



# Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

February / March 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-](http://www.parish.cheshire.gov.uk/plumley-bexton-toft-parish-)

## Diary Dates at a glance

### Toft Mothers'

**March 3rd** - Arighi Bianci Story  
 - Speakers Nick and Paul Bianchi  
**April 7th** - Charity work in Israel, Speakers Robbie Wolfson and Lynne Stein

**Meetings begin at 2pm till 4pm**

### Plumley Methodist Church

Next Coffee Mornings are:

**Saturday 6th February** and  
**5th March** 10.30 am to noon

Special Services

**Good Friday 25th March**

**11.30am** service with Rev.

Jackie Betts

**Sunday 3rd April 6pm** Mission in Britain circuit

### Plumley womens institute

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 Competition: An old key.

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## Play area update

Thank you to those residents close to the play area in the village that have returned their completed questionnaires to the council. The next stage will be to collate all the responses and work with Cheshire East Council to develop, if required a new design. When this has been done we will then look towards any additional funding that maybe required to bring forward the scheme. We will keep you updated with progress through the newsletter

## Village Hall News

### What you may have missed:

On 5th December we were treated to Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party as part of Cheshire Rural Touring Arts. Shoo Shoo proved to be extremely good close harmony group and gave us an entertaining professional evening of good fun, thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended.

This was followed on Friday 18th December by the annual Village Concert of Carols & Christmas music with Mereside Brass. This was a lovely start to the Christmas holidays, with mulled wine & mince pies for all. We hope that you will be able to join us same time next year!

### Dates for your diary:

#### Sunday 24th April

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts bring us Morgan & West 'Parlour Tricks'. Time travelling magic duo Morgan & West present a brand new show chock full of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic. The dashing chaps offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, all served with wit, charm and no small amount of panache.

Tickets will be available online via the website: [plumleyvillagehall.co.uk](http://plumleyvillagehall.co.uk), from Penny on 722259, or they will be for sale in the village shop from late March.

#### Saturday 25th June.

Plumley Village Fete. Following last year's successful format we will be doing the same again this year. If you would like to get involved then please get in touch with me, Penny or Avril - you will be very welcome.

Future Cheshire Rural Touring Arts productions in the village:

The two productions in the 2016 programme are the last ones that our village hall promoter is undertaking so if the events are to carry on in the village we are going to need someone to take on the role in some capacity.

If you think you might be interested & want more information about what this entails then please contact Penny or me for a chat. **Pam**

## NEW Sequence Dancing Tea dance at Plumley Village Hall

We run a Tea Dance at Plumley Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, . We start at 2pm and finish at 4pm with a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit half way through. Admission is £3.50.

Everyone is so friendly and help each other out if someone is not sure of the dance steps. Residents from Tabley House Care Home regularly attend the dances and when they are not able to come the dancers miss talking to them. We would love to see some of the local residents if they would like to come along and see what goes on and why sequence dancers are so fit and healthy as it is great gentle exercise, or just come along for a cup of tea and some live music.

We have music supplied by Tim Walker on the keyboard. Tim is one of the best keyboard players for dancing in the area. With Strictly Come Dancing back on the TV some of your readers may be interested in having a go.

Sequence Dancing is Ballroom dancing steps but in a pattern of movements repeated every sixteenth bar that everyone does at the same time going round the floor in a circle. There are several tempo types for sequence dancing, such as quick step, waltz, foxtrot, blues, saunter, jive, bossa nova, rumba, tango, swing, salsa, cha cha, etc

. For more details see <http://www.spanglefish.com/timwalker-dancing/>

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

**A Confectionary Quiz**

Use the clue to identify the sweet or chocolate!

- ◇ Ten cent pub
- ◇ Outside meal
- ◇ Wobbly infants
- ◇ Prevent from talking
- ◇ 9, 10, 11, 12 .....
- ◇ Garden flowers
- ◇ Small dog
- ◇ Big bus



Answers on page 3

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**Out and about**

Our local Stately homes and gardens have a variety of fantastic events (free and paid for):

**Tatton Park** <http://events.tattonpark.org.uk>

13th- 21st February - Splendiferous Roald Dahl Scarecrow Festival

6th March - Mothering Sunday Tour & High Tea

19th - 20th March - Shakespeare Week

20th March - Adopt a Farm Animal Day

25th-28th March - Easter Crafts & Country Shopping Fair

**Marbury Country Park**

[www.northwichwoodlands.org.uk/events.shtml](http://www.northwichwoodlands.org.uk/events.shtml)

Talk on Marbury - 14th March

23rd April - Spring Time in Marbury Country Park

**Arley Hall & Gardens**

<http://www.arleyhallandgardens.com/events/>

1st March - Arley opens for the season

**Capesthorpe Hall**

<http://www.capesthorpe.com/events>

2nd March - Capesthorpe Hall Victorian Theatre

- Lady Connie & The Suffragettes

**Sarah of Holly Cottage**

**Culture at Curzon**

Alongside their weekly film screenings, Curzon Knutsford cinema are continuing with their popular programme of live theatrical, art and dance screenings. Their 2016 season starts with:

25th Feb	National Theatre Live Shakespeare's As You Like it
3rd March	National Theatre Live – Hangmen
28th March	The Railway Children
2nd April	Met Opera – Puccini's Madame Butterfly

Find out more and book tickets here [www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford](http://www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford)  
**Sarah of Holly Cottage**

**Interested in the role of an on-call firefighter?**

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are being supported by Cheshire East Council's community team in recruiting people who live or work in the area to train as on-call firefighters. During the early part of 2016 local communities and businesses will be approached to ask whether individuals will consider this demanding but fulfilling role. On-call firefighters come from every walk of life, including shopkeepers, builders, plumbers, farmers, secretaries, engineers and directors of companies, together with people who are not currently employed.

Previous experience is not required thanks to the comprehensive training programme. You must be able to get to Knutsford Fire Station quickly after being alerted by a bleeper. This role can be physically demanding and therefore physical fitness is very important.

If you are interested in the role of an on-call firefighter at Knutsford contact Sarah Dornford-May on 01606 868451 and for other firefighter opportunities visit the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service website

**Community support for local charity****St Luke's Hospice needs your support as a volunteer**

The hospice have a huge team of volunteers in the community doing various roles to raise much needed funds to keep the hospice running and its team of dedicated carers and support staff.

They are looking for volunteers who can assist at the furniture warehouse situated on Winsford 1 to 5 Industrial Estate. The role is for assisting with a busy house clearance operation. They require Drivers, Drivers mates, sales, sorting and Ebay volunteers.

Contact details are:

Pam Ford

Volunteer Support

01606 555690

[Pamela\\_Ford@stlukes-hospice.co.uk](mailto:Pamela_Ford@stlukes-hospice.co.uk)

**Greenfingers**

It's the start of a brand new year and whilst it may still be cold outside, we can make preparations for Spring in our gardens. Here are a few hints and tips of things you can do now to make your gardens beautiful:

- ◇ Clear borders and rake leaves
- ◇ Squash mistletoe berries into apple trees for home-grown mistletoe next Christmas
- ◇ Plant bare-root roses, trees and shrubs
- ◇ Prune summer flowering clematis
- ◇ Cut dead stems from fuchsias

**Sarah of Holly Cottage**

**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 Womens Institute	Plumley Methodist Church								
<p>All of our meetings are held in Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm. New members and guests are always welcome.</p> <p>Monday 7th March: Crafts from the Dungeon - Bee Weir</p> <p>Competition: An old key.</p> <p>Monday 4th April: Lady Policeman - Karen Corcoran</p> <p>Competition: An unusual piece of copper.</p> <p>Our Craft Group have been learning needle-felting and on 18th February will be taking part in a wet-on-wet painting course.</p> <p>January's speaker was professional wildlife photographer Pat Bennet who gave a fascinating talk on his career which began as a hobby in Winneba, Ghana. Members enjoyed learning about his life and were enthralled by the amazing pictures he has taken.</p> <p>New members and guests are always welcome. You can follow us on Twitter @wi_plumley</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>Saturday 6th February and 5th March 10.30 am to noon, in March it will be for the Kenya fund. Coffee and refreshments with stalls and raffle.</p> <p>The Fellowship house group meets usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm and the next meeting will be on the 1st March.</p> <p>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><b>Special Services</b></p> <p>Good Friday 25th March 11.30am service with Rev. Jackie Betts</p> <p>Sunday 3rd April 6pm Mission in Britain circuit service preacher Mrs Anne Donaldson</p> <p>Sunday 17th April 11am Church Anniversary service preacher Mrs Gill Dascombe</p> <p>These preachers have been invited because they are excellent speakers and well worth hearing. Do join us!</p> <p>The Church website can be viewed at <a href="http://www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk">www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk</a> giving details of services, social events and regular meetings.</p>								
Home Security Operation Shield more orders required	Knutsford Floral Design Club								
<p>As published in the previous newsletter we 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 – <a href="http://selectadna.co.uk">selectadna.co.uk</a></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.</p> <p><b>We have recently been advised that we need a minimum of 20 orders to progress with the scheme.</b></p> <p>Interested residents can contact the clerk who's details are on page 1 who will collate the orders and forward your details onto the relevant contact at the constabulary.</p>	<p>Knutsford Floral Design Club meet at Plumley Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every months (except August and December). Meetings commence at 2.00 pm. At each meeting we have a floral demonstration by a guest demonstrator and a members' competition.</p> <p>Throughout the year we run a variety of flower arranging classes and work shops. A number of social occasions are held each year. We welcome visitors to our meetings at a charge of £6.00.</p> <p>Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 17th February when National Demonstrator, Diane Fair of Chester, will appear. This meeting will be preceded by the AGM, which will start at 11.30 and will be followed by a light lunch served to those club members who attend the AGM</p>								
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Local Contacts		Local Groups in Plumley	
<p>♦ <b>Parish Council Chairman</b> - Cllr Tony Gabbott 722767</p> <p>♦ <b>Village Hall Committee Chairman</b> - Pam Arnfield 722262</p> <p>♦ <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></p> <p>♦ <b>Chapel Bookings</b> Elizabeth Hall 722271</p> <p>♦ <b>Tennis Courts &amp; Play area</b> Penny Allen 01565 722259</p> <p>♦ <b>Plumley Stores/Post Office</b> Jonathan Royle 722277</p> <p>♦ <b>Toft Church Hall</b> Hazel Raw 651205</p> <p>♦ <b>Cheshire East Council</b> 0300 123 5500</p> <p>♦ <b>Knutsford Police</b> 0845 458 6380</p> <p>♦ <b>Flexible Transport Service</b> 0845 0779110 (from 09.30 - 12.30 Monday to Friday)</p> <p>♦ <b>Cheshire West &amp; Chester Rural Rider</b> 01606 784100</p> <p>♦ <b>The Guild</b> James Eaton</p> <p>♦ <b>Village Hall Events Organisers (Fete &amp; Fund Raising)</b></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. Kids Club 4-14 years. Tel 722358</p> <p>Mereside Brass Band (PVH) Bookings Tel 07747 302064 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><b>General waste:</b> 17th Feb, 2nd, 16th &amp; 30th March 2016</p> <p><b>Recycling:</b> 10th &amp; 24th Feb, 9th &amp; 23rd March 2016</p>		<p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am <b>Dates: 15th February &amp; 21st March 2016</b></p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk">george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a>	
<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 6pm-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:therevers@ntlworld.com">therevers@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>		<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? 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 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 &amp; 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 <a href="http://www.creative-stitchers.co.uk">www.creative-stitchers.co.uk</a> 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 -5pm 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.</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>		