

Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 24th March 2011 at Plumley Village Hall at 7pm—Annual Assembly at 8pm.

Local Contacts

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- * **Plumley Stores/Post Office**—Jonathan Royle 722277
- * **Toft Church Hall**—Hazel Raw—651205
- * **Cheshire East Council**—0300 123 5500
- * **Knutsford Police**—0845 458 6380
- * **Knutsford Village Rider**— 01606 786833

Speedwatch

The few volunteers we have within the Parish will be taking part in speedwatch exercises in the parish—HOWEVER more volunteers are needed—please, please contact our clerk if you are able to help.

Local Groups in Plumley

- Guild Chapel Hall** Last Tuesday in month 2.30pm
- Halle Group** **Jim Rankin 651170**
- Holly Tree Riding Stables** **Gloria Robinson 722188**
- Iyengar Yoga** Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm PVH—contact **Sue Rennie 01606 888324**
- Lower Peover Kids Club** 4-14 years contact **Kathy McIntyre 722358**
- Mereside Brass Band(PVH)** bookings **07747 302064** pract Fri 8-10pm **07747302064** Learners 6.45-7.45pm **07879697768**
- Mums and Tots** PVH Tues morning (termtime)
- Plumley Celtic FC** **J Betts 01606 737602**
- Plumley WI** PVH 1st Monday in month—Christine **England 722283**
- Probus Club** **D Tricker 634756**
- Sunday Club** Chapel Hall 10.30-11.30am **SarahRoyle 722277**

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Events at Toft Church Hall

- Monday**
Band Practice 8pm—10pm Kerrs68@talktalk.net
- Tuesday**
Sing and Sign 10am—11am Tel. Melissa Buzzard 01606 590651
- Wednesday**
Art Group 10am—12 noon—Wendy Ramsay, Tel 632362
- 2nd Toft Brownies 6pm—7.30pm Lisa Codling & Lynne Young 640572 and 621682
- Toft Quilters 1pm—3pm 1st Wed of month
- Thursday**
The Callanetic Gp 9am—10am Carol Gunter, Tel. 651038.
New Brownies Gp Starts early 2011 5.45pm—7pm Caroline Morris rickcasper@btinternet.com
6th Knutsford Guides 7.15pm—8.30pm— 07880 501928 or mcnixon@virginmedia.com
- Toft Mothers Union 2pm—4pm 1st Thursday in month 634644
- Friday**
The Callanetic Gp 10.15am-11.15am Carol Gunter, Tel 651038

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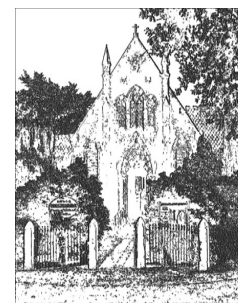
Mobile Library: Every other Tuesday (*Green Bin Day*)— 29th Mrch, 12th & 26th April and 10th May.
Village Hall -10.25 am—10.45 am
Ascol Drive 10.55 am—11.15 am

Cheshire East Councillor George Walton — 651507
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Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama

Sessions are being held every week on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4.00—5.00pm and 5.00-6.00pm for 5 - 11 year olds and from 6.00-7.00pm for 11 - 18 year olds

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Dates for the Diary-more details in this issue

Thurs 24th Mar—Parish Council Annual Assembly 8pm (PVH)

Sat 2nd April 10—noon coffee morning with stalls and raffle. Proceeds to Guild funds. (PMC)

Mon 4th April - Sheila Buckley will be telling members about "Grandma and her boots go walking". - Competition - *My essential travel item.* (WI)

Sat 16th April-Swap shop-Plantation Garden Centre 2pm-4pm (see page 2)

Fri 22nd April (Good Friday) 11am Service led by Rev Hilary Howarth (PMC)

Fri 22nd April 7.30pm performance of The Crucifixion with Owen Wynne Chorale Singers. This lasts about one hour and will be followed by light refreshments. Donations to a charity on the night. (PMC)

Sun 24th April (Easter Sunday) 2.30pm Service led by Rev Pat Billsborrow (PMC)

Wed 27th April—Parish Council meeting 7.45pm (PVH)

Sat 7th May 10am -noon coffee morning (PMC)

Mon 9th May WI Resolutions Meeting (PVH)

12th- 14th May—The Other Theatre Company—Relatively Speaking 7.30pm (PVH)

Key

PVH - Plumley Village Hall
PMC—Plumley Methodist Church
WI—Women's Institute.
PC—Parish Council

Parish Council News

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Plumley newsletter

Annual Assembly

The Parish Council Annual Assembly is arranged for Thursday 24th March 2011 at 8pm at Plumley Village Hall. As well as the Parish Council and local businesses, other speakers will be:-

- Mr Martin Grimes, lead Emergency Planning Officer for Cheshire East will be speaking about the Cheshire Resilience Plan (as detailed in the last edition of the newsletter),
- Sally Buttifant, Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership Officer will be talking about issues regarding Plumley Railway Station, including details of the Plumley Rail Trail route
- Richard Christopher-

son, new Knutsford Local Area Partnership manager will be talking about how the LAP is involved with local Parishes.

You will also be able to see for yourself the new Audio Visual equipment recently installed at the Village Hall following the grants from Cheshire Community Action and Cheshire East Council.

Royal Wedding

Sadly we received no interest for a community event to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29th April. However, anyone wishing to organise a street party for the Royal Wedding on 29 April 2011 or for any other occasion needs to apply to Cheshire East Council for

the necessary consent. An application form is available from the Department of Communities and Local Government. Other useful information is available from www.streetparty.org.uk or www.thebiglunch.com

Highways

Following the article in the last edition of the newsletter, various highways issues were reported, especially the residential roads and Plumley Moor Road from Railway Bridge to the Crossroads and Lower Peover. These have now been reported to Cheshire East Council Highways Department and urgent repairs are scheduled for the more serious faults.

Plumley Village Hall



Unfortunately, we are unable to include a full report from the Village Hall, however one topic for discussion is the plans for the Plumley Village Garden Party on 25th June.

Last year's event was a wonderful occasion. Not only was the weather kind, but also well attended and enjoyed by all.

Whilst it does seem a long way off, early planning makes for a successful and enjoyable day.

We are looking for offers of help before and on the day and to clear up afterwards. Unfortunately, the Committee

does not have the capacity to undertake all the work on its own, so volunteers are needed to ensure this event goes ahead. Volunteers are essential and any suggestions about the event are most welcome, so please talk to any member of the Village Hall Committee.

Thanks must be given to Penny Allen and her team for once again producing a highly entertaining evening at the recent Rural Touring Network production of "Tales of the Country". The event was extremely well attended and enjoyed by all who attended, raising valuable funds for the Village Hall.



(Picture above - Plant Stall, Plumley Garden Party 2010)

Copy dates for the next edition to be received by 16th May 2011.

MORE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

Plumley Railway Station



Plumley Railway Station has in the past received recognition for its pleasing appearance, especially in the Best Kept Station Award.

Sally Buttifant, Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership Officer, has indicated that she would like to include Plumley as a key attractive planted station in the North West in bloom competition.

If anyone would like to volunteer some time to help with the planting and general maintenance at the Station, please let the clerk know.



Plumley Railway Station Improvements

Whether you use the railway station or not, I am sure you will have noticed the work recently undertaken at Plumley Railway Station, by Northern Rail. The new staircase is a great improvement on the old one: there are now three flights, instead of one, at a less arduous pitch, it is wider and also offers better hand railing. With the accompanying lighting improvement, the whole user

experience is far superior both by day and by night

Knutsford Local Area Partnership Event

Following the success of the recent Knutsford Local Area Partnership (LAP) event held at Booths supermarket in December a further event has been organised at the Plantation Garden Centre on 11th May from 4.30 to 6.30. At this event you can see the role and work of the Knutsford LAP, made up from representatives from Cheshire Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Cheshire East Council, Town and Parish Councils, Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust, Local Churches and Third Sector. You will realise how these organisations are working together in line with local needs. There will be the opportunity to give your views and learn about ways in which you could be involved.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council has once again entered the Parish into the Best Kept Village Competition. As you will be aware, the Parish won the Most Improved section of the competition last year—let's see if we can do even better this year. In general the judges are looking at litter free highways, well kept signage and pavements free of dog

fouling. The judges are looking at the village as a living community and look for the following:-

- **Shops.** Appearance of shops including shop window displays. Condition of paved areas and parking area.

- **Railway Stations,** Telephone kiosks, seats and benches - are they clean, tidy and in good repair.

- **Public Houses**—common faults with pubs are abandoned beer crates, broken garden furniture and poor state of car park.

- **Notice Boards**—Is the information provided up to date and is the notice board in a good condition.

- **Litter control**—is there an evident litter problem. Last year, there were no signs of graffiti, dog mess or chewing gum and weeds were kept down to an acceptable level.

- **Churchyards.** Grass around the graves should be reasonably short. Last year, Toft church and Plumley Methodist Church both received recognition for their well tended churchyard and surrounding land.

Plumley Lime Beds

You may recall that in 2008, the Parish Council tried to purchase the Lime Beds in Plumley as the Parish Plan clearly showed that the Parish should support the Nature Reserve. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the sale went to a private individual.

However, concern was raised when the access to the Lime Beds was blocked to anyone wishing to walk the well established pathways within the Lime Beds. The Parish Council have been in contact with Public Rights of Way and are progressing with a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) thanks to evidence from many residents identifying that these paths have been walked for over 20 years. This area is a SSSI which is overseen by Natural England.

Rural Touring Arts Tales of the Country



Plumley Village Hall - 5th March.

The Rural Touring Arts production at the village hall on Saturday March 5th was a play based on the book by Brian Viner performed by the Pentabus Company from Shropshire to a packed village hall. It portrayed a family's move from suburban Crouch End to rural Herefordshire with all the upheaval involved and time taken to settle and feel accepted. Set in a village with the backdrop being a marquee used for the village fete with produce and white elephant stalls, the five actors slickly changed between characters and delivered some hilarious lines which had the packed village hall audience chuckling. Very professionally performed and an enjoyable evening – most relevant to a village hall audience!

Walks in the Parish



Now the better weather is arriving, don't forget to look at the Rail Trail walk on the Parish Council website.

The Plumley Rail Trail route is about 7.75 miles and takes about 3 and a half to 4 hours to complete. There is an option for short cut to halve the walk.

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Plumley Methodist Church

The afternoon tea held in January was a most enjoyable time of fellowship and included a short talk by the Rev Hilary Howarth about how she came into the ministry. £210 was raised and shared between Macclesfield Hospital MAST appeal and Church funds.

The February and March coffee mornings raised £200.00 for the British Heart Foundation and a total of £222.00 for Church Funds. These continue to be very popular and successful.

If you would like to host one in the future, please speak to a Church Member.

Forthcoming events and Special Services - please see front page for details.

Knutsford Community Police PCSO Andy Dolan

February has seen the lowest levels of crime and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reported in Knutsford for many years. With no incidents of crime or ASB reported in Plumley during this Time.

However, over the weekend of the 5th and 6th March it was reported to Police that someone had been into the nature reserve on Ascol Drive and cut down a number of trees.

If you have seen or heard anything during this time please contact me at Knutsford Police Station on 0845 458 6380.

Plumley WI

Monday 4th April – Sheila Buckley will be telling members about "Grandma and her boots go travelling". The competition my essential travel item.

Monday 9th May - This will be the Resolution meeting. Sandra Quinn will be giving a talk entitled "Wordsworth and me". The competition- A Cumbrian souvenir.

Monday 6th June - Members' Night – This year members are going on a visit to Sainsburys.

The above meetings, apart from the visit to Sainsburys will be held at 7.30.p.m. in Plumley Village Hall.

It's amazing how quickly the monthly meetings come around. Already some of our members are getting to grips with plans for the Cheshire Show in June, and the more artistic members of our group have started their art classes again.

Between now and June there are numerous dates for our diaries within the CFWI, including two County walks, a taster day for those interested in calligraphy at W.I. House, and a Literary lunch at the Masonic Hall, Cheshire View, Christleton. I have never been to a Literary lunch, I am told they are very pleasant, relaxed occasions. This year's speaker will be Penny Jordan who besides writing her own books, writes also for Mills and Boon. Apparently she encourages Reading groups and acts as a Mentor for new writers.

If you want to take up a new hobby or develop your interests in a subject, there is always someone within the W.I. organisation to help you

The Other Theatre Company

The next production by the Other Theatre Company is "Relatively Speaking", a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn on Thursday 12th—14th May 2011 at Plumley Village Hall.

For tickets or more information contact 01565 733751 or visit www.theothertheatrecompany.co.uk

Plantation Garden Centre

We are holding a swap shop and sale of baby/ children's toys, clothes, equipment on Saturday 16th April 2pm - 4pm.



Tables are £10 each and must be pre booked - tel 01565 722315

Don't forget to use the Knutsford Village Rider. Telephone 01606 786833—open to all residents—both young and old!