



Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

December / January 2016

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-

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Diary Dates at a glance Parish Council News - Housing Needs Survey Summary

Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

9th January 10.30 am to noon

Monday 21st December 4pm

Christingle service

Thursday 24th December 8pm

Christmas service with Holy communion.

Sunday 27th December 11 am service

Tatton Park 28th Nov – 20th Dec – Father Christmas at the Farm

Arley Hall & Gardens

Christmas 15th Dec

Willow Weaving Workshop

On behalf of the Parish council I would like to thank everybody who took the time to complete and return the Housing Needs Survey questionnaire. The results have now been discussed with Cheshire East Council's (CEC) planning department and the conclusion agreed. The main points can be summarised as follows.

The quality of the survey was highly commended by CEC in terms of its ease to understand and the relevance of the information it gathered. CEC confirmed it was the best example they has seen of this type of survey and asked for permission from the Parish Council to allow other parishes to use it.

The response rate was 26% and slightly lower than CEC would normally expect. This was interpreted as an indication that the issue was not relevant to many households in the Parish. CEC confirmed that a response rate at this level in no way invalidated the results.

The overall need for affordable housing within the Parish was shown to be very small. Even where a possible need was recorded, available household income was shown to be insufficient to meet the need in all but one instance.

Additional Social Housing may be a further option, but the number of properties required is so small that such a development would not be practical.

The level of need demonstrated does not constitute a community need that the Parish Council would be expected or be able to try and resolve. The only course of action would be to repeat the survey in 5 years' time to assess any changes.

CEC planning dept. will now advise anybody considering the submission of plans for affordable housing within the parish that the level of need has been shown to be extremely small.

I would also like to thank Cheshire Community Action (CCA) for distributing the survey and correlating all the results with great efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Cllr Tony Gabbott

Play area update

The Parish Council has received some outline proposals on what can be achieved for the village play area at Moorcroft.

Early in January potential users and local residents will have the opportunity to give their thoughts as to what is required to meet local needs. Questionnaires will be made available at the Village Store and the Village Hall as well as being posted to residents within close proximity to Moorcroft. It is important that we receive feedback to ensure that, subject to funding, we can deliver the best play area possible for the village.

Police Surgeries

Tuesday 15th of December at 10am - The Lambing Shed café on Chelford Road Knutsford

Thursday 24th of December at 10am - Plantation Garden Centre – Plumley

Plumley Village Hall News

The Village Hall AGM took place on Thursday 20th October when interested villagers were invited to join us for a summary of the year & a review of the financial accounts of the Village Hall.

Also the old committee resigned & a new committee were elected. There were no new people interested in coming on the committee so it was fortunate that the old committee were willing to serve for another year. This still leaves us with a vacancy for a Secretary to take the minutes & deal with minor correspondence and the Treasurer's post is being covered on an interim basis.

If you would like to meet more people in the village or simply give something back to your community then please contact me or any of the committee for more information.

Projects:

We are planning to do some modernisation & renewals to the Village Hall over the coming year. In particular we are planning to replace the hall curtains which are looking tired & worn after many years of use, & also we are intending to update the toilet facilities. If you think you can help with either of these projects please contact me or any committee member.

Future events:

Tickets are now on sale in the Village Shop for:

'Christmas Concert of Carols & Christmas Music with Mereside Brass

Friday 18th December at 7.30pm Free to All

Join us to sing some carols, be entertained by the band & enjoy mince pies, mulled wine, tea & coffee

Pam Arnfield

Chair

Copy date for the next edition will be 20th January 2016

All items to be sent to :

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Parish Councillors areas of responsibility

Tony Gabbott	Chairman.
Chris Wilson	Vice Chairman and playing fields
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

When Santa got stuck up the chimney!

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
 He began to shout,
 You girls and boys,
 Won't get any toys,
 If you don't pull me out.
 There's soot on my back,
 And my beard is all
 black,
 My nose is tickling
 too!
 When Santa got stuck
 up the chimney,
 Achoo, Achoo, Achoo

**Culture at Curzon**

Alongside their weekly film screenings, Curzon Knutsford cinema are continuing with their popular programme of live theatrical, art and dance screenings. They are also showing the 1946 Christmas classic film *It's a Wonderful Life* on 13th December. Their pre-Christmas season brings us:

12th Dec - Met Encore – Mozart's *The Magic Flute*
 16th Dec - ROH: Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*
 28th Jan - NT Live: *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*

Find out more and book tickets here www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford

Music on the Trains**National Awards**

Much to our surprise the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership was Overall Winner in the National Community Rail Awards at the beginning of October. This is a title that has generally been given in the past to a rail company, so all involved in the Line feel very honoured. It is a particular success for our Community Rail Officer, Sally Buttifant, who also received a personal award (jointly with Theatre in the Quarter) for 'Over by Christmas' in the category for First World War commemoration events. The Community Rail Partnership, with the students of Pettypool College, won the Involving Young People award for relandscaping Delamere station. And Ellesmere Port station partners won the award for Most Enhanced Station Buildings. Though Ellesmere Port is not on the Mid Cheshire Line, the renovation was co-ordinated by Sally using the community-based approach she had developed on the Line.

Music Trains

The 2015 season ended with a typically lively performance from the Deportees on 7 October on the Music Train from Chester to Plumley. And the week before we ran the fifth Music Train of 2015 from Altrincham to Chester with MartsManJazz3 in fine form. It was the busiest-ever Chester-bound Music Train. An excellent end to our most successful season with our highest average attendance of 39. Numbers ranged from 25 to 62, with 36 as the median. All thirteen of our planned Music Trains ran (last year we 'lost' one to the other World Cup) and were well-attended. We arranged four events for groups, including visitors from Perth (Australia).

Thanks to the bands, to the conductors who enjoyed the music and collected the fares, to the staff at the Golden Pheasant in Plumley and Alexanders in Chester, to my fellow hosts – and to you, the audiences.

The 2015 programme was sponsored by Northern, who have been very supportive since Music Trains began in 2008. Their franchise ends at the end of the year and the new franchisee is yet to be announced.

Feedback is very welcome – what did you enjoy? what could we improve? do you know of a band who could play on the Music Train? would you be willing to be the host on one of them?

More Music Trains in 2016 We plan to start again in April from Chester to Plumley and in May from Altrincham to Chester. Music Trains are arranged and hosted by members of the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association (MCRUA) on behalf of the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership. Watch the website or subscribe to this newsletter for details. We can try to arrange Music Trains for groups if the organiser is fairly confident of getting 30 people to come along. They need to be at times when the trains and venues are not too crowded – so in the evening or in the middle of the day and on weekdays rather than at weekends.

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 Clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk INCLUDING YOUR FULL POSTAL ADDRESS.**

Winter Wildlife Haven

The Wildlife Trusts offers their top 5 tips on giving wildlife a helping hand in winter:

Keep your grass long – it provides shelter for insects, small mammals and amphibians

Keep a log pile – it provides a safe home for insects over the winter months

Retain a pile of fallen leaves – toads and newts seek out leaf litter and some creatures use leaves to line their nests or burrows

Let your ivy flower – this can provide nectar to insects like butterflies and bumblebees that fly on warmer winter days and as the berries ripen they provide food for birds

Provide a hibernating spot for hedgehogs - leaning plywood against a fence, wall or hedge in a quiet spot and covering it with leaves and branches will provide a snug spot.

Greenfingers

- ◇ With the start of winter upon us, it's the time of year to tidy up the garden and make preparations for Spring. Here are a few hints and tips of timely things you can be doing now to get make your gardens beautiful:
- ◇ Improve your soil by mixing manure into borders
- ◇ Plant new fruit bushes
- ◇ Prune wisteria and apple trees
- ◇ Make compost from fallen leaves

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 align="center">Plumley Womens Institute</p>	<p align="center">Plumley Methodist Church</p>
<p>All of our meetings are held in Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members and guests are always welcome.</p> <p>Over the past few months members have been busy with well attended walks around the local countryside and a trip to Harrogate for the 'WI Show.' We also had our very own Mini Show in October, which included a cake decorating "ice-off competition." Our Craft Group continues to do well and they have been working on some lovely projects.</p> <p>In November we had our Annual Meeting and Flo Waller gave a on enjoyable talk entitled "Cow to Cone."</p> <p>In December we have our annual Christmas Party as well as a Christmas visit to Arley Hall. In addition, we look forward to a new programme of events in the New Year!</p> <p>You can now follow us on Twitter @wi_plumley</p> <p>Christine Barwell</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Next Coffee Mornings are:</p> <p>9th January 10.30 am to noon, the next one will be our Christmas one. Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle.</p> <p>The Annual Bazaar held on Saturday 7th November was a huge success and raised £1322.95 for Church funds. A big thank you to all who supported this event, it is much appreciated.</p> <p>The Fellowship house group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm and the next meetings will be on Tuesday 1st December and 5th January. All are very welcome and for more information and the venues contact Elizabeth on 722271</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>Christmas Services.</p> <p>Monday 21st December 4pm Christingle service come along and have fun making your christingle then sing a few carols. All welcome but especially families with children. refreshments will be served afterwards.</p> <p>Thursday 24th December 8pm Christmas service with Holy communion.</p> <p>Sunday 27th December 11 am service</p> <p>The Church website can be viewed at www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk giving details of services, social events and regular meetings.</p>
<p align="center">Home Security Operation Shield</p>	
<p>The Parish Council received a request from Cheshire Constabulary to work with them by offering each home owner in the parish a 'SelectaDNA' kit. This is a type of traceable liquid which is used to mark up valuable items within the home that are most frequently stolen when a burglary takes place.</p> <p>Each DNA Forensic Property Marking kit is available at a vastly reduced cost of £10. The normal cost would be over £40 and each Kit would allow between 30 and 50 items to be marked including TVs, Smartphones, Desktop PCs, Laptops, Digital Cameras, etc. The marks can be seen with an ultra violet light and can be instantly traceable to their owners through the database. More information is available from the company's website – selectadna.co.uk</p> <p>SelectaDNA kits have been supplied to high crime level areas and have achieved reductions in burglary of up to 88% nationally. Recent results in Cheshire are showing results of up to 68% in Chester. Offenders have moved away from these areas which are clearly signed as having items forensically marked and if sufficient kits are sold we would be able to have such signs – as now seen in Mobberley and Chelford – near clusters of houses. Police Officers and PCSO's from Cheshire Constabulary will be on hand when the kits are delivered to demonstrate their use and register them on your behalf</p> <p>Parish Councillors have already stated that they wish to lead by example and purchase their own kits and encourage neighbours to do the same. Interested residents can contact the clerk who's details are on page 1 who will forward your details onto the relevant contact at the constabulary.</p>	<p align="center">Local Snippets</p> <p>Knutsford's own version of the Hairy Bikers have released their first cook book based on ski chalet recipes. James McBride and Mark Chetham, authors of 'Cooking on the Piste', have launched their book exclusively at The Cheese Yard on King Street, where it is now available to buy</p> <p>Cheshire East Council are considering the possibility of applying to host The Tour of Britain next year – which could see the prestigious cycling event coming through Knutsford in September 2016.</p> <p align="right">Sarah of Holly Cottage</p> <p align="center">Knutsford Floral Design Club</p> <p>Knutsford Floral Design Club meet at Plumley Village Hall, at 2.00pm, on the third Wednesday of every month (except August and December). There is a flower arranging demonstration at each meeting and we also have a members' competition each month. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £6.00.</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 20th January when Alison Cooper of Salford will demonstrate with the title 'Elemental'. The members' competition is entitled 'Garden Snippets' and will be a petite design.</p>

Local Contacts		Local Groups in Plumley	
<p>◆ Parish Council Chairman - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Committee Chairman - Pam Arnfield 722262</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Bookings on 07784 483496 or by e-mail to bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk</p> <p>◆ Chapel Bookings Elizabeth Hall 722271</p> <p>◆ Tennis Courts & Play area Penny Allen 01565 722259</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>◆ Flexible Transport Service 0845 0779110 (from 09.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday)</p> <p>◆ Cheshire West & Chester Rural Rider 01606 784100</p> <p>◆ The Guild James Eaton</p> <p>◆ Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete & Fund Raising)</p>		<p>Creative Stitchers Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</p> <p>Guild Chapel Hall Last Tues in month 2.30pm</p> <p>Halle Group 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 Contact Kathy McIntyre. Tel 722358</p> <p>Kids Club 4-14 years. Bookings Tel 07747 302064</p> <p>Mereside Brass Band (PVH) Practice Fri 8-10pm Tel 07747302064</p> <p>Learners 6.45-7.45pm Tel 07879697768</p> <p>Mums and Tots VH Tues morning (termtime) Plumley WI PVH 1st Monday in month Christine England. Tel 722283</p> <p>Probus Club D Tricker. Tel 634756</p>	
Waste collection		Mobile Library Schedule	
<p>General waste: 9th & 23rd December and 6th & 20th January</p> <p>Recycling: 16th & 30th December and 13th & 27th January</p>		<p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am</p> <p>Dates: December 21st & January 18th 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 : thereyers@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>		<p>Thursday is Creative Stitchers Sewing Club Day</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</p> <p>◇ Mornings 9.00am – 12 noon, Evenings 7.00pm – 10.00pm</p> <p>◇ New Sewing Workshops & Courses for the Autumn</p> <p>◇ Learn how to make your own clothes to fit your figure.</p> <p>◇ Couture Dressmaking – would you like to improve your sewing skills?</p> <p>◇ How to use your sewing machine & Basic sewing skills</p> <p>◇ Learn how to make your own curtains - and save money!</p> <p>◇ Roman Blinds – a contemporary way to dress your windows And lots more!</p> <p>Check out our website for all the details www.creative-stitchers.co.uk Tel: Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</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.</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.</p> <p>The 999 number is still reserved for Police Emergencies and the other Emergency Services.</p> <p>You can also leave a voice mail on 0845 458 6380.</p>		