



# Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

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

## Village Hall News

Happy New year to you all. We were especially pleased that so many of you were able to join us in December for our annual concert of Carols & Christmas music with Mereside Brass and we hope that those of you who couldn't be there will join us next time. It was particularly nice to be joined by so many children. Thanks to the WI who assisted with the refreshments

Dates for your Diary:

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** Cheshire Rural Touring Arts bring us a Pentabus Theatre Company production of *As the Crow Flies* by Hattie Naylor

Based on a true story of a woman who struck up an unlikely friendship with a wounded crow, this new play features live music, original songs, great drama – and a crow called Alfie.

A heart-warming story of friendship, healing, and kindness from Hattie Naylor, award-winning playwright and adapter of *The Night Watch* for the Royal Exchange Theatre and *The Diary of Samuel Pepys* for BBC Radio 4.

Two actors perform Beth and Alfie's unusual story, accompanied by live music composed especially by Dom Coyote. A funny, moving and timeless story of our endless fascination with birds – especially clever, tricky, knowing birds like Alfie.

Suitable for ages 14+, tickets priced at £8 (£5 students) will be on sale from early February at Plumley Village Stores, from Penny on 722259, & online via our website, [www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017:** Plumley Village Fete will again be held at the village hall with all your favourite stalls & music from Mereside Brass, so please start putting aside your finished books & all those 'extra' Christmas presents & make a date to join us for what is always a great summer's afternoon.

If you would like to help with the Fete, or if you are a small local business who would like a stall on the day then please contact me or any committee member.

Pam Arnfield

[Chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:Chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk) (tel:722262)

### Philip Willocks

Philip Willocks, whose untimely death occurred during November, was a Parish Councillor representing Toft and Bexton for over 25 years until 2010.

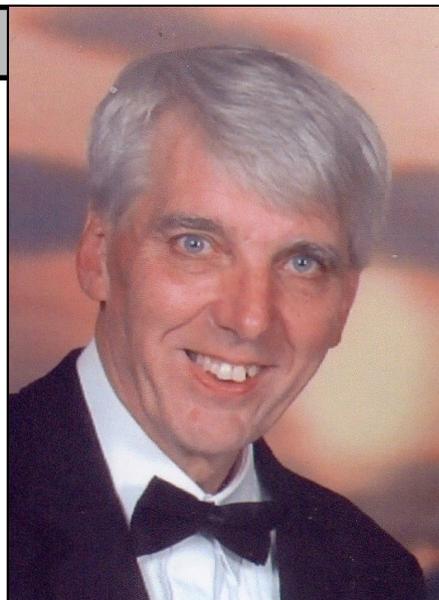
He dealt with planning matters for most of that time, always in a delightfully professional, friendly and pragmatic manner.

Philip was Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and was asked, year after year, if he would become Chairman - but he always declined, indicating that planning and Toft matters were his main interests.

Philip delivered the village Newsletters for many years. He also kept a watchful eye on things in Toft and Bexton, particularly relating to the A50, which passed by his home, as well as the nearby Middlewich junction and Road, and rights of way and footpaths.

Philip worked jolly hard on behalf of us all, this was exemplified, not only by his formal Parish Council activities, but also by his private, personal contributions, such as his fastidious, regular weekly collection of at least one bin bag of litter from the A50. Philip had many talents including woodworking, building and gardening.

Our thoughts are with Pam, Simon, Joanne and families



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Out and about	Culture at Curzon
<p>Our local Stately homes and gardens still have some events occurring across the Winter (free and paid for):</p> <p><b>Tatton Park</b>  <a href="http://events.tattonpark.org.uk">http://events.tattonpark.org.uk</a></p> <p>18-26<sup>th</sup> Feb Scarecrow Festival            21-22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Deer Feed &amp; Trailer Ride            23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Winter Welly Walk            19<sup>th</sup> March Adopt a Farm Animal Day</p> <p><b>Arley Hall &amp; Gardens</b>  <a href="http://www.arleyhallandgardens.com">www.arleyhallandgardens.com</a></p> <p>The Hall is open 12-5, Tuesdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.</p> <p><b>Gawsworth</b> <a href="http://www.gawsworthhall.com">www.gawsworthhall.com</a>            27<sup>th</sup> Mar Easter Sunday Special            (house &amp; grounds entry for £2.50)</p>	<p>Alongside their weekly film screenings, Curzon Knutsford cinema offer a popular programme of live theatrical, art and dance screenings which can be booked in advance. Over the next couple of months, screenings include:</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> Feb National Theatre Live: Saint Joan            25<sup>th</sup> Feb Met Opera: Dvorak's Rusalka            28<sup>th</sup> Feb Royal Opera House Live: Petipa's The Sleeping Beauty</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> Mar National Theatre Live: Hedda Gabler            11<sup>th</sup> Mar Met Opera: Verdi's La Traviata            30<sup>th</sup> Mar Royal Opera House Live: Puccini's Madame Butterfly</p> <p>Find out more and book tickets here <a href="http://www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford">www.curzoncinemas.com/cinemas/knutsford</a></p>
<p><b>Knutsford Floral Design Club</b></p>	<p><b>Highways issued raised with Cheshire East Council</b></p>
<p>Knutsford Floral Design Club meet at 1-30 for 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month at Plumley Village Hall. A flower designer demonstrates Floral artistry, sharing tips and shows how to make arrangements for the home. Tea and biscuits are served following the raffle of exhibits. Flower classes are also available where hands on tuition is provided by our in-house experts. Visitors are warmly welcomed to our friendly club.</p> <p>Visitors admission £6</p>	<p>The Parish Council has written to Cheshire East Highways amid concerns raised by both councillors and residents about the safety of the roads within the parish which include :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns that the Safety Audit for the roundabout on Plumley Moor Road and Trouthall Lane had not addressed the issue of the "line of Sight" and also that that inappropriate signage had not been removed.</li> <li>Concerns were also raised about vehicle and pedestrian safety issues on Plumley Moor Road station bridge which included           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Condition and width of footpath</li> <li>Increases in HGV traffic using the route</li> <li>Width of bridge highway struggles to accommodate a car and HGV at the same time creating danger to pedestrians on the bridge</li> <li>Above issues become a greater risk due to the poor line of sight for approaching vehicles and residents</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>We are aware of one resident who had to take evasive action from an HGV that was crossing the bridge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the public have also outlined their concerns over speeding on Plumley Moor Road and specifically at the junction of Pinfold Lane stating it was extremely dangerous for schoolchildren at school collection and drop off. They were of the strong opinion that the speed limit should be reduced or the 30mph zone extended to this point. Letters have been received from members of the public with regards to this issue, there have also been many observations of near misses and dangerous high speed overtaking manoeuvres around this junction</li> <li>The raised serious concerns with regards to the A50 Middlewich Road Junction where there has been a recent fatality, several reported near misses and accidents, these accidents are also quite frequent on Middlewich Road itself.</li> <li>The Council strongly feels that with the continual increase in the amount of traffic now using the route from the A50 Middlewich Road all the way through to the A556 Plumley Moor Road junction there needs to be an overall safety review for this whole route.</li> </ol> <p>We will keep you updated on any progress made</p>
<p><b>Confectionary quiz</b></p>	
<p><b>Use the clue to identify the sweet or chocolate!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Ten cent pub</li> <li>◇ Outside meal</li> <li>◇ Wobbly infants</li> <li>◇ Prevent from talking</li> <li>◇ 9, 10, 11, 12 .....</li> <li>◇ Garden flowers</li> <li>◇ Small dog</li> <li>◇ Big bus</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right;">    </div> <p><b>Answers on Page 4</b></p>	

Plumley Womens Institute	Sequence Dancing Tea dance at the village Hall
<p>‘Who do you think we are?’ was the topic for the January meeting of Plumley W I. What fun to find out previously unknown facts about members. All sorts of information came to light, one member had been a Weather Girl another saved a lady from drowning in a well, and another was a Finalist in TV Master Chef and another is a volunteer at the grounds of Chester Cathedral.</p> <p>The President Ruth turner also introduced members to leading figures of local organisations. Tony Gabbott from the Parish Council, Pam Arnfield representing the Village Hall Committee and Selina Prescott and Judith Shirley both part of the wider WI Federation. Each gave members an insight into their roles and how they served the community. Also how the community could help these organisations by volunteering.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 .</p> <p>For more details see <a href="http://www.spanglefish.com/timwalker-dancing/">http://www.spanglefish.com/timwalker-dancing/</a></p>

**Completion of Moorcroft Play Area**

The renovation of the Moorcroft play area has finally been completed and early comments from residents have all been very positive. The Parish Council worked closely with Cheshire East Council and local residents to ensure that the best possible outcome could be achieved with the £24,000 budget. A special mention must go to local resident Norma Hall who initially raised the need for improvements with the Parish Council and helped with the design development through promoting the consultation process.



Local Contacts	Local Groups in Plumley	
<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 0770 9864568 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 722271</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> James Eaton</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)</li> <li>Plumley WI PVH 1st Monday in month Sandra Youngson 723 220. .</li> <li>Probus Club D Tricker. Tel 634756</li> </ul>	

Waste collection	Mobile Library Schedule
<p><b>General waste:</b> 1st and 15th February &amp; 1st, 15th and 29th of March</p> <p><b>Recycling and Garden :</b> 8th and 22nd of February and &amp; 8th and 22nd March</p>	<p>Every 3rd Monday at Plumley Village Hall 9.45 am—10.15 am</p> <p><b>Dates: 20th February &amp; 21st March</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 george.walton@cheshireeast.gov.uk
<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>U3A Drawing and Painting 10am-12noon Mrs Berry Northen 873053</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Art Group 10am-12 noon Wendy Ramsay. 632362</p> <p>2nd Toft Brownies 6.pm-7.30pm Sarah Brown E-mail : <a href="mailto:sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk">sarahmbrown@hotmail.co.uk</a></p> <p>5th Knutsford Brownies 5.00pm-6.15pm Rachel Reyer E-mail : <a href="mailto:thereyers@ntlworld.com">thereyers@ntlworld.com</a></p> <p>Toft Quilters 1pm-3pm 1st Wed of month Veronica Walton 651507</p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>The Callanetics Gp 9am-10am Carol Gunter. 651038</p> <p>Toft Mothers Union 2pm-4pm 1st Thursday in month. Veronica Walton 01565 651507 or Pam Willocks 01565 722501</p>	

Greenfingers	
<p>In Winter there are still things we can be doing to make our gardens beautiful:</p> <p>Plant bare-root roses, hedges and ornamental trees (as long as the ground is not frozen)</p> <p>Clear away collapsed stems of perennials and take root cuttings of freshly-rooted perennials</p> <p>Winter prune apple and pear trees and remove damaged or congested branches</p> <p>Keep water topped up in bird baths and break ice on cold days</p> <p>Keep bird seed topped up in feeders and fat balls available for wildlife throughout winter.</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 -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.</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>

Quiz Answers								
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