



# Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

February / March 2015

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

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[www.parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/index.htm](http://www.parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-council/index.htm)

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## Dates for the Diary

### Toft Church Hall

5th March - Age UK. Speaker Victoria Lockett

2nd April - Heritage Centre - Talk on Cranford.

### Plumley Methodist Church Coffee mornings

7th February for the Christie hospital

7th March for the Kenya fund 10.30 am to noon.

Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle at each.

### Plumley Village Hall

The next CRTA production at the Village Hall will be the Harmonettes incorporating many popular songs from WW1 & new songs. This will be on Sunday 22nd March

## 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

P Plumley

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

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## Parish Council News

### Parish Council Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council (PC) will be held on- Wednesday the 4th of February and Wednesday the 4th of March both starting at 7.45pm and will be held at Plumley Methodist Church. 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

### Police Surgeries

PCSO Lindsey Whitehead will be running Police Surgeries at the following times and locations during Fryers garden centre surgery at the café at 10am Saturday 14th of Feb.

Plantation garden centre surgery at the café at 10am on Wednesday 25th of Feb.

High Legh garden centre surgery at the café at 10am on Thursday 26th of Feb.

### Responsible Dog Walkers

In a parish like ours many residents are likely to be dog owners. In fact many owners walk their dogs along the path that runs through the fields at the back of my house, often to the great interest of my own dog as they pass. However a large dog population leads to the danger of dog waste appearing where it shouldn't, and the council are now receiving complaints that this is happening too often. It is actually some of our dog owners who are voicing their objection at having to clear up after others who are letting their animals foul where they should not. This is particularly bad when it occurs on the streets or roadsides as is being reported, but our rural footpaths are also falling victim to this as well.

Sometimes this will happen when a dog gets out and I have been asked to clear up after mine in these circumstances. But a continued build-up of dog waste due to some owners simply allowing it to happen is not something anyone would want to see and is actually the responsibility of all of us who own dogs to prevent. So Please clear up after your dog if it fouls our streets or footpaths, whether paved or running through the beautiful fields that surround us.

Cllr Tony Gabbott.

## New roundabout

Following last weeks changing of the street light fittings to the older style which are now in keeping with the Village requirements, apart from the removal of one old street lamp the work is complete, With the SIDs now fully operational for several weeks, it is clearly noticeable how much the traffic has slowed down. We will continue to monitor the traffic and once the training is completed we will be out on speed-watch which will give us a better picture of the improvement on traffic speed. — Cllr Kevin James  
Kevin James

## Plumley Station—The best Kept Gardens in Cheshire

Following on from our success in 2013 when Plumley won the Best Kept Station competition, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm that in the same competition our station has just won the Best Kept Gardens award for 2014.

Many people have commented as to how lovely all the station flowers looked during the summer. The wild flower beds in particular were a fantastic new addition and have drawn much praise. These were sown by All Turf Ltd and I hope this is something we can expand further this summer.

My thanks go to all the 'Friends of Plumley Station' who have worked hard to bring about this transformation over the last few years. But there is always more to do and as I have said before it is not too late to get involved if you would like to join the team that looks after our multi award winning station.

Cllr Tony Gabbott

Children's Corner	Entertainment at Curzon
<p><i>Say it with flowers</i>  <i>Different flowers carry different meanings.</i>  <i>Here are some of them</i></p>  <p><i>Pink Carnations: I will never forget you</i>  <i>Honey Suckle: Devotion</i>  <i>Dandelion: Wisdom</i>  <i>Pink Rose: Friendship</i>  <i>Fuchsia: Good taste</i></p>	<p><b>Special Events</b></p> <p>Wednesday 11 February 700pm: RSC: Love's Labour's Lost                  Saturday 14 February 5.30pm: MET Opera Live: Iolanta and Duke Bluebeard's Castle                  Tuesday 24 February 7.15pm: ROH Live: Der Fliegende Holländer                  Wednesday 4 March 7.00pm: Love's Labour's Won (or Much Ado About Nothing)</p> <p><b>New film releases</b></p> <p>From Friday 13 February: Fifty Shades of Grey                  From Friday 27 February: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</p> <p><b>Curzon Curates</b></p> <p>Monday 9 February 7.50pm: What We Do in the Shadows                  Monday 23 February 7.50pm: The Grandmaster</p> <p><b>Toft Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0PE Recorded Information and Booking Line: 0330 500 1331</b></p>

**Think Big for 2015** O2 has re-launched Think Big for 2015 - Helping Young People to Tackle Problems in Society. O2 Think Big aims to find young people with great ideas and help them turn their ideas into reality. This is done by awarding funding and delivering training and support. Projects have to help the community or tackle a problem with society. Projects that only help one person will not be accepted. Beyond that, applicants can do everything or anything – in fact the more bold and creative the ideas, the better. Funding between £300 and £2,500 is available. Individuals or groups between the ages of 13 and 25 years can apply for, and run, a project; however, people of any age can get involved by becoming fans or members of the project in the UK. The next deadline for applications is 11th March 2015

**Community Funding**

**Comic Relief Local Communities Programme** The final round of the Comic Relief Local Communities Programme is now open for organisations in Cheshire. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available, although in this final round the grants will be smaller to allow a number of organisations to benefit. The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. The deadline for the final round will be Friday 27th February 2015. For more information visit the Cheshire Community Foundation website. **WREN Community Fund** The new Community Fund has replaced Wren's Main and Small Grant Schemes. The fund is open to applications from not-for-profit organisations within Wren's operating area, which can be checked on the WREN website. The Community Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 and projects should be in a position to start within six months of the funding decision. There are three funding rounds in 2015 with the first deadline for applications being 18th March 2015. For more information visit the WREN website

**Plumley Village Hall**

Christmas celebrations started with a concert of Carols & Christmas music with Mereside Brass. A full house enjoyed a good sing, mulled wine & mince pies. The Christmas season ended with Farnham Maltings touring company production of It's a Wonderful Life, a Cheshire Rural Touring Arts presentation. A sell out audience enjoyed a wonderful, heartwarming production by a first rate company who involved the audience in the telling of the story in an innovative way. All agreed a great success. The next CRTA production at the Village Hall will be the Harmonettes telling the story of 'Dorothy's War' This popular singing trio, in the vein of the Andrews Sisters, will bring us this new production incorporating many popular songs from WW1 & new songs. This will be on Sunday 22nd March & tickets will be available from the village shop. The Village Hall is run by a committee of volunteers who meet once a month. We need additional members so if you think you may be able to help in any way please contact any member of the committee.

**More Broadband funding**

**New £6m scheme gives a boost to Superfast Broadband** Connecting Cheshire has announced a multi-million pound boost to its roll-out of superfast fibre broadband, which will result in the technology becoming available to thousands more homes and businesses. Another 10,000 Cheshire homes and businesses are expected to have access to fibre broadband by summer 2017 as a result of the £6m project signed between four Cheshire councils and BT for a second phase Superfast Extension Programme. Work will start on the planning of the additional network in autumn 2015. The Connecting Cheshire **Superfast Business Programme** offers free support to help your business identify, maximise and profit from the opportunities that superfast broadband and new technologies present. They have a team of expert advisers offering a programme of master class workshops on hot topics and offering inspirational insights.

Plumley Village Hall	Plumley Methodist Church	
<p><b>Thursday is Creative Stitchers Sewing Club Day</b></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>New Sewing Workshops &amp; Courses this Spring At the Village Hall, Plumley</p> <p>How to use your sewing machine</p> <p>Basic sewing skills</p> <p>Learn how to make your own curtains - and save money!</p> <p>Dressmaking Weekends</p> <p>Roman Blinds – a contemporary way to dress your windows</p> <p>Embroidery Techniques</p> <p>And lots more!</p> <p>Check out our website for all the details</p> <p><a href="http://www.creative-stitchers.co.uk">www.creative-stitchers.co.uk</a></p> <p>Tel: Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</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.</p> <p><b>Next Coffee Mornings are:</b></p> <p>7th February for the Christie hospital and 7th March for the Kenya fund 10.30 am to noon. Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle at each.</p> <p>The Fellowship house group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm, the next one is 3rd February Lee and Julie's house and will be led by James. All are very welcome and for more information and the venues contact Elizabeth on 722721 Guild meetings are held on the last Tuesday on the month 2.30pm and</p>	<p>offers a varied programme lasting around an hour. For more information contact James Eaton on 722387 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. Sunday 8th February 2.30pm circuit service to welcome the Alderley Edge and Knutsford churches to our church. Service led by Rev Jackie Betts and will be followed by afternoon tea.</p> <p>Sunday 22nd March 6pm Home Missions service to be led by Rev Keith Ineson Agricultural Chaplain. refreshments will be served afterwards.</p> <p>Good Friday 3rd April 11.30am service led by Rev Jackie Betts and will be followed by afternoon tea.</p>
<b>Prince's Trust now Recruiting in Macclesfield</b>		
<p>Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit a team of young people to take part in the next Prince's Trust course, and is looking to its partners for help. The programme, starting on 2nd February 2015, is a twelve-week course giving local young people the opportunity to learn new skills, complete qualifications and gain greater self-confidence.</p> <p>If you know of anyone between the age of 16 and 18 years who lives in Macclesfield or the surrounding area, that you think may benefit from taking part in the free programme, then please get in touch. Experience shows that 80% of all graduates from the programme have gone on to achieve things as a result, this includes getting back into or going forward into education or gaining employment and training. They will also be looking for local places in Macclesfield to undertake a community project, for which they have to raise money for as part of the programme. They also need a two week work placement each so that they are able to graduate from the programme</p> <p>For more information and to assist with the course contact Project Manager John Walkey on 07837 057489 or visit the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service website Partner</p>		

**Remember winter safety when driving**

As we approach the time of year when we expect weather conditions to get colder and more unsettled we should all be a little more aware of the road conditions that we may encounter. Allow extra time in the morning to clear the frost from the car windows, and give yourself more time for the journey to allow for the unexpected delays.

There are some basic things we can all do which will go some way to ensuring we arrive safely at our destination. I have highlighted just a few of these here and hope they are helpful.

Ensure all lights are working and that you use the correct lights for the conditions. Take care not to dazzle other drivers. When stationary apply the hand brake and take your foot off the foot brake. Only use fog lights when the visibility is seriously reduced, and not as a means of extra lighting. Using Fog lights can dazzle and could cause an incident. (Rule 226 HWC) When clearing your windscreen, carefully lift the windscreen wipers to free them from the ice before clearing the windscreen, wipers can easily be damaged resulting in poor clearance of the windscreen. We need to have a good clear view of the road ahead, behind and from the sides, so while clearing the windscreen don't forget the side windows and mirrors. **Don't Drive an Igloo.**

Check that your screen wash is full and make the solution for -4 degrees, very annoying to have spent some time in the cold clearing the windscreen only to have an instant ice sheet across your screen and you cannot see.

Check the tyre pressures, if you have tyres with different pressures the wheels revolve at different speeds which could potentially induce a skid. Check tread depth, worn tyres with a tread depth of 3mm will take almost 10 meters extra to stop than new tyres. If making a long journey, put in a blanket, a small shovel, a Hiviz jacket, a working torch, plus hat and gloves. Plan your route and try and have a strategy if you get stuck rather than panic. Mobile phones don't work well once out of built up areas so tell who you are visiting the time you expect to arrive and the route you will be taking.

Pedestrians, please help drivers to see you. wearing black or dark clothing when walking near or on roads in the dark, means drivers will not be able to see you and possibly may not be able to take avoiding action where necessary wear a reflective arm band or light coloured clothing to increase your visibility to motorists.

Remember, adapt your driving to the road conditions, and arrive safely. I hope some of these points will ensure a safe and happy new year for all.—Cllr Kevin James

<b>Local Contacts</b>		<b>Local Groups in Plumley</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Parish Council Chairman</b> - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Committee Chairman</b> - Pam Arnfield 722262</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Bookings</b> on 07784 483496 or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk">bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk</a></li> <li>◆ <b>Chapel Bookings</b> Elizabeth Hall 722721</li> <li>◆ <b>Tennis Courts &amp; Play area</b> Penny Allen 01565 722259</li> <li>◆ <b>Plumley Stores/Post Office</b> Jonathan Royle 722277</li> <li>◆ <b>Toft Church Hall</b> Hazel Raw 651205</li> <li>◆ <b>Cheshire East Council</b> 0300 123 5500</li> <li>◆ <b>Knutsford Police</b> 0845 458 6380</li> <li>◆ <b>Flexible Transport Service</b> 0845 0779110 (from 09.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday)</li> <li>◆ <b>Cheshire West &amp; Chester Rural Rider</b> 01606 784100</li> <li>◆ <b>The Guild</b> Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt</li> <li>◆ <b>Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete &amp; Fund Raising)</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative Stitchers Sue 07711 585072 or Tracy 07768 916058</li> <li>Guild Chapel Hall Last Tues in month 2.30pm</li> <li>Halle Group Jim Rankin. Tel 651170</li> <li>Holly Tree Riding Stables Gloria Robinson. Tel 722188</li> <li>Iyengar Yoga Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm PVH. Contact Sue Rennie. Tel 01606 888324</li> <li>Lower Peover Contact Kathy McIntyre. Tel 722358</li> <li>Kids Club 4-14 years. Bookings Tel 07747 302064</li> <li>Mereside Brass Band (PVH) Practice Fri 8-10pm Tel 07747302064</li> <li>Learners 6.45-7.45pm Tel 07879697768</li> <li>Mums and Tots VH Tues morning (termtime) Plumley WI PVH 1st Monday in month Christine England. Tel 722283</li> <li>Probus Club D Tricker. Tel 634756</li> </ul>	
<b>Waste collection</b>		<b>Mobile Library Schedule</b>	
<p><b>General waste:</b> February 4th and 18th and March 4th and 18th</p> <p><b>Recycling:</b> February 11th and 25th and March 11th and 25th</p> <p><b>Garden:</b> February 25th and March 11th and 25th</p>		<p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am</p> <p><b>Dates:</b> February 18th &amp; March 18th 2015, If the car park is busy the Mobile Library will stop at the end of Malt Kiln Road</p>	
<b>Events at Toft Church Hall</b>		<b>Cheshire East Councillor George Walton - 651507 george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk</b>	
<p><b>Monday</b> U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> Art Group 10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362 2nd Toft Brownies 6.pm-7.30pm Sarah Brown E-mail : <a href="mailto:sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk">sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk</a> 5th Knutsford Brownies 5.00pm-6.15pm Rachel Reyer E-mail : <a href="mailto:thereyers@ntlworld.com">thereyers@ntlworld.com</a> Toft Quilters 1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month Veronica Walton 651507</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 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>		<b>Road information</b>	
		<b>Closures</b>	
		<p><b>Trouthall Lane</b>, will be closed for routine maintenance of the railway bridge on 4th February 2015 between the times of 8.00 to 16.00. This is the planned date but it could move.</p> <p><b>Bucklow Hill Lane to Hulseheath Lane</b>, this will be closed for Costain to carry out trial trenching in relation to the A556 improvements. Date is planned for 23rd Feb to 6th March. 2015.</p> <p><b>Blackhill Lane to Bexton Lane</b> will be closed for resurfacing on 16th February for one day, but could change.</p>	
		<b>Repairs</b>	
		<p>You will all have noticed how badly the surface of <b>Plumley Moor Road</b> has deteriorated over the last 12 months, very bad at the Smoker and large areas of the tarmac missing in other areas. I will be pushing Cheshire East Highways for these problems to resolved as soon as possible before we have any incidents. Funds have been make available to Councils by the Central Government for road repairs and sign cleaning, and we will push for these repairs to come out of this budget.—Cllr K James</p>	
<b>Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama</b>		<b>Police Contact Number</b>	
<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><b>Pre-School Drama Class</b>, rising 2's to 4 year olds contact Sam Marsden for details, phone - 07887 778 822 or email - <a href="mailto:mwsd@hotmail.co.uk">mwsd@hotmail.co.uk</a></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>	