill, Rostherne and Ashley before heading towards Manchester Airport. It is possible that four trains an hour will run from Manchester to London with additional trains between Manchester and Birmingham.

The proposal will decimate Cheshire's countryside both during and after construction, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and other conservation organisations have been vocal about the threat to endangered wildlife, ancient woodland, forests and wetlands due to the proximity of the proposed route.

Have Your Say

Informal engagement activities including preparation for public consultation for Phase Two will take place this Spring and consultation will be ongoing throughout 2013. It is expected that by the end of 2014 the government will announce their decision on the final route, stations and depots.

So, what can we do now? Contact your MP at <http://highspeedrail.org.uk/> or at <http://www.georgeosborne4tatton.com/content/contact-form>. Contact Cheshire East Council by emailing: - HS2Enquiries@cheshireeast.gov.uk or calling 01270 686022. Cheshire East will be presenting views to the Department for Transport and HS2 to challenge them to review their plans.

Currently there is a government consultation on compensation for an Exceptional Hardship Scheme for property owners who are adversely affected by the proposals. The **consultation closes on April 29, 2013.**

<http://www.hs2.org.uk/have-your-say/consultations/phase-two/exceptional-hardship-scheme>

Read more about HS2 at

<http://www.hs2.org.uk/phase-two>

and the case against it at

<http://www.hs2actionalliance.org/>

Sarah Kym McLoughlin & Chris Wilson

Children's Corner		Grit Bins	
<p>Can you rearrange the jumbled letters into an 11-letter word for a small creature?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div> <p>PARCEL TRAIL</p> <p>Can you also use some of the letters to find three 5-letter words?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Month of the year 2. Danger 3. Jumped 		<p>The Parish Council purchased 3 grit bins in 2012. The salt/grit is for use on the pavements in icy weather. The bins are located at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plumley Village Hall Car Park ◆ Junction of Trouthall Lane and Yew Tree Rd ◆ Junction of Manchester Road and Ascol Drive 	
		The Other Theatre Company	
<p>Curzon Culture</p> <p>Knutsford will soon boast a rival to Manchester's Cornerhouse cinema, as art-house and independent film specialist Curzon Cinemas works to transform Knutsford's historic Studio Cinema on Toft Road. The £170,000 facelift to the cinema -first opened in 1935, is now well underway, following the transfer from Cheshire East Council to Curzon in a 25-year lease deal secured in November 2012. As Curzon's first cinema outside London, Knutsford will now show films on the same day as London, bypassing the former delays in distribution and bringing up to date films to local audiences.</p> <p>The cinema currently remains operational as the transformation takes place. The results will be celebrated on 28th February in a film premiere for Councillors and Officials. Open mornings for the public on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March will provide the chance to see the results with your own eyes.</p> <p>Cheshire can soon claim another cultural gem in its crown and a significant new visitor attraction on the cultural circuit.</p> <p><i>Sarah Kym McLoughlin, Holly Cottage</i></p>		<p>TOTC's next production at Plumley Village Hall will be 'Quartet' by <i>Ronald Harwood</i> on 11th, 12th & 13th April 2013.</p> <p>The play is set in a home for retired musicians. Three elderly former opera singers who worked together are about to be joined by a newcomer. This play has been recently released as a film directed by Dustin Hoffman.</p> <p>Writing for The Independent, Paul Taylor described the play as 'an unashamed — no, shameless — vehicle for four feisty old troupers whose task is to make us laugh a little, sigh a little and cry a little as they take us into the bitter-sweet world of facing up to age and mortality.'</p> <p>Information on performance times, ticket-prices and availability will be placed on the Parish Council website shortly.</p>	
		Thursday is Creative Stitches Sewing Club Day	
<p>Village Rider/Flexible Transport Service</p> <p>In recent newsletters we have reported that there may be changes to the existing service, currently provided by Whitegate Travel.</p> <p>Cheshire East are procuring the new flexible transport service. It is hoped that new contracts will be allocated in the late summer time. Then a public information campaign is planned.</p> <p>We will update you as soon as information is available.</p> <p>Please continue to use the Village Rider service, run by Whitegate Travel. Their routes go to Northwich, Handforth and Booths, Knutsford. Contact them on 01606 786833.</p>		<p>Would you like to meet other people who enjoy sewing and make new friends?</p> <p>Our aim is to have some sewing fun, get inspiration, discuss ideas and maybe learn something new! People of all abilities welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mornings 9.00am - 12 noon, Evenings 7.00pm - 10.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New for 2013 <u>Children's Creative Sewing Club</u></p> <p>Meets once a month on Saturday mornings. Introduce your children to the creativity of sewing. For children aged 8 yrs and upwards</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sewing Workshops</u></p> <p>We have lots more Sewing workshops planned for 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March - Learn how to make curtains or a Chic & Easy Jacket April - Patchwork & Quilting</p> <p>Check our website for all the details www.creative-stitches.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</p>	
		Do you know anyone who could be our Community Champion?	
		<p>This year there are some new awards in the Community Pride Competition which require nominations from within the Parish. The new awards are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Community Champion ◆ Working with or by Young People ◆ Best Community Initiative <p>For each of these awards we need a proposer, a nominee, contact details and the reason for the nomination. Full details will be placed on the website for you to view.</p> <p>The forms need to be completed and returned in April at the latest. If you would like to nominate someone or a local initiative for any of these awards please contact the Clerk by 20th March at the latest.</p>	

Cheshire West and Chester Council operate a bus from Plumley to Northwich on a Wednesday and Friday. if you would like to use this service please contact Dial a Ride on 01606 784100.

<p>Congratulations!</p>	<p>Plumley Methodist Church</p>	<p>Plumley Women's Institute</p>
<p>Sybil and Alan Crossman are pleased to let you know that their daughter, Annabel and son-in-law Richard are now proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Freya Agnes, born on 11 February.</p> <p>Mother and baby Freya are doing well and both parents are delighted to have a little sister for Rosemary Grace (aged 2 1/4).</p>	<p>The coffee mornings in January and February were again well attended with £201 raised for church funds and a similar amount for Emily Lawton's trip to Estonia and Finland with the guides, respectively.</p> <p>Our friends from Lostock Green continue to walk across the fields in all weathers and 10 friends from Plumley walked to their coffee morning in mid February.</p> <p>Next coffee mornings are:</p> <p>2nd March with proceeds to the Kenya project.</p> <p>6th April with proceeds to Church Guild fund.</p> <p>Easter will be here soon, starting with a service Good Friday (29th march) at 11am led by Rev. Duncan Ibuuri. A performance of the Crucifixion at 7.30pm by the Owen Wynne Chorale. No admission charge but a donation if wished will be sent to a charity. Hot cross buns and tea/coffee will be served afterwards.</p> <p>Easter Day (31st March) 11am service led by Mr Peter Ashburner</p> <p>The fellowship house group continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month which is an informal, informative social occasion with a cup of tea and biscuits.</p> <p>The Church is about to 'go live' with a website which should be up and running by the beginning of March. More information in the next edition.</p>	<p>Mon. 4th March - Stephanie Roper will be giving a talk entitled "Wardrobe Angel" Competition – A scented sachet.</p> <p>Mon. 8th April - Sonia McCann will be giving a talk on "The Vine Project". Competition – A South African artefact.</p> <p>Mon.13th May - The Resolution meeting. Sheila Jamieson will be giving a talk entitled "My time in Uganda". Competition – A child's drawing.</p> <p>Mon. 3rd June - Members' Night</p> <p>All the above meetings will be held at 7.30 p.m. in Plumley Village Hall. The CFWI have organised a Spring Lunch and Flower Demonstration at Walton Hall. This event is open to anyone who is a member of a Cheshire W.I.</p> <p>Moulton W.I. are organising a County walk in April around Wimboldsley.</p> <p>Our own walks have commenced the first of which was at The Quinta, the home of the late Sir Bernard Lovell.</p> <p>Besides our walks, darts, and painting classes, there is a hint in the air that we might be having lessons in beading.</p> <p>Our <i>59th Birthday</i> evening in February was very successful. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, and the party atmosphere continued throughout the evening. The evening concluded with a Quiz devised by Christine England, which tested members' knowledge of Cheshire.</p> <p>Next year will be the big 60th Birthday of Plumley W.I. The Committee and members are putting their ideas together to make it a really special Birthday.</p> <p><i>Virginia Williamson Tel-01565 722260</i></p>
<p>Parish Council Response to Cheshire East Council Draft Development Strategy and Policy Principles Consultation</p>	<p>Plumley Village Hall</p>	<p>Rail Matters</p>
<p>In the last issue of the newsletter we informed you that as part of the Local Plan, Cheshire East Council has produced draft Development Strategy and Emerging Policy Principles documents.</p> <p>In the article we invited comments on the Local Plan, which were to be sent to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Parish Council met on 25th February to finalise the formal response from the Parish which has now been submitted via the Cheshire East Web site.</p> <p>The consultation period for this document is now closed.</p> <p>In summary this version of the Local Plan is a sound document, however, there were some points of note which were raised in our response.</p> <p>A full copy of the response to the Local Plan submitted by the Parish Council will be available on our website shortly.</p>	<p>On Sunday 24th February our retiring 2012 Rose Queen Emily Lawton did choose at random from a 'hat' our 2013 Rose Queen. We can announce that Emily will crown our new 2013 Rose Queen Millie Chadwick of Pinfold Lane and our 2013 Plumley Princess Amy Hodgson of Maltkiln on Saturday 29th June at our annual Fete/Fun Day... let's hope for better weather this year!</p>	<p>The 10th Annual Cheshire 'Best Kept Station' awards evening' was held on 22nd January at Weaver Hall, Northwich. Out of the 36 stations involved Plumley was given the 'Tidiest Station Award'. Well done to all those who assist in keeping the station smart; your continued help will be much appreciated.</p> <p>You will be familiar with the Mid-Cheshire Rail Users Association running an annual train excursion from this in May. Unfortunately, this year there have been operational problems which have prevented this outing. However, there is a degree of optimism that an alternative late Summer trip can be arranged; details will be circulated later.</p>
<p>At one with Nature</p>	<p>Upcoming Events at Plumley Village Hall</p> <p>Rural Touring Arts Network Production this year will be 'In Praise of Elephants' on Saturday 4th May. Tickets will be available from Plumley Village Stores or by calling Penny Allen on 722259 priced at £6 each.</p> <p>Family Quiz Night, Saturday 16th March 7pm. Teams of 6 or less can enter our family friendly quiz for £10 to be in with a chance to take home our family hamper and your entrance fee back OR our booby prize!</p> <p>Try your luck and enter your team by calling Sarah 07554 344420 or Michelle 07930 987940</p> <p><i>Sarah Sanderson & Michelle Moores</i></p> <p>Plumley Village Hall Committee</p> <p>Registered Charity 520096.</p>	<p>Get it first : To receive this newsletter via e-mail send an e-mail to clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk</p>
<p>The days are getting longer, the birdsong is increasing and the recent sunshine is tempting us all back into the outdoors. So what can we be doing at this time of year to support our Cheshire wildlife and get our gardens to grow?</p> <p>The birds are starting preparations for nesting season, so setting up nest boxes in your garden is timely. The persistent frosts and cold nights means that food may still be in short supply, so ensure hanging feeders are topped up for the likes of bluetits, chaffinches and greenfinches, and scatter food on the ground for blackbirds, thrushes, starlings and other birds that feed from the ground.</p> <p>February is also a good time to plant trees and hedges – particularly bare rooted fruit trees and soft fruits before their next growth spurt in Spring. Once berries have been eaten by birds and wildlife, it is wise to trim and neaten hedges before nesting season begins. Existing apple and pear trees can be pruned and perennials can be divided and split at the root balls and replanted to increase the density of the summer flowers in your borders.</p> <p><i>Sarah Kym McLoughlin Holly Cottage</i></p>	<p>Registered Charity 520096.</p>	<p>Get it first : To receive this newsletter via e-mail send an e-mail to clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk</p>

Local Contacts	Local Groups in Plumley
<p>◆ Parish Council Chairman Cllr Sybil Crossman 722650</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Committee Chairman David Nichols 723837</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Bookings Sue Wainwright 723988 e-mail: wainwrightsue@btinternet.com</p> <p>◆ Chapel Bookings Elizabeth Hall 722721</p> <p>◆ Tennis Courts & Play area Lynsey Peacock 722055</p> <p>◆ Plumley Stores/Post Office Jonathan Royle 722277</p> <p>◆ Toft Church Hall Hazel Raw 651205</p> <p>◆ Cheshire East Council 0300 123 5500</p> <p>◆ Knutsford Police 0845 458 6380</p> <p>◆ Knutsford Village Rider 01606 786833</p> <p>◆ The Guild Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete & Fund Raising) Sarah Sanderson 07554 344420 or 01565 723241 or Michelle Moores 07930 987940</p>	<p>Creative Stitchers Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</p> <p>Guild Chapel Hall Halle Group Last Tues in month 2.30pm Jim Rankin. Tel 651170</p> <p>Holly Tree Riding Stables Gloria Robinson. Tel 722188</p> <p>Iyengar Yoga Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm PVH. Contact Sue Rennie. Tel 01606 888324</p> <p>Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years. Contact Kathy McIntyre. Tel 722358</p> <p>Mereside Brass Band (PVH) Bookings Tel 07747 302064 practice Fri 8-10pm Tel 07747302064 Learners 6.45-7.45pm Tel 07879697768</p> <p>Mums and Tots VH Tues morning (termtime)</p> <p>Plumley Celtic FC J Betts. Tel 01606 737602</p> <p>Plumley WI PVH 1st Monday in month Christine England. Tel 722283</p> <p>Probud Club D Tricker. Tel 634756</p>
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.	

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed articles to this edition of the newsletter

<p>Rubbish Collection Day is Wednesday Black bins: 6th & 20th March, 3rd & 17th April, 1st May Recycled materials including silver bins: 13th & 27th March, 10th & 24th April, 8th May</p> <p>Refuse queries Cheshire East Council - 0300 1235011</p>	<p>Mobile Library Schedule Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am Dates: 4th & 25th March, 15th April & 6th May If the car park is busy the Mobile Library will stop at the end of Malt Kiln Road</p>
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<p>Events at Toft Church Hall</p>	<p>Cheshire East Councillor George Walton - 651507 george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk</p>
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<p>Monday U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053 Band Practice 8pm-10pm Kerrs68@talktalk.net</p> <p>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</p> <p>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. Sharon Robinson sharonrobinson13@mac.com Toft Mothers Union 2pm-4pm 1st Thursday in month. 634644</p> <p>Friday The Callanetic Group 10.15am-11.15am Carol Gunter. 651038</p>	<p>Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama</p> <p>Sessions are being held every week at Plumley Village Hall (during term time) on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 -5pm and 5 - 6pm for 5-11 year olds and from 6.00-7.00pm for 11-18 year olds. Coming Soon - Pre-School Drama Class, rising 2's to 4 year olds contact Sam Marsden for details, phone - 07887 778 822 or email - mwsd@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>Parish Clerk - Sharon Jones 20 Farm Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Cheshire. CW9 7DY Telephone - 07834 230351 E-mail - clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk</p>
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Police Dog handlers seek support from the public

Cheshire Police are asking local breeders, suppliers and the general public if they would like to donate suitable dogs or bitches for the purposes of training them to work alongside the police dog handlers.

Ideally, the police dog handlers are looking for a German Shepherd or Alsatian dog, or Mallinois dog aged between 12 months and 2 years old. The dog must be confident around people and other animals and enjoy the interaction.

Because of the training that the handlers put the dogs through, it is also essential that the dog meets with the following criteria:-

What makes a good training dog? A dog with confidence and with

plenty of energy and enthusiasm

Friendly in nature, i.e., wagging its tail and not aggressive around the public

Playful – likes to run after a ball once thrown and

A good nose – as some of the training will focus on searching for and finding toys when they are hidden out of sight

However, please note that dogs that have been reported to the police following any complaints made by the public are not being considered.

For anyone who has a dog they would like to donate, can you please ring and ask for Mike Jones on 01606 362681. For more information on police dogs please visit cheshire.police.uk.