



## **Plumley Village Newsletter Including Toft and Bexton**

**Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council**  
**Next meeting of the council is on Wednesday 11th  
January 7.30pm at Plumley Methodist Church**

**December 2022**  
**Welcome to the latest  
edition of the Newsletter,  
which can also be found on  
our website**

### **Speed reduction scheme for Plumley Moor Road moves closer**

As a Parish Council, we have often asked the people of the Parish for feedback about any concerns and issues which need our attention. Ranging from informal personal discussions to the consultation sessions we held when considering a neighbourhood plan, the result has always been the same. The biggest concern for most people is the speed of traffic through the village.

Over the years we have consulted with Cheshire East Highways to explore every avenue to try and resolve this issue. Sadly, we have been met with a refusal to all our suggestions. We have also tried to raise support for the Speedwatch scheme in the village. Many of us have stood by the roadside in the wet and windy weather to see first hand the disregard many drivers have for the speed limit. Ultimately there seemed to be little impact as drivers realised there was no consequence for their actions.

However, over the last couple of years we have pursued a different solution. This has been led by Councillor Steve Jones drawing on his considerable experience and understanding. Working with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) together with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, he devised a scheme where the introduction of average speed cameras in local villages could become a possibility. There has been a huge amount of work involved with this idea, and numerous local councils have said they would like such a scheme. But the complexity and costs involved mean that the concept needs to be tested and proved first before large numbers of this type of scheme can be considered by the PCC. So, it was decided that the best way to achieve this was go ahead with an average speed camera scheme installation in three different parishes. Although these installations will be permanent across the life of the equipment, they will serve as a trial or pilot for the justification of the wider installation of these schemes.

As you can imagine, there was huge competition across the local councils to be awarded one of these first three schemes. Even though the whole concept was created through the work of Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council, we had to throw our hat into the ring in the same way as other councils wanting to be considered for one of these three schemes. However, I am delighted to be able to confirm that we have indeed been selected as the Parish within Cheshire East that will see an average speed camera scheme installed through the village.

The other two schemes will be Action Bridge in Cheshire West and Lymm in Warrington.

There is much work still to do and I can not at this stage confirm timescales. We have an agreement with the PCC, but final costings from the equipment supplier need to be confirmed and the contracts drawn up and signed. The agreement is that the police will pay for all of the running and maintenance costs of the cameras over their 15 year life. We as Parish Council have to meet the initial purchase costs of the cameras which we will do through a loan. The additional annual costs of the scheme will mean we will have to increase our precept slightly in the coming years. But we have built some reserves as we worked on the idea which will soften the impact.

There is no doubt that this type of scheme is the most efficient way of making sure drivers obey speed limits. After all the years of concern and campaigning, it is a tremendous achievement to have an effective solution in site to prevent speeding vehicles through the village. I would like to express my thanks to Steve Jones for his pioneering work and hours of time that have given us and other villages this new opportunity to make our roads safer. It is our belief that the three initial schemes will prove to be a great success in pursuit of this goal. Hopefully additional councils and villages will then be able to benefit as we will. Finally, as we move into December, I would like on behalf of the Parish Council to wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas. It is my hope and prayer that in 2023, some of the peace of Christmas my rest on this war torn and troubled world. Cllr Anthony Gabbott Chair of Plumley Toft and Bexton PC

## Plumley Village Hall

**Christmas Carols & Music**  
**with Mereside Brass Band in aid of Hope Central Food bank**  
**Plumley Village Hall Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**Mince pies & Mulled Wine All Welcome (no tickets required)**

### First Aid

Would you be interested in learning some first aid? How to help yourself and your loved ones in an emergency; how to deal with the small accidents & what to do in a serious situation.

If there is enough interest we are going to organise some courses in the village hall. The village hall will cover any costs involved so they will be **free of charge** to everyone attending.

If you would be interested give me a call, drop me an email or speak to any committee member.

### Village Fete 2023

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

It has been traditional for there to be a village fete on the last weekend in June. The village hall committee have organised this with the help of other villagers, but the event only has a future with some new fresh ideas & more volunteers to help with the organisation & running.

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm** for everyone to make suggestions & to offer help. If you can't make this meeting then get in touch with me directly.

**We can't do it without you!**

We look forward to welcoming you to our events in 2023.

On behalf of everyone at the Village Hall we wish you a very happy Christmas & a healthy & peaceful New Year.

Pam Arnfield

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## PLUMLEY METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday 11th December at 4pm carol service with the Plumley singers led by Rev Alan Bradley  
 Saturday 24th December at 7 pm carol service and Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Bradley



## Helplines

**Citizens Advice Service.** 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday; **Telephone call-backs can be requested by leaving a message on 01625-708608.**

**Samaritans** Telephone number: 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**Domestic Abuse** Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub (CEDAH):

**Phone** 0300 123 5101 **text:** 07771 941 464 **email:** [cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

**Refuge on 0808-2000247.**

**Cheshire East Council Cost of Living Crisis Team**

The Cost of Living Crisis Team are available on **0300 123 5024** between 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday For more information on their website

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/cost-of-living.aspx>

## Plumley and District Probus Club

The club continues to be active and recent talks have included "Recycling in Cheshire East" by Lisa Collas from Ansa Environmental Services who are wholly owned and controlled by Cheshire East and who empty our bins and clean the streets, amongst other things. The speaker was excellent and the talk extremely instructive, especially to members who thought they already had a good grasp of silver bin versus black bin, for example.

The most recent talk was by John Kerwin who spoke about Agincourt. John explained at the outset that he wasn't a qualified historian but you would not have known. His research had been exemplary and his command of detail was really impressive. He made the past come alive describing some of the fairly horrific events that preceded Agincourt. Henry V felt it was God's will for him to rule both England and France and put together a massive army at great expense to invade France. Dukes were paid £13 per day while the poor archers received 2d. The King's personal retinue amounted to 900 men and he had 233 horses for his own use. The invasion was badly held up at Harfleur, then a major port in north western France, these days superseded by nearby Le Havre. What should have taken two days took six weeks and cost a lot of lives. The battle of Agincourt then took place on Henry's retreat back to England and, amazingly, he secured a convincing victory over vastly superior numbers. A recent highlight for the club was winning the local Probus Golf tournament where Plumley won both the team prize and also the individual prize (Peter Ellis). Well done to the team!

Our social group was fortunate to have a tour of the vast warehousing facilities of H W Coates at Byley (through family connections) and we learnt all about the logistics of getting stuff around the country together with a fascinating history of the company's growth at the Byley site. When Coates purchased the site in the 1960s, there were still anti-aircraft guns and camouflage netting on the roof and instructions to staff as to what to do in the case of a German invasion. There was even a gun emplacement inside the factory which was used to assemble Wellington bombers during the war. Two aircraft could be built alongside each other in six days! That same building is still standing today and is still providing warehousing for the company.

We are looking forward to our six-monthly Ladies' Lunch later this month, open to members, partners and widows.

Our regular meetings are held at the Golden Pheasant in Plumley from 12 noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month.

Alan Eastwood, Plumley and District Probus Club"

### Butterflies

Butterflies is a Babies & Tots Music Group that meets at 10am on Fridays during term time At Plumley Village Hall

**\*Volunteers Needed\*** to help make tea and coffee for the Mum's after our singing session. We're a new and lovely group that want to bless the parents in this local community who have had babies during lockdown. Please call Rosie on 07916129153 for more details. Thank you, and hope to hear from you soon Rosie



### Plumley Singers


The Plumley Singers will be meeting again once a fortnight on Wednesday evening from 7pm - 8pm in the church hall.

The first session will be on Wednesday 5th of October and we welcome old and new members to join us for an evening of musical entertainment.

No previous experience required!

Kath Scott



Contacts and Groups			
Local Key contacts/organisations	Name	Telephone	Email / additional information
Parish Council Chairman	Cllr Tony Gabbott	01565 722767	
Parish Council Help and Response Team	Cllr David Nichols Cllr Steve Jones	01565 723837 07887 506861	David.james.nichols2@gmail.com SMJones1@sky.com
Village Hall Committee Chairman Village Hall Bookings	Pam Arnfield Jill James	01565 722262 07709 864568	chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk
Tennis Courts & Play Area	Penny Allen	01565 722259	
Plumley Stores/Post Office	Jonathan Royle	01565 722277	
Toft Church Hall	Valerie Brooker	01565 650374	Mobile 07973 290756
Cheshire East Council	Reception	0300 123 5500	
Flexible Transport Service	Reception	0845 0779110	9.30 –12-30 Monday to Friday
Cheshire West & Chester Rural Rider	Reception	01606 784100	
Plumley Chapel	Elizabeth Hall	01565 722271	
Plumley and District Probus Club	Alan Eastwood	01565 634992	
Halle	Isobel Nicholson	01606 888890	
Livery— Holly Tree Equestrian	Gloria Robinson	01565 722188	hollytree.ec@gmail.com
Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years		02625 467623	admin@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk
Mums and Tots Plumley VH			Tuesday morning (term time)
Plumley WI	Sandra Youngson	01565 723220	Plumley VH 1st Thursday in month"
Events at Toft Hall			
U3A Drawing and Painting	Mrs Berry Northen	01565 873053	Monday 10.00 am –12.00 noon
Art Group	Wendy Ramsay	01565 632362	Wednesday 10.00 am -12.00 noon
2nd Toft Brownies	Ann Liggett		6.00pm - 7.30pm E-mail : liggett@avaya.com
Toft Quilters	Veronica Walton	01565 651507	1st Wed month 1.00pm -3.00pm
The Callanetics Group	Carol Gunter	01565 651038	Thursday 9.00am -10.00am
Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama			<p><b>CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR</b>  <b>marc.asquith@cheshireeast.gov.uk</b>  <b>01625 860446</b></p> 
<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. Pre-School Drama Class, rising 2's to 4 year olds</p> <p>Contact Sam Marsden for details,  phone - 07887 778 822  email -mwsd@hotmail.co.uk</p>			