

Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

April / May 2015

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:

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

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Dates for the Diary

Toft Church Hall

Toft Church Mothers' Union
7th May. My Life at Granada.
Speaker Judy Poppley. Starts
2pm

4th June Outing
2nd July Deanery Mothers' Union
Festival Service 11am - followed
by light Lunch.

Plumley Methodist Church Coffee mornings

First Saturday of the month—
2nd May 10.30 –12.00

Fellowship House group 5th
May 7.15pm venue TBC

Guild meetings are held on the
last Tuesday on the month
2.30pm - 28th April & 26th May
Afternoon tea Wednesday 22nd
April 3pm

Plumley Village Hall

Village Fete - You are all invited
to join us on the afternoon of
Saturday 27th June

For more details on all of the
above please go to page 3

Police Surgeries

PCSO Lindsey Whitehead will be
running Police Surgeries at the
following times and locations:-

Saturday 18th of April

High Legh garden centre in the
café at 10 am

Friday 1st May

Plantation garden centre café at
10am

Thursday 21st May

Fryers Roses garden centre
café at 10am on

Friday 22nd May

High Legh garden centre café at
10am

Parish Council News

At the last meeting on the 1st April, the Parish Council agreed the budget for the coming year. Within that is an allowance for undertaking restoration and improvement work within the parish. However while the council have some thoughts as to what would help improve things, we need to hear views and comments from local residents as to what they would like to see done in the community.

We don't have a large amount of money to spend so we all need to be mindful of that. Ideas such as road repairs for example are well beyond the scope of what we can do and will remain the responsibility of Cheshire East Council. But suggestions of smaller projects and ideas would be very welcome, so if you have been wondering "why on earth don't they sort that out" please let us know what "that" is. All suggestions should be sent to the Parish Clerk, David McGifford, at clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk

Given the above it's probably a good idea to let you know what the parish Council is already working on. At the above meeting the PC approved the appointment of Cheshire Community Action (CCA) to undertake a housing needs survey within the Parish. The last parish plan was completed in November 2005 and we need to review how things have changed as well as allowing for the effects of the recent construction in the village. It is important that we get a high number of responses even if that is simply to confirm that your household has no further need, so please take part in the survey when you get the questionnaire. All information given will be treated confidentially by CCA and the PC will have no access to it. Only the final statistical results will be passed to the council for further discussion.

Last year the PC received letters from residents outlining the need for a playing field in the community. Exactly what sort of facility may be required is not clear and the overall level of support within the parish is also unknown. To answer these questions the PC has set up a working party led by Cllr Chris Wilson which will then in time report its findings to the Council. This will undoubtedly lead to another survey later in the year to make sure we are aware of the community's views as a whole. At that point the council can then decide what if anything needs to be done next.

The Council also approved a budget to fund the continuing work at the Station gardens and approaches. Some initial work has been done to prepare the ground for the wild flower seeds that provided such a fantastic display last year. A few other seeds are in already but we are short of helpers with the work falling on just a few of us at present. Please give some thought as to whether you can spare some time to help make the gardens look lovely again this summer.

The speed of traffic along Plumley Moor Road still remains a concern. However the general view is that the Speed Indication Devices (SID's) have had an impact and the Council is considering the potential and benefits of placing two more between the station and the roundabout. Cllr Kevin James who is responsible for highways within the PC is exploring costs and options for us to consider further.

I am also pleased to report that following the long awaited speed watch training being delivered, Kevin and I have already spent a few hours out with the speed gun. The results are worrying in that even though we are in full view, the number of cars traveling in excess of 36MPH was over 10% of total traffic. Two other residents joined us for the training and the speed watch does seem to be one of the best ways of reducing speeds according to the Police. So again, if you are concerned about the speed of traffic why not join the team that is trying to do something about it.

If you would like to talk to me about any of the issues I have mentioned here please feel free to give me a call. I am more than happy to talk through the Council's current views, and I will be delighted to find another orange high vis vest or arrange more training if you would like to join the Friends of Plumley Station or the Speed watch team.

We look forward to hearing your views and comments.

Cllr Tony Gabbott

Copy date for the next edition
will be 20th May 2015

All items to be sent to :

David McGifford

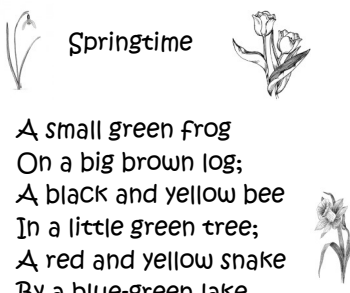
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Parish Council responsibilities

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

	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

Spring Poem	Culture at Curzon
 <p>Springtime</p> <p>A small green frog On a big brown log; A black and yellow bee In a little green tree; A red and yellow snake By a blue-green lake, All sat and listened To red bird sing, "Wake up, everybody,</p>	<p>Alongside their weekly film screenings, Curzon Knutsford cinema are continuing with their popular programme of live theatrical, art and dance screenings. Their Spring season brings us:</p> <p>Vincent Van Gogh Exhibition on Screen (14th April) – giving exclusive access to the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam</p> <p>National Theatre Live Man and Superman (14th May) - a romantic comedy, an epic fairytale, a fiery philosophical debate which asks fundamental questions about how we live. Ralph Fiennes takes the role of Jack Tanner in this exhilarating reinvention of Shaw's witty, provocative classic.</p> <p>Amour Fou – about the ill-fated love affair between German romantic writer Heinrich von Kleist and Henriette Vogel (11th May)</p> <p>Find out more here www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford</p>
Out and About	Music train news - programme to July
<p>Our local Stately homes and gardens have some fantastic Springtime offerings, including:</p> <p>Tatton Park http://events.tattonpark.org.uk</p> <p>8th March-19th April Lindt Storytime Easter in the Gardens 7th-17th April Lambing Fort-night at the Farm 16th April Kite-Making Workshop 26th April Longbow 22nd April-17th May Manchester School of Art: Inspired by Tatton 13th May National Garden Scheme Open Day 16th-17th May Tatton Park Country Show 30th-31st May Classic Car Spectacular</p>	<p>Mid Cheshire Line Music Trains are back!!</p> <p>We start our 2015 programme from Chester to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley on Wednesday 22 April to promote Chester Folk Festival. From Altrincham/Knutsford to Alexanders in Chester our programme begins on Wednesday 20 May with Murray String Quartet on the train and Deportees at Alexanders.</p> <p>Wednesday 22 April - Chester to Plumley and at the Golden Pheasant</p> <p>Three bands - Time Bandits, Steerage Class and Full House are playing and singing on the Music Train from Chester and at the Golden Pheasant pub in Plumley. They are promoting Chester Folk Festival (www.chesterfolk.org.uk) - to be held at Kelsall from Friday 22 May to Monday 25 May. Time Bandits play Anglo-European folk and renaissance dance music for concerts and ceilidhs. Full House play a mixture of traditional, contemporary and self written material on guitar and octave mandola. Steerage Class (with Roy Clinging and Graham Bellinger) have a lively repertoire of sea shanties and folk songs. (Leaves Chester at 19:04 and returns to Chester at 22:45).</p> <p>Wednesday 20 May – Altrincham/Knutsford to Chester and Alexanders</p> <p>A Music Train from Altrincham/Knutsford to Chester with Murray String Quartet on the train there and back and Deportees at Alexanders in Chester, repeating a successful combination from last year.</p> <p>You will need to book in advance. The package deal of music and food plus taxis to and from the station at Chester can be booked online at www.alexanderslive.com. (You can find and book the Music Trains under 'Events'). On Jazz Jam night it's bangers'n mash with sausages, peas and gravy. You'll need a train ticket as well. (Music Train leaves Altrincham at 18:46, return leaves Chester at 22:48).</p>
Marbury Country Park	Local Snippets
<p>www.northwichwoodlands.org.uk/events.shtml</p> <p>2nd May Dawn Chorus Walk and Spring Bird Walk 13th -14th May Bring and Buy Plant Sale</p> <p>Arley Hall & Gardens http://www.arleyhallandgardens.com/events/</p> <p>12th April Spring Plant Fair 25th-26th April Bluebell Walks 3rd-4th May Bluebell Walks</p>	<p>Cheshire East Council has decided not to lend £5.5million to the developers of the BeWILDerwood adventure playground development in Tatton Park. The future of the project now depends on the developers securing the funds from elsewhere. Find out more in the Knutsford Guardian here www.knutsfordguardian.co.uk/news</p> <p>The Makers Market comes to Knutsford the 1st Sunday every month. One of the largest artisan markets of this type in the UK, with only the very finest food, drink, art and craft – find out more here www.themakersmarket.co.uk</p> <p>Knutsford has been awarded a place in the top 50 Best Towns and Suburbs to Live by The Sunday Times! Knutsford is one of only three places to make the list in the North West of England</p>
Greenfingers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring is finally here and we are all venturing out into our gardens again! Here are a few hints and tips of things you can be doing now to get your garden to grow: • April and May are perfect times of the year for laying turf or reseeding grass...if you have a patchy lawn or want grass in a new area of your garden, do the work now and sit back in summer enjoying the fruits of your labour! 	

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 Village Hall News	Plumley Methodist Church
<p style="text-align: center;">Village Fete</p> <p>You are all invited to join us on the afternoon of Saturday 27th June for our annual Village Fete. Unfortunately, due to their being so few of us on the Village Hall Management Committee, we have been unable to organise a May Queen this year, but we will have Mereside Brass playing for us, the WI providing teas and the return of many the traditional stalls: raffle, tombola, second hand book, homemade cakes, plants and games to name but a few.</p> <p>Details will follow nearer the day, but for now we need volunteers to help on the day, even for a couple of hours, and we will be collecting your used books, unwanted gifts and items suitable for the raffle or tombola so please keep them for us - and if anyone can organise a sunny day that would be wonderful!</p> <p>If you can help us with the Fete please contact Penny on 722259 or Avril on 722006. Email: chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village Hall Website</p> <p>We have added a new page to our website (www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk) recounting the history of the Village Hall as written by Wilf Kelly who lived in the village from 1935 and played an active part in setting up the hall. If anyone else has reminiscences about the start of the Village Hall or life in the village in times past, please get in touch, we'd love to add to the village history.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village Hall Management Committee</p> <p>The Village Hall Management committee meet once a month on a Tuesday evening. We make sure that the Hall is maintained, organise bookings & manage the hall's finances. We are all volunteers with jobs and families and we need more of you to help us spread the load so that Plumley still has a successful Village Hall for years to come. Age is not a barrier, we would especially welcome some young(er) people with fresh ideas, neither is length of time in the village. If you think you may be interested please contact Pam on 722262 or Email: chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk</p> <p>Pam Arnfield Chair Village Hall Management Committee</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, we will make you feel welcome and introduce you to some of your neighbours.</p> <p>Next Coffee Mornings are:</p> <p>2nd May 10.30 am to noon. Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle at each and will be hosted by members of the church guild.</p> <p>The Fellowship house group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm, the next one is on the 5th May, venues to be confirmed. All are very welcome and for more information and the venues contact Elizabeth on 722721</p> <p>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</p> <p>Services are usually held at 11am each Sunday except 'special services' when times may vary, these are advertised on the outside notice board and where possible in this newsletter.</p> <p>Afternoon tea Wednesday 22nd April 3pm come along and join us for a social afternoon with sandwiches and cakes and a good chat to friends old and new. In order to assist with catering it would be helpful to let a member of the church know if you are planning to come.</p> <p>Minimum donation £3.00 which will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village.</p> <p>The Church website can be viewed at www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk giving details of services, social events and regular meetings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday is Creative Stitchers Sewing Club Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We have just celebrated our 3rd Birthday!</p> <p>Would you like to meet other people who enjoy sewing and make new friends? Our aim is to have some sewing fun, get inspiration, discuss ideas and maybe learn something new! People of all abilities welcome Mornings 9.00am – 12 noon, Evenings 7.00pm – 10.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Sewing Workshops & Courses after Easter - Have you been watching the Sewing Bee? - A New 6 week Dressmaking Course starts after Easter - Learn how to make your own clothes to fit your figure. - How to use your sewing machine & Basic sewing skills - Learn how to make your own curtains - and save money! - Roman Blinds – a contemporary way to dress your windows - Embroidery Techniques <p style="text-align: center;">And lots more!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Check out our website for all the details www.creative-stitchers.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plumley Womens Institute</p> <p>13th April: Louise Jenkins will be giving a talk entitled "Hotter Shoes" Competition - Shoe Horn 11th May: Resolution and a talk entitled "Bees in Britain" by John van Suchtelen Competition - Honey Pot 1st June: Members' Night</p> <p>New members and guests are always welcome.</p> <p>Members have been busy with various walks such as those at Mouldsworth and Dunham Massey. We have also been busy with meetings concerning this year's Cheshire Show and have been thinking of what to exhibit at the Knutsford Heritage Centre's exhibition for August and September entitled "WI Inspiring Women for 100 years".</p> <p>Our March speaker was Karen Pudner, who gave an interesting talk about her work volunteering with Manchester Girl Geeks (an organisation who aim to encourage girls and women to be more interested in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)). We were fascinated to hear about the variety of talks, show and tell sessions and workshops that have taken place, as well as the Bar Camps, (which are conferences with no booked speakers where anyone can turn up and talk about a STEM subject that they are interested in). Christine Barwell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Knutsford Floral Design Club</p> <p>Meet at Plumley Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month, except August and December, for an afternoon of floral demonstration, members' competitions, tea, chat and fun. All are welcome, the cost for visitors is £6.00. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th April.</p>

Local Contacts		Local Groups in Plumley	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parish Council Chairman - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767 ◆ Village Hall Committee Chairman - Pam Arnfield 722262 ◆ Village Hall Bookings on 07784 483496 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) 		<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. Tel 722358 Kids Club 4-14 years. Bookings Tel 07747 302064 Mereside Brass Band (PVH) 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 	
Waste collection		Mobile Library Schedule	
<p>General waste: 15th & 29th April and 13th & 27th May</p> <p>Recycling: 22nd April and 6th & 20th May</p> <p>Garden: 22nd April and 6th & 20th May</p>		<p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am</p> <p>Dates: April 15th & May 20th 2015, 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	
<p>Monday U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053</p> <p>Wednesday Art Group 10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362 2nd Toft Brownies 6.pm-7.30pm Sarah Brown E-mail : sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk 5th Knutsford Brownies 5.00pm-6.15pm Rachel Reyer E-mail : therevers@ntlworld.com Toft Quilters 1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month Veronica Walton 651507</p> <p>Thursday 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>		Best in the North West – Again	
<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>For the second year in a row, Cheshire East heads the list of the best places to live in the North West in the Halifax Quality of Life survey. The annual survey tracks where living standards are highest in the United Kingdom by ranking local performance across key indicators covering: the labour market, the housing market, the environment, education, health, and personal wellbeing. One of the reasons Cheshire East is the best in the North West is due to the rising rates of employment. Cheshire East is attracting more growth and jobs and it is anticipated that up to 3,430 jobs will be created in the Borough by supporting the relocation of businesses. Cheshire East's jobless rate is 1.1% which is the lowest in 10 years. Cheshire East's schools are ranked in the top 3 in England which shows the ability to create greater opportunities for young people to lead rewarding lives. 93.6% of schools are rated as good or outstanding, which accounts for 48,788 pupils, and the ALevel and GCSE results are well above the national average. Residents are also being helped with an opportunity to save up to £200 per year on their energy bills through the Fairerpower scheme. Cheshire East Council has teamed up with OVO Energy to offer competitively priced energy to residents who live within the Borough of Cheshire East. For more information visit the Cheshire East Council website</p>	
Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama		Police Contact Number	
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