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### Rail News—Peter Frier

Early September has seen the minor timetable changes for the leaf fall season as detailed in our last issue of the Village News.

Elsewhere, for steam and railway preservation enthusiasts, there are a sample of items of interest to report – could generate pure nostalgia.

The multi-million pound newly built A1 Pacific "Tornado" (built because not one example of this class that roared to glory on the East Coast Main Line (LNER) had been preserved) is wowing crowds throughout the country. It is a huge locomotive and is visiting and running on the East Lancashire Railway at Bury between October 23<sup>rd</sup> –

31<sup>st</sup>. Full details and timings from 0161 764 7790.

Secondly, the Churnet Valley Railway (based at Cheddleton, just south of Leek) have acquired a moth-balled line, the effect of which is to extend an eleven mile round trip into one of 27 miles. This is by use of a steeply-graded line to Caldon Low Quarry and special steam trains will run on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, (diesels on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>). The gradient should produce some spectacular sounds and sights. Details: 01538 360 522 or visit <http://www.churnet-valley-railway.co.uk>



Our distributors of these newsletters do a GREAT job and in all weathers and through some of the worst weather Plumley can throw at them; we could not manage without them. if you can offer help, please advise Glen (722811).

### Local Groups

**Guild Chapel Hall**  
**Halle Group**  
**Holly Tree Riding Stables**  
**Iyengar Yoga**

**Lower Peover Kids Club**

**Mereside Brass Band(PVH)**

**Mums and Tots**

**Plumley Celtic FC**

**Plumley WI**

**Probus Club**

**Salsa-Cise**

**Sunday Club**

### Events at Toft Church Hall

**Toft Art Group**

**Toft Brownies**

**Toft Mothers' Union**

**Toft Quilters**

**Callenetics**

Last Tuesday in month 2.30pm

**Jim Rankin 651170**

**Gloria Robinson 722188**

Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm  
PVH—contact **Sue Rennie**  
**01606 888324**

4-14 years contact **Kathy McIntyre 722358**

bookings **07747 302064**  
(**pract**) Fri 8-10pm **07747302064**  
Learners 6.45-7.45pm **07879697768**

PVH Tues morning (termtime)

**J Betts 01606 737602**

PVH 1st Monday in month—  
**Christine England 722283**

**D Tricker 634756**

Monday 6pm—7pm PVH  
contact **Katrin 01606 334909**

Chapel Hall 10.30-11.30am  
**SarahRoyle 722277**

Wednesday 10am—12 noon

Wednesday 6-7.30pm

1st Thursday in month 2-4pm **634644**

1st Wed. of month 1-3pm

Thursday 9-10am & Friday 10.15—11.15

### The Other Theatre Company

The next production by the Other Theatre Company is a review which will include an evening of cabaret, songs, comedy and big brash musical numbers, all whilst sat at candle lit tables. The date of the production is 25<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Plumley Village Hall and tickets will be available from 01565 733751.

**Refuse Collection:** Tuesdays

**Mobile Library:** Every other Tuesday  
(*Green Bin Day*)—Village Hall -  
10.25am and Ascol Drive—10.50am  
Future dates 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept etc

**Cheshire East Councillor George Walton — 651507**  
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# Plumley Village

## Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 29th Sept 2010 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.45pm

Dates for the Diary—more details in this issue

### Parish Council News

**11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest Supper and Speaker 7pm (PMC)**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Harvest Thanksgiving – 2.30pm (PMC)**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept – 7pm Auction of harvest produce (PMC)**

**16th Sept Knutsford LAP 4.30-6.30pm Chelford Village Hall**

**18th Sept RTN Production—The Old Curiosity Shop PVH**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept – 2.30pm Probus Service. (PMC)**

**29th Sept—Parish Council meeting—PVH 7.45pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. proceeds to Parkinsons Disease Society (PMC)**

**4th Oct WI Talk Raymond Rush—witchcraft & Superstitions-comp. favourite Superstitions—PVH**

**30th Oct—A Musical Evening with whalebone**

**1st Nov—WI Annual Meeting and hot pot supper—comp plate of Autumn leaves—PVH.**

**3rd Nov—Parish Council Meeting PVH 7.45pm**

**6<sup>th</sup> November – 2pm Annual Bazaar – PVH (PMC)**

**25<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> November—Other Theatre Co production PVH**

**7th Dec WI Christmas Party to be held at Manor Farm,**

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec with carols by Lower Peover Primary School Choir**

#### Key

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

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Newsletter -we hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer break.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Plumley Village Hall on 29th September 2010 at 7.45pm. Please note, our Community Police Officer attends these meetings. If you wish to discuss anything in private with PC Duncan, he will be in attendance prior to the meeting.

By now, you should all have been notified about the decision by The Crown Estate not to precede currently with their proposals for housing and a playing field. If anyone has not received a letter from The Crown Estate, a copy is available on the Parish Council's website.

Following the resignation by Councillor Phil Willocks and the advert for a new Parish Councillor from the Toft/Bexton ward, the Parish Council are please to advise that Mr Andrew Shaw from Toft was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the July meeting. Councillor Shaw was born in Toft and has lived there all his life with the exception of 5 years when he moved to Plumley but has now returned to Toft. We welcome Councillor Shaw on to the Parish Council.

Following the speedwatch training held in July, we have been contacted by a number of residents who

wish to be included in the next speedwatch training session. As soon as a training session is organised by the Police, these kind volunteers will be notified. If you wish your name to be added to the list of volunteers requiring training, please let Sarah, our clerk know. Speedwatch volunteers do help prevent speeding throughout our village, so please help, if you can spare some time..

The next Knutsford Local Area Partnership meeting will be held 16th September 2010 at Chelford Village Hall 4.30pm—6.30pm.

### Plumley Village Hall—David Nichols Chairman

#### Improvements at Plumley Village Hall

I am pleased to report that we have obtained a grant of £500 from Cheshire East Council for the installation of a hearing aid loop.

Also, we are in the process of making enquiries about improvements to the public address system and the installation of audiovisual equipment, with the provision of some financial support from the Cheshire East Parish Plan Implementation Grant. The intention is that the future quality of meetings and

presentations will be much improved for the benefit of everyone participating.



#### Annual General Meeting, Thurs 28 Oct 2010

Although it is still some time away, please do not forget that the AGM of the Village Hall Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 28 October 2010 at 8.00pm, when a new Village Hall Committee will be elected.

Why not come along and share your views? Your active support for this and other events is vital for the continuation of the Village Hall.

Afterwards, there will be complimentary "wine & nibbles" and it will be an opportunity to meet and socialise with other residents.

If you are interested in joining the Committee, it would be helpful if you could tell me or any Committee Member before our meeting on Tuesday, 12 October.

**More Parish Council news.....**

**Parish Garden Competition**

Judging took place in early August and the following gardens were selected for their beauty and colour:-



- 1st Prize—2 Hawthorn Road**
  - 2nd Prize—Fingerpost Cottage, Toft**
  - 3rd Prize—Lynwood, Truthall Lane**
- There were also 3 highly commended gardens namely:-
- 33 Yew Tree Road**
  - 1 Ascol Drive**
  - Wash Farm**

Prizes will be awarded at the next RTN event on 18th September at Plumley Village Hall. Thanks must be given to Andrew and Ellie Yates from the Plantation Garden Centre for donating the prizes for this competition.

There were many, many lovely gardens in the Parish making it very difficult for the judge this year to select the winners. Let's hope the judges of the Community Pride Competition also note them!

**Peter Frier**

For many years, Peter Frier has been reporting for the Newsletter and including news from the railways along with handy tips for the garden. He has also organised the distribution of the Newsletter for the Village Hall Committee. Sadly, due to ill health, Peter has decided that he will not be able to continue in this role. We would like to thank Peter for ALL he has done—his enthusiasm and reliability have been an example to us all.

Everyone sends their best wishes to both Peter and Lillian.

**Community Pride Award**

The results of the annual Community Pride Award will be announced at the finals at Nantwich Civic Hall on 30th September.

Judging however may well still be going on and a tidy village always stands the competing village in good stead, so if you see any rubbish, please pick it up—this may well improve our chances in this competition.

**Youth Events**

Over the summer, there were two youth events run by Cheshire East Council and organised by the Parish Council. Each event was very well attended by children of all ages and it is hoped more events will be arranged during the next school holidays.

**Tennis in Plumley**

The Parish Council were contacted by a lady who had in her possession some very old photographs of Plumley Tennis Club. Iain McCulloch, manager of Plumley Tennis Courts collected these pictures which include the names of many of the ladies and gents playing. It is hoped that these pictures can be displayed at the Village Hall very soon.

**This picture shows the Opening Day in June 1908. The names in the photograph are**

- Back Row—left to right—Harry Smith, E Ravenscroft, J Ravenscroft, Charlie Burgess, Dollie Ravenscroft, Ethel Smith, Kathleen Burgess, C Burgess Senior**
- Middle Row—Mrs Bancroft, Mrs Burgess, Mr J Ravenscroft, Miss Lomas, Mrs Lomas, Miss Groves, Miss Cooper, Mr Bancroft, Mary Smith, Reg Lomas**

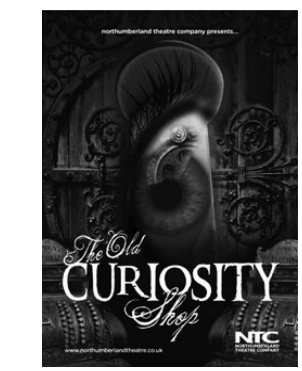
**PLUMLEY WI**

Members have had a very busy summer. The members who entered the Cheshire Show had all their efforts and hard work rewarded by attaining such splendid results. The outing to Stoneyford Cottage Gardens was well supported, and enjoyed by all. President, Christine England, entertained members with a delicious Strawberries and Cream afternoon at her home. Our Secretary kindly provided the venue for a Coffee morning, a nice relaxing way to meet up with friends and enjoy a cup of coffee. Autumn is nearly here and there is still plenty to look forward to. Apart from the above meetings, there will be an Evening of Fashion and Flowers at Northwich Memorial Hall, a Country walk around the Bickerton/Peckforton Hills area, and the Group Autumn Meeting at Winsford. All this and Christmas just around the corner as well!!! What a busy lot we're going to be.



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

**Rural Touring Network - The Old Curiosity Shop, Saturday 18th September**



Theatre Co—Saturday 18th September 2010 at Plumley Village Hall at 7.30pm..

Its not about a shop at all. Dickens changed his mind. It's a journey, a flight undertaken by the girl Nell and her gambling-addicted Grandfather. A flight from demons and enemies. Dogging their footsteps are the badguys, Quilp and the crooked lawyer Brass. Also hard on their trail is the Sin-

gle Gentleman, mysterious and rich. Along the road Nell an Grandfather meet a whole Fun and Horror House set of characters who help and hinder, amuse and bemuse, sucker and succour them. And then there's Dick Swiveller and his Marchioness, the comedy second-leads who get dragged into full-screen close up as the lovers. In this innovative and imaginative adaptation Little Nell and Quilp are played by the same female actor reflecting the struggle between good and evil. True to the inner life of the book this adaptation shows Dickens at his best and as a master of the grotesque.

The Northumberland Theatre Co always produce brilliant shows—this is one not to be missed! Tickets are £8.00 and are available by telephoning **01565 722259** and booking, or by visiting **Plumley**

**Post Office.** All funds raised are for the Village Hall, so please come along and support us!

**A Musical Evening with whalebone, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010**

'It's hard to imagine whalebone not setting feet tapping (at the very least) wherever they might be playing... With their deliciously eclectic mixture of folksy - rootsy - worldly - type music. Whalebone are slick enough at what they do to be taken seriously and loose enough to be having so much fun with it that their enthusiasm never fails to rub off on anyone fortunate enough to see them play! Professionalism and a good time! - Rare mix... Recommended..!'

Don't forget to book early for this entertaining evening (722259)!"

**Plumley Methodist Church**

**Forthcoming events and Special Services**

**Harvest Weekend Saturday and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm** Harvest hot pot Supper with speaker

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** Harvest Thanksgiving Service Preacher Rev. Paul Wilson from Knutsford Methodist Church

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** afternoon distribution of produce in village. 7pm auction of harvest produce

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm** Probus service Preacher Rev. Hilary Howarth

Please come and join us for any of these events, you will be most welcome

**Saturday Coffee Mornings for rest of 2010 10am to noon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** proceeds to Parkinsons Disease Society  
**11<sup>th</sup> December** with carols by Lower Peover Primary School Choir

If you would like to host a coffee morning please contact either Elizabeth Hall, Ian Lee or Plyn Aston. Proceeds can be given to your chosen charity.

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2 pm Annual Bazaar** in Village Hall. Come along and bring your friends to this village social event. Stalls will include gifts, cakes, vegetables, plants, bric a brac and groceries. Also raffle, tombola and afternoon teas.

**The Guild** is an informal meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Church Hall. It last for one to one and half hours, usually with a speaker followed by a chat and cup of tea and biscuits. New members are very welcome (male and female), just come along or for more information contact Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt.

**The Sunday Club** is held each Sunday 10.30 - 11.30am for children from 4 -11 years old. For more information contact

Elizabeth Hall, Rebecca or Rachel Eaton. If you have a young child why not to go along with them one Sunday morning to see the fun the children have which includes bible stories, crafts and baking to name but a few of the activities.

**Is anyone interested in helping with the Sunday Club? Would you be willing to join the rota?- the more volunteers the less you would be required.** For an informal chat and more information contact Elizabeth 722721

Recent coffee mornings have raised £173, £144 and £158 as well as providing a very social couple of hours each month. Why not come along and meet old and new friends from the village.

**Copy dates for the next edition to be received by 29th October 2010.**