



Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

October/November 2014

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:

www.parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/index.htm

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2014 Dates for the Diary more details in this issue.

Mon 3rd Nov - Talk by C Edmondson on Northwich Salt Mining Devastation, WI 7.30pm (PVH)

Tues 4th Nov - Fellowship House Group

Wed 5th Nov - Plumley with Toft & Bexton Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm (PMC).

Sat 6th Dec - Coffee Morning 10.30 am to noon (PMC).

Sat 8th Nov - Plumley Methodist Church Annual Bazaar 2pm (PVH).

Thurs 13th Nov - RTA production of "The Forensics of a Flat (and Other Stories) by Francesca Millican-Slater. 7.30pm (PVH)

Tues 25th Nov - Guild Meeting 2.30pm (PMC)

Wed 3rd Dec - Plumley with Toft & Bexton Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm.

6th-11th Dec - Christmas Floral Extravaganza - Arley Hall, 11am -5pm, Admission adults £7.50, child (5-12) £2.50, groups (15+) £6.50.

Key

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
P - Plumley

Copy date for the next edition will be 20th November 2014

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Parish Council News

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council (PC) will be held on Wed 5th November at 7.45pm in Plumley Methodist Church Hall. Members of the press and public are encouraged to attend meetings and there is a 15 minute period at the beginning of the meeting where members of the public are able to speak.

A police surgery is held prior to the PC meetings. On the 5th November at 7.30pm in Plumley Methodist Church Hall.

PCSO's also run Police Surgeries at Plantation. Dates to be confirmed on the web site.

Playing fields

The Parish Council are developing a working group to examine the needs and requirements for a playing field in Plumley. The objective of the group is to establish the need for a facility and an indicative cost of developing

and maintaining it, this will be done via a public survey.

Speedwatch

Following the highway improvements on Plumley Moor Road with the introduction of a mini roundabout and a pedestrian crossing, the Parish Council has been working closely with the Police to keep monitoring the speed of vehicles through the Village to ensure that the measures undertaken are achieving their objectives. Further speedwatch training will be taking place during November, any residents interested in taking part in this important community activity should contact the David McGifford the Parish Clerk.

Community Pride Awards 2013

As a long standing Community Pride / Best Kept Village Judge Cllr Sybil Crossman attended the Community Pride Awards evening at Congleton Town

Hall on 9th October.

There were approximately 200 people present including Cheshire East Council, Deputy Mayor, Hilda Gaddum, Cheshire's High Sheriff, the Cheshire Constabulary ACC, Knutsford Mayor and Mayoress and our own ward Councillor, George Walton. Ian Cotton from Essar, who you will recall gave the presentation at our Annual Parish Meeting 2014 presented the Awards.

We are delighted to announce that Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish was awarded a Highly Commended in the Community Website section, for the second time!

P C Responsibilities

Tony Gabbott-Chairman.
Chris Wilson-Vice Chairman & Playing Fields
Jim Lloyd-Home watch & Cheshire Resilience Plan.
Kevin James - Highways.
David Nichols -Village Hall
John Wright-Footpaths & Planning.

"Over by Christmas"

On the 20th September, somewhere between 300 and 400 people gathered at the Station to watch the Theatre in The Quarter present 'Over by Christmas'

Through narration, song and re-enactment they told the story of outbreak of the great war and how many left to fight filled with pride but also in complete innocence as to what they were about to face.

A truly breath-taking performance immersed all those stood in the car park and along the road embankment by to bridge in an emotional whirlpool as the story unfolded from young men leaving in hope to the tragedy and horror that followed.

I am sure that mine were not the only eyes that filled that morning as the last post gently resonated and the names of those from Plumley who gave their lives were read out.

Although at the end of the performance I had a few moments to thank all those who took part, I



don't really think that was enough to convey the gratitude of everyone there or the impact it had on many.

There was a huge amount of time and effort invested by many people to make this happen and I would like to thank the Theatre in the Quarter once more for bringing something to Plumley that involved -

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Children's Corner	Green Fingers	
<p>Whether the Weather Whether the weather be fine Or whether the weather be not Whether the weather be cold Or whether the weather be hot - We'll weather the weather Whatever the weather Whether we like it or not!</p> <p>Anon. </p>	<p>As Autumn sets in, here are some reminders and helpful tips about what to do now in your garden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Our grass is slowing down now in terms of growth rate, so raise the cutting height of your lawnmower to protect it from those colder mornings ◆ Plant daffodil, tulip and crocus bulbs for early spring colour ◆ Take cuttings of your favourite roses ◆ Cut down perennials ◆ Repair patches in lawn with new seed ◆ Collect and compost autumn leaves <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sarah Kym Mcloughlin, Holly Cottage</i></p>	
	What time is the next train?	
<p>Culture at Curzon</p> <p>Alongside their weekly film screenings, Curzon Knutsford cinema are continuing with their popular programme of live theatrical and dance screenings. Autumn sees Mozart's <i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i> (18th Oct), Verdi's <i>Macbeth</i> (11th or 26th Oct), Kenneth Macmillan's <i>Manon</i> (16th or 19th Oct). Find out more here www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sarah Kym Mcloughlin Holly Cottage</i></p>	<p>You may have heard the rumours that we may see a better train service in Plumley with possibly two trains an hour in each direction. However in a recent conversation with Sally Buttifant, the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership Officer, I was surprised to learn that this may not be the case and that the opposite could be true.</p> <p>I asked sally to give a presentation to the Parish Council at the last meeting to make clear the danger we could face as a village, which she was kind enough to do. This is a summary of what she told the council.</p>	
<p>Thursday is Creative Stitchers Sewing Club Day!</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>Mornings 9.00am - 12 noon, Evenings 7.00pm - 10.00pm</p> <p>Sewing Workshops for the Autumn</p> <p>10 weeks - Learn how to make your own curtains - and save money!</p> <p>6 Sundays - Learn or improve your Dress-making techniques</p> <p>Roman Blinds - a contemporary way to dress your windows</p> <p>Cushions - learn to be creative with cushions</p> <p>And lots more!</p> <p>Check out our website for all the details www.creative-stitchers.co.uk or phone</p> <p>Sue 07711585072 or Tracy 07768916058</p>	<p>There are two consultation papers to be aware of. These are -</p> <p>Transport For Greater Manchester (TFGM) Rail Strategy 2012</p> <p>http://www.tfgm.com/trains/Documents/12-0247-GM-Rail-Policy-2012.pdf</p> <p>Rail North Long Term Rail Strategy</p> <p>http://www.railnorth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/LTRS-Final-August-2014.pdf</p> <p>The Rail North Long Term Rail Strategy mentions appropriate service frequencies for quieter stations but the TFGM rail strategy is more specific. The TFGM rail strategy discusses service frequency and talks about 25,000 passenger journeys per annum as the threshold for an hourly service. It is suggested that quieter stations under this threshold should have less frequent services.</p> <p>Plumley hovers just over the 25,000</p> <p>level according to Office of Rail Regulation statistics (ORRS) although passenger count data collected by the CRP and the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association (MCRUA) suggests that there are well over 26,000 passengers. Ticketless travel is an issue on the Mid Cheshire Line but it is ticket sales that generate the station usage data – so many people travel the Line but are not counted through the ticket sales system.</p> <p>In short we could see more trains passing through Plumley Station. Yet the danger is the number that actually stop could be reduced to less than the current hourly service, possibly to one train every 2 hours. This would have a massive impact on the many and growing number of passengers who use our station.</p> <p>If the actual number of passenger journeys from Plumley were reflected in the ORRS, then this would not be an issue. So if we want to be sure of maintaining the frequency of our service it is vital that every passenger from Plumley Station ensures they purchase a ticket. If the guard on the train does not come round as is sometimes the case, then please buy a ticket at the destination station or on the return journey.</p> <p>At present this is not a stated intention or even draft proposal. However no one wants it to get that far in the first place and we should all understand that traveling for nothing on the Mid Cheshire line could cost far more than the price of the ticket.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ellr Tony Gabbott</i></p>	
<p>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.</p>		

Village Hall	Plumley Methodist Church	Plumley Women's Institute
<p>Rural Touring Arts at the Village Hall The next Rural Touring Event is at 7.30pm on THURSDAY 13th November and is called "The Forensics of a Flat (and Other Stories) by Francesca Millican-Slater. "Francesca tells stories about her beloved flat, the area it stands in, what it used to be, what it will become and the people that have populated it. It's a bit stand up, a bit biography, a bit documentary, a love affair with a local area to the tune of bad Karaoke" For more information about Francesca Millican-Slater and her work go to : www.francescamillicanslater.co.uk Sarah Sanderson & Michelle Moores Plumley Village Hall Committee Registered Charity 520096.</p>	<p>The coffee mornings continue to be held each month on the first Saturday and is a happy time of fellowship together. 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. Next Coffee Mornings are:. 6th December 10.30 am to noon. Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle. NB No coffee morning on 1st November but join us for our Annual Bazaar on Saturday 8th November 2pm in the village hall. It will be opened by Mrs Diane Breakwell daughter of the late Bert Southern. Come along and enjoy the afternoon with us. The Fellowship house group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month, the next ones are 7th October at Elizabeth's and 4th November at Sarah's house. All are very welcome and for more information and the venues contact Elizabeth on 722721</p>	<p>3rd November: Colin Edmonson will give a talk entitled "Northwich Salt Mining Devastation." Competition - an unusual salt cellar. 1st December: Christmas Party. Competition - a Christmas cracker. <i>New members and guests are always welcome.</i> Since July's meeting, members have been busy raising money through well attended events such as a coffee morning and a garden party. There has also been an afternoon visit to Grappenhall Heys walled garden, which was much enjoyed, as well as walks in Pickmere and Tatton Park. On 10th September our Craft Group got creative with an oil painting course in Middlewich, and members went to the theatre to see "The Ladykillers" on 16th September. Our darts team have now resumed their practice for upcoming competitions and we are also looking forward to a Christmas outing to Gaws-worth Hall. September's speaker was Hugh Davies who gave a fascinating talk about female spies, saboteurs and resistance fighters from ancient times through to the modern day. We enjoyed learning about Boudica's uprising against the Romans, and were also interested to hear about the work of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, who are still active today. We were told about the work of women who were active during World War One such as Mata Hari and Gertrude Bell, and also heard about</p>
<p>Local Snippets</p>	<p>Guild meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month 2.30pm and offers a varied programme lasting around an hour. For more information contact James Eaton on 722387</p>	<p>September's speaker was Hugh Davies who gave a fascinating talk about female spies, saboteurs and resistance fighters from ancient times through to the modern day. We enjoyed learning about Boudica's uprising against the Romans, and were also interested to hear about the work of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, who are still active today. We were told about the work of women who were active during World War One such as Mata Hari and Gertrude Bell, and also heard about</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Peover Golf Club has announced that it will be closing its golf course and club, and will relaunch the business as The Oak Tree of Peover which will see it solely focus on being a wedding and events venue ◆ Knutsford is considering proposals for a new Town Ranger responsible for cleaning bus shelters and street signage, pruning trees, painting rails and bollards, leaf collection and weeding pavements resulting in a cleaner and smarter town centre ◆ 'Elvis' the stag on Canute Place roundabout will be getting new willow antlers following the theft of his old antlers in June! ◆ The Golden Pheasant in Plumley are offering 25% off your next food bill if you sign up online here: www.goldenpheasantatplumley.co.uk ◆ Don't forget - the Makers Market comes to Knutsford the 1st Sunday every month – find out more here www.themakersmarket.co.uk <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Sarah Kym Mcloughlin</i> Holly Cottage</p>	<p>As mentioned in the last newsletter from 1st September we joined the Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit and our new minister is Rev. Jackie Betts who is the superintendent minister in the circuit. Jackie has been to a coffee morning, the fellowship group and our harvest supper and well as preaching here twice. We were made very welcome at a circuit lunch and service at Over Peover at the end of August and met many new people who we are sure will become our friends in the months to come. We may have a social event before Christmas and posters will be displayed nearer the time. The Church website can be viewed at www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk giving details of services, social events and regular meetings. Elizabeth Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Christine Barwell</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Over by Christmas” (Continued from page 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 community choirs - 300 volunteer performers of all ages from 8 to 80 - over 1000 school children through the school workshops - 4 train operators - Arriva, Merseyrail, Northern Rail, Virgin & Network Rail - 24 stations across the North west from Blacon & Hadlow Rd former stations to Manchester Piccadilly. <p>There is more information on their website and a short film as well for those who would like to know more about this stunning performance http://theatreinthequarter.co.uk/over-by-christmas <i>Ellr Tony Gabbott</i></p>

Local Contacts	Local Groups in Plumley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parish Council Chairman - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767 ◆ Village Hall Committee Chairman - David Nichols 723837 ◆ Village Hall Bookings on 07751 933123 or by e-mail to bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk ◆ Chapel Bookings Elizabeth Hall 722721 ◆ Tennis Courts & Play area Penny Allen 01565 722259 ◆ Plumley Stores/Post Office Jonathan Royle 722277 ◆ Toft Church Hall Hazel Raw 651205 ◆ Cheshire East Council 0300 123 5500 ◆ Knutsford Police 0845 458 6380 ◆ Flexible Transport Service 0845 0779110 (from 09.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday) ◆ Cheshire West & Chester Rural Rider 01606 784100 ◆ The Guild Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt ◆ Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete & Fund Raising) Sarah Sanderson 07554 344420 or 01565 23241 Michelle Moores on 07930 987940 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Contact Kathy McIntyre. Kids Club 4-14 years. 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 Christine England. Tel 722283 Probus Club D Tricker. Tel 634756

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

<p>Rubbish Collection Day is Wednesday</p> <p>Black bins: 29th October, 12th & 26th November and 10th December 2014</p> <p>Garden Waste (green bin) & Recycled Materials (including silver bins):</p> <p>5th & 19th November & 3rd December 2014</p> <p>Refuse queries Cheshire East Council - 0300 1235011</p>	<p>Mobile Library Schedule</p> <p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am</p> <p>Dates: 3rd & 24th November & 15th December 2014</p> <p>If the car park is busy the Mobile Library will stop at the end of Malt Kiln Road</p>
<p>Events at Toft Church Hall</p>	<p>Cheshire East Councillor George Walton - 651507 george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk</p>
<p>Monday</p> <p>U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Art Group 10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362</p> <p>2nd Toft Brownies 6.pm-7.30pm Sarah Brown or Kathryn Woolf E-mail : sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>5th Knutsford Brownies 5.00pm-6.15pm Rachel Reyer E-mail : thereyers@ntlworld.com</p> <p>Toft Quilters 1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month Veronica Walton 651507</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>The Callanetics Gp 9am-10am Carol Gunter. 651038</p> <p>Toft Mothers Union 2pm-4pm 1st Thursday in month. Vera Webster 01565 651722 or Pam Willocks 01565 722501</p>	<p>Plumley Station in Bloom</p> <p>On Thursday 23rd October the Northwest in Bloom, RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards took place in Southport. Every entry to the competition is awarded a grade from 1 denoted 'establishing' to the highest grade of 5 'Outstanding'.</p> <p>This is the first time that Plumley Station has been entered in the competition in its own right. We waited with bated breath as the awards progressed through the different levels and were delighted when the 'Friends of Plumley Station' were awarded a grade of level 4 'Thriving'. This is a fantastic result for a first time entry and my thanks go to everyone who helped make our Station look so beautiful over the summer. In my view it was outstanding, and I guess the target next year is to see if we can get the RHS judges to agree!</p> <p>There is still much to do over the winter, tidying up the flower beds and preparing for next year's planting. We hope to remove some of the self-seeded trees from the banks and tidy these up as well to allow more light and visibility to the car park and platforms. It all depends on having enough hands to do the work, so please let me know if you would like to be part of the award winning team that looks after the station.</p> <p>The New Year will also bring the Cheshire Best Kept Station competition in January which we won outright in 2013. Unfortunately that means that we will not be in the running again for that top award for the next few years, but hopefully some recognition will be given for the continuing hard work and how lovely the station looked over the summer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cllr Tony Gabbott.</i></p>
<p>Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama</p>	<p>Police Contact Number</p>
<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.</p> <p>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>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>