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Local Groups

Halle Group
Holly Tree Riding Stables
Guild Chapel Hall
Mereside Brass Band
PVH

Mums and Tots
Plumley Celtic FC
Probus Club
Sunday Club

Plumley WI

Iyengar Yoga

Lower Peover Kids Club

Salsa-Cise

Events at Toft Church Hall

Toft Brownies
Toft Mothers' Union

Toft Art Group
Toft Quilters
Callenetics

Jim Rankin 651170
Gloria Robinson 722188
Last Tuesday in month 2.30pm
bookings **07747 302064**
(pract) Fri 8-10pm **07747302064**
Learners 6.45-7.45pm
07879 697768

PVH Tues morning (termtime)
J Betts 01606 737602
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Chapel Hall 10.30-11.30am
Sarah Royle 722277

PVH 1st Monday in month—
Christine England 722283
Wednesday 6.30pm—8pm
PVH—contact **Sue Rennie**
01606 888324

4-14 years contact **Kathy**
McIntyre 722358
Monday 6pm—7pm PVH
contact **Katrin 01606 334909**

Wednesday 6-7.30pm
1st Thursday in month 2-4pm
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Wednesday 10am—12 noon
1st Wed. of month 1-3pm
Thursday 9-10am &
Friday 10.15—11.15



Plumley Village

Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Parish Council News

Dates for the Diary—more details in this issue

17th July—Speedwatch Training—
10.30am—12.30pm PVH

23rd July – WI Member's Night at
Plantation – 7pm

24th July - Mereside Brass Concert
at James Eaton's Farm from 6pm
(PMC)

25th July – Faith Tea 4.30 pm fol-
lowed by Circuit Service 6 pm with
Mereside Brass Band (PMC)

27th July—Youth Event—PVH
11am—12.30pm

28th July—Parish Council Meeting
8pm Toft Parish Hall.

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2nd August – WI Members Garden
Party – Christine England's home.

7th August - Coffee Morning
10am – Noon (PMC)

11th August – WI visit to Stonyford
Cottage Garden

4th Sept - Coffee Morning 10am –
Noon (PMC)

6th Sept WI—Yvonne Albon – talk
in connection with The Eye Hospi-
tal in Jerusalem

11th Sept – Harvest Supper and
Speaker 7pm (PMC)

12th Sept - Harvest Thanksgiving –
2.30pm (PMC)

13th Sept – 7pm Auction of harvest
produce (PMC)

26th Sept – 2.30pm Probus Service.
(PMC)

6th November – 2pm Annual Ba-
zaar – PVH (PMC)

Key

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

The next
meeting of
the Parish
Council is
28th July
2010 at Toft
Parish Hall at
8pm

Rail News—Peter Frier

The latest timetables are now available and are current until December. However, a minor change does occur to Manchester bound trains from September 6th for the Leaf Fall season (where has the year gone?). The change means departure times from Plumley alter from xx44 to xx39 with corresponding alterations to the additional rush hour service to Stockport. Chester bound trains are not affected. Recently train running has achieved a high of 94% (the target is 91%) and is a great improvement of previous experiences.

The "Music Train" is now running from Chester to Plumley when a musical group entertain passengers. We are already at Plumley of course, but the music continues at the Golden Pheasant where you can hear music along with the passengers off the train. Next trains are the evenings of 21st July, 25th August and September 22nd.

The long awaited re-vamp of Altrincham station is due to start in 2011. Major changes to the bus stands and replacement of the existing ancient footbridge (shame) with a new one complete with lifts to Platforms 1 & 4 and a new shop and booking hall should be complete by 2013. The existing canopies and clock tower will be retained (listed).

Plumley Station which now has a new seat on the down platform has been noted for its cleanliness and tidiness in the report from the Community Rail Officer (CRO). The improvements to the flower beds, by wooden formers and deeper soil, thanks to Martin Lamb, have been appreciated by those stalwarts who care for the floral decoration on the platforms. The CRO has advised—during her recent visit to the Garden Party that she hopes to run another steam special on July 3rd 2011 when a 48151 which in

it's day was based at Northwich Sheds will be running. Finally there is a free bus every 15 minutes from the Knutsford gate of Tatton Park to the RHS show between 21st & 25th July.

PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL

Following the recent Garden Party on 26th June, Plumley village Hall Chairman and committee would like to say a very big "Thank You" to everyone for their continuing support and generosity, which is most greatly appreciated.

Supporters are too numerous to mention, however special thanks must go to Anne and Derek Panagaikis ably assisted by Victoria and Michael for setting up the flower stall and to Anne and David Thompson, not only the sale of drinks, including wines that they had donated, but also the auction of wines and associated accessories.

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 either Peter (722140) or Glen (722811).

Speedwatch Training

Plumley Speedwatch volunteers are often seen monitoring the speed of vehicles along Plumley Moor Road. Speeding vehicles are reported to the Police and although no-one is fined or penalty points given, warning letters are sent out to offenders. This is a highly successful way to deter vehicles from speeding through the village. Unfortunately there are only a few volunteers and the Parish is in need of more residents to come forward to help with this project.

Before taking part in the scheme, volunteers must undergo training from the Police and therefore a training session has been organised for Saturday 17th July 2010 10.30am—12.30pm at Plum-

ley Village Hall.

PLEASE if you have a few hours to spare, become a Speedwatch Volunteer and help to make Plumley a safer place to live.

Lower Peover Primary School Tercentenary

As part of the Lower Peover Primary School Tercentenary celebrations, the Parish Council donated a microscope and light to the school for use by the children. A thank you letter has been received from the children at the school saying how much they appreciate this gift.

Public Meeting

Many of you who attended the public meeting on 24th May to discuss the proposed housing development in Plumley will be keen to know if there is any

news regarding these plans. To date, the Parish Council are not aware of any further information, but will inform the residents via the website/notice board if any details are available before the issue of the next newsletter.

Knutsford Local Area Partnership

The next Local Area Partnership meeting which is a meeting open to the public is to be held at Plumley Village Hall on Thursday 15th July 2010 from 4.30pm—6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. Knutsford Local Area Partnership includes Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Health, representatives of Town and Parish Councils and looks at ways to improve services.



Plumley Village Hall—David Nichols Chairman

Whilst the Garden Party traditionally takes place on the last Saturday of June every year, the weather is not always as predictable. However, this year we were very lucky to have an idyllic day with plenty of sun interspersed with enough cloud to keep temperatures tolerable.

This year the event was promoted by the Parish Council and we made almost £1,200, the major income being from the sale of some splendid plants kindly provided by Les Halman Nurseries, Parkside Nursery, Heathfield Nursery and Parkside Farm. It was decided not to charge for entry this year, but people were invited to give generously

and this brought in some £70, for which we are most grateful.

Another departure this year was that hirers of the Hall and other local interest groups were invited to advertise their activities. Unfortunately, although many were keen to participate, only a few were able to be present in the event. To demonstrate their activity, Knutsford Flower Club kindly donated a magnificent pedestal flower display as a prize for the raffle, which was made by Pat Bannister, an award winner at The Cheshire Show this year.

Happily, the winner of this magnificent floral display was

Christine England, President of Plumley WI. We are very lucky to have the continuing selfless support of Plumley WI in raising funds to maintain the Village Hall and they were fantastic on the day, providing teas and delicious home-made cakes.

The ambience for this English Village fete event was once again provided by Mereside Brass Band and their conductor Mike Phenton, who have kindly sponsored Village Hall events twice annually for several years now. Without them the event would have been very dull! - For more, with pics, see the PC website

PLUMLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Plumley Methodist Church has many events and special Services in the forthcoming months, many of which are highlighted in the dates for the diary on the front page including Mereside Brass Band Concerts, Faith Teas and Harvest Suppers. There are also Saturday Coffee Mornings on 7th August and 4th September. If anyone 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.

The Guild is an informal meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. It last for one to one and a 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 year of age. For more information contact Elizabeth Hall, Rebecca or Rachel Eaton. If you have a young child, why not 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 is 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.

PLUMLEY WI

Plumley's Craft Group entered the Cheshire Show again this year. The theme was "a Brilliant Past and Bright Future". Plumley's high standard paid off again as they did extremely well in the "90 Glorious Years" class. Their chosen moment of history in the last 90 years was the 1969 Landing on the Moon. They were successful in the "W.I. Now" Photographic section. Their overall expertise secured them the Middlewich Cup for outstanding staging. **CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE PLUMLEY WI!**

Plumley WI hold regular meetings—details are listed on the front page. Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

More Parish Council news.....

Parish Garden Competition

For the past two years the Parish Council have run a Best Kept Garden Competition with some magnificent gardens winning vouchers which have very kindly been donated to the competition by the Plantation Garden Centre. The competition is again running in 2010 and the judging will take place in July and all gardens will be judged from the highway only. Results will be announced later in the year.

Youth Events

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Cheshire East Council, organise youth events during the school holidays. During Easter, there were two morning activity sessions which were well attended by local children. The next events to be organised are **Tuesday 27th July** and **Wednesday 28th July** 11:00-12:30

Community Pride Award

Judging is still taking place for this years Cheshire Community Pride Competition and all villages will continue to be judged until the end of September 2010. So please help the keep the Parish looking clean and tidy and maybe this year we can improve on last years results. Every little effort will make a difference.!

Review—THE CHARITY SHOP CABARET

The recent RTN production held in Plumley Village Hall on 22 May was another resounding success. The Charity Shop Cabaret epitomised all that is wonderful about the great charity shops that we have. A heady mix of quirky characters, song and dance and a romance that was just meant to be. "The Tea Ceremony" took on a whole new meaning and was as far removed from the Japanese version as it was possible to be. Add to that some audience participation, including how to get an After Eight mint from your forehead to your mouth (had to be seen to be be-

lieved!), a particularly speedy game of Bingo and a host of 'great' prizes; headless ornaments, (etc.) and you had a boisterous pot-pourri of Mills and Boon and the bizarre. A fun-filled evening of second-hand delights by a talented cast. Anyone who has not as yet attended one of the RTN evenings should really come along and see just how professional these events are; we are very lucky to have a Village Hall that can accommodate these entertainments and a group of people willing to organise them. Congratulations.

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

Refuse Collection: Tuesdays
Mobile Library: Every other Tuesday (Green Bin Day)—Village Hall - 10.25am and Ascol Drive—10.50am
Cheshire East Councillor George Walton — 651507
george.Walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk

SWOPPING HITS PLUMLEY!— DAVE AND VAL THORNTON. TROUTHALL LANE.

Val and I started swopping about six years ago. Now before you jump to any conclusions, this isn't a true confessions story. - Only our house is involved!

It all began after we watched a television programme about exchanging houses with like-minded folks around the world for holidays. Research led us to a website run by a company called Homelink.

The general idea is that once you have joined the organisation and paid the fee, it is possible to advertise your house for exchange and also browse other member's properties. Your individual entry enables you to show which countries you would like to visit and to specify preferences such as no smokers, children or pets.

Members can be as active or passive as they choose in making offers of exchange or waiting for approaches from others. Once an offer has been made and accepted, details such as whether to exchange cars and household bills are agreed by online exchange form provided via the website.

So far, we have exchanged with folks from Holland, Canada, Australia [twice] and New Zealand [three times]

Our latest trip to New Zealand lasted from Christmas Eve until the end of March this year and involved five different exchanges and was our most ambitious so far.

Of course, the Kiwi's want to come to the UK in our summer and non-simultaneous exchanges like this, only work if both parties have alternative ac-

commodation. All in all we have had some fantastic holidays in houses that have all the comforts of home, at a fraction of the cost of hotels or renting.

For those people who would balk at the idea of having 'strangers' in their home, I can only say that our experience has only been positive with nothing worse than the occasional broken wine glass. Some of the folks have become firm friends who regularly keep in touch.

So, if you should hear a Kiwi voice in the village shop this summer, be sure to say 'Hi', as it will more than likely belong to one of our 'guests'.

For more information on home exchanging, visit www.homelink.org.uk



Middlewich Concert Orchestra —Eric Quirk

The Middlewich Concert Orchestra started from very small roots in October 1999 with various flyers up in libraries and supermarket car parks to entice potential players to what had been previously an "orchestral free zone".

As a result the orchestra grew rapidly from 10 to 35 regular members, under the inspiring leadership of David Thomas, playing in 3 concerts every year a wide range of classical music, especially Beethoven symphonies (the 7th is my favourite) and romantic concertos (a wonderful Brahms violin concerto with a 21 year old student from the Royal Northern was the highlight of 2009). We get a really enthusiastic response from our audiences of over

100 - Peter F is one of our keenest followers.

The recent concert on Saturday 10th July was a "Last Night of the Proms", with glorious singing of Rule Britannia and an aria from Carmen, by a soprano from Northwich. Our next concert is the first by our new conductor Edwina Wolstencroft who works for the BBC and it includes Hummel's trumpet concerto and Beethoven's 4th symphony.

It is on Saturday Dec 4th at 7.30pm. All concerts are at Middlewich Civic Centre on the Sandbach Road. Tickets are always available on the door. Please feel free to contact me if you want more information - or even if you want to return to string playing after years of absence!

Rights of Way

Cheshire County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan covered the period 2006-2011 and Cheshire East Council are developing for the next 15 years to reflect the geographic area of Cheshire East and to tie into the Local Transport Plan for that period.

Cheshire East Council are asking for the priorities identified in local areas they could concentrate on and if there are any additional priorities that should be raised. They would also like to know if there are any specific improvement opportunities for public rights of way in the Parish.

If you would like to comment on this or have any suggestions for improvements, please contact either Councillor Neville Baker or Sarah, our clerk before the end of July.

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

Turning now to events in the not-too distant future – just the other side of the August holiday break!

The Rural Touring Network are putting on a production of Charles Dickens' The Old Curiosity Shop, adapted by Stewart Howson and performed by the Northumberland Theatre Company. According to "the blurb", it's about a journey, a flight undertaken by Nell and her gambling-addicted Grandfather. A

flight from demons and enemies... ! dogged by the bad guys, Quilp and the crooked lawyer Brass.... In this innovative and imaginative adaptation, the same actor plays Little Nell and Quilp, reflecting the struggle between good and evil. It shows Dickens at his best, funniest and as a master of the grotesque."

This event is primarily for your enjoyment, but it is also hoped to raise funds

for the Village Hall and there will be a raffle, so your generous donation of a prize would be most welcome. Tickets will be available from Penny Allen (722259) or any Committee Member: book early to avoid disappointment!

Copy dates for the next edition to be received by 6th September 2010.