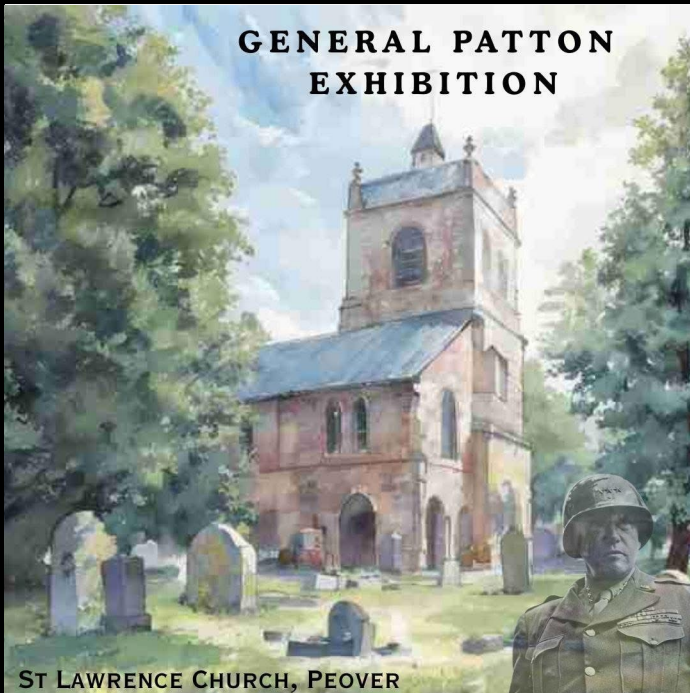


Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Newsletter June 2025

GENERAL PATTON EXHIBITION



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, PEOVER

PATTON'S 3RD US ARMY IN CHESHIRE

In 1944, U.S. General George S. Patton made Peover Hall his headquarters as he prepared for the D-Day landings

To mark the 80th anniversary of his death, a special General Patton Exhibition is being held this summer at St Lawrence's Church, Peover, just a short walk from the Hall.

Curated from the Peover Hall archives and Patton's personal diaries, the exhibition gives a fascinating insight into his time in Cheshire, his bold leadership style and his reflections ahead of the Normandy landings.

Opening Saturday 7th June during the Peover Hall NGS Open Weekend

Also open daily from Sunday 9th to Saturday 14th June, 9am – 5pm

Then open every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Come and stand where history was made, and uncover the story of one of WWII's most legendary generals in the very place he once walked.

Copy date for the next
edition will be

1st August 2025

All items to be sent
to :David McGifford
Phone - 07968 603811
or E-mail

clerk@plumley-toft-
bexton-pc.co.uk

Parish Councillors areas of Responsibility 2024

Tony Gabbott	Chair.
Ged Coates	Vice Chair & Highways
David Nichols	Village Hall
John Wright	Planning
A Shaw / M Pickup	Footpaths
Council	Comm Resilience
S Crossman / V L Roxby	Police Liaison

It is proposed that
the next meeting
of the Parish
Council will be
held at Plumley
Methodist Church
on the 25th June
starting at 7.30 pm

Parish Council Review of 2024-25

Structure of the Council –Remains at full strength of 11 Councillors with the new additions of Penny Allen and Mark Pickup who joined in 2024

Cheshire East Ward Councillor – Anthony Harrison who is also a Plumley resident and proving to be very proactive on local issues

Planning Applications. A few contentious applications were reviewed by the council

1. The Dog exercise park, huge public outcry - withdrawn
2. The Golden Pheasant, Big concern over road safety. - withdrawn
3. The new development on Middlewich road, A lot of members of the public attended the planning meeting to make their views known

The Parish Council continues to challenge these types of applications to protect the community

Highways. Unfortunately there are many ongoing issues which the council continues to fight for on the basis of safety these include

1. General condition of roads and footpaths
2. Line of sight at junctions– corners heights of hedges.
3. The station bridge – Pavement width - disability access
4. Street lighting – most repairs now completed

However Cheshire East Highways visited the village early in 2025 to review our concerns, they stated there are no safety issues they view as a concern in anything we raised, and closed the case. Despite many challenges it is their decision and their responsibility now.

Average Speed Camera project. The finances are in place through a low interest loan via the Public Works Loans Board and other interest free borrowing. We are waiting for installation / power supply for camera by Pheasant. This is being dealt with by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office, Cheshire East Highways , Scottish Power and the Golden Pheasant—It's proving to be a very protracted and frustrating process

Cheadle Lane bridge over Peover Eye. It is affecting local businesses and is a huge inconvenience for drivers and pedestrians. We have invited the relevant Cheshire East Officer to a council meeting to discuss this—residents will be welcome !

Streetscape. Is a new initiative for the council aimed at improving our local environment for the benefit of residents, works to date include —

1. The repainting of the fingerpost on Trouthall Lane
2. Refurbished noticeboards
3. Additional planting in front of the Village Store
4. Bulb planting planned for the coming year with other restoration work under review

Plumley Station the council recognise and supports the work being done by volunteers with extensive planting and improved signage, this creates a fabulous gateway into the village.

The bad news is the possibility of 2 hourly service, via this newsletter we asked for comments about the proposed reduction in services—the council has received 27 complaints / concerns over these plans. **These have and continue to be forwarded to our Local MP**



Please come and support the Garden Party on Saturday 28th June from 2pm at the Village Hall.

Bring the Best Bloom from your garden.

**Prizes for the best Fancy Dress for the children as well as a bouncy castle
Craft Table Stalls Plants Games Bar, Tea and Cakes Tug of War!!!**

We do need donations please - for the tombola, raffle, books.

Please bring them to the hall the day before - or let me know and I'm happy to collect!

Contact Penny 07977 367483

PLUMLEY STATION GARDENING

Gardening at Plumley Station has been given a bold and celebratory refresh as part of Railway 200—a nationwide campaign marking 200 years of Modern Railways. The station now proudly displays a new sign featuring the Railway 200 logo, highlighting its role in this historic moment. Volunteers have worked tirelessly to prepare the gardens, holding regular weeding sessions and carefully planning new planting schemes.

A particular challenge has been working within the Railway 200 colour palette of red, white, and black, an unusual horticultural combination. Despite this, the team has created striking displays that are both dramatic and welcoming. Colourful bunting adds an extra festive touch, bringing the station to life for passengers and visitors.

One of the standout features is a section of rail track reused from the RHS Show garden the team built last year. Several plants left over from that project have also been re-planted at Plumley, giving them a new home and reinforcing the team's commitment to sustainability.

The result is a thoughtful, creative, and community-driven celebration of both local effort and national heritage, proudly on display for all to enjoy.

Harry Allen



Plumley Village Hall

The hall is available to hire at preferential rates for Plumley residents and is ideal for children's parties and other get togethers! Regular events held at the hall include a yoga class on a Monday morning, Butterflies Tots group on a Tuesday morning, regular WI meetings, Knutsford Flower Club, Woodturners, a monthly meeting by the Hardy Plant Society, Cheshire Live Steamers, North of England Orchid Society and twice yearly either theatre or music arranged by Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

More information can be found on the website:

www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk



Reporting General Highways Issues

As you are no doubt aware the highways network in Cheshire East is currently in a poor state and you probably feel that there is nothing you can do about it. They, like many other councils, have a system called FIX MY STREET which is on their website. It is relatively simple to use all you have to do is click on and open the link below which will take you through to their website page for Plumley and click on the Report a Problem. <https://fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk/reports/>, Cheshire+East

There are many problems you can report such as significant potholes, street lighting not working, hedges obstructing views at junctions and damages to signage. The Issues will be reviewed by Cheshire East Council Highways Officers and then prioritised.

Plumley Methodist Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship which is in the church at 11am each Sunday, details can be found on the website or church noticeboard. We hold a coffee morning on the first Saturday of each month at 10.30am where there is a raffle and a stall raising funds for the church or various charities. It is a great opportunity to meet with friends from the village and get to know new people. If you would like to hold a special occasion at the church please contact

Rev. Sincere Makunde www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk

PLUMLEY WI



PLUMLEY We Invite You to join us



Check out our Facebook page by scanning the QR code

The WI is a unique organisation shaped by its members. In 1915, we set out to give women a voice and to be a force for good in the community. Since then, our members and our ambitions alike have grown tremendously. Today, we are the largest women's organisation in the UK and we pride ourselves on being a trusted place for all women of all generations, to share experiences and learn from each other.

A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area in-person and virtually, to make friends and make a difference in your community. We campaign nationally on a wide range of issues and provide life-long learning and self-development opportunities for women in England and Wales.

Plumley WI meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. There is a varied programme of speakers and activities throughout the year. You are welcome to attend up to 3 meetings free of charge before making any commitment.

The picture shows the WI walking group at Dunham park

Contacts for further information:- **Stephanie Dawson**

01565 733447 Isobel Chetwood 077252 51458

Rose Jones 07557 745983



PROBUS

Knutsford and Plumley Probus Club is enjoying a very successful year. Since our AGM last November, we have gained eight new members but, regrettably, lost two (one death and one relocation from the area). We now have 43 members and we are hopeful of more later this year. We meet at the Golden Pheasant in Plumley at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month when we have lunch and a talk from a visiting speaker. This year, we have had live music, a magician, talks on subjects including Radio Caroline, the Jacobites, anecdotes from a prison nurse and from a registrar, energy efficiency in the home, nuclear power station design, telecoms through the ages, Alan Turing, graphene and Ireland in World War II, a quite eclectic mix of subjects, all very interesting and often not what you expect from the title!

Our bowls group meets weekly during the season and our walks group meets weekly all year, taking a circular route from a different pub each week, finishing with lunch in the pub. We have two club lunches each year to which ladies are invited as they are to one or two regular meetings if we think they will enjoy it, such as the magician who is always fabulous. Social outings this year have included dinner at Aspire in Altrincham where students at the college cook and serve our meal, a behind the scenes tour of the Bridgewater Hall, the Lion Salt Works, Safety Central at Lymm (run by the fire and rescue service), a spooky ghost tour of Knutsford, the Hallé Carol Concert at the Bridgewater Hall and a trip to a set of racing stables, all very much enjoyed.

New members are always very welcome. Either turn up on the day or contact Alan Eastwood on 01565 634992.

Butterflies Tots Group

Every Tuesday during term time, our local tots group have been meeting in the village hall up to 25 children attending each week along with their parents, grandparents and other carers. Many come from Plumley, but we're also welcoming little ones from Knutsford, Northwich and the many villages in between.

Thanks to the support of the Parish of St Oswald's, Lower Peover, the group now has some lovely new equipment and has been blessed by the service of a team of volunteers from the church who serve tea and coffee for the adults and snacks for the children.

We have also been delighted to connect with Plumley Methodist Church who have organised refreshments and fun for the children at Christmas and Easter.

The time has come for the current leader of the group to step down and hand over the reins. The group has seen many different faces and styles over the years, run by individuals, and also groups of Mums together.

If you know of anyone who would like to be involved in helping to run the group from September 2025 then please get in touch with Rosie on 07916 129153.

Knutsford and District Talking Newspaper

Do you know someone who would like to have a weekly recording of the Knutsford Guardian?

We are a voluntary group who want to bring the local news to our blind and visually impaired residents by recording articles from the local newspaper *The Knutsford Guardian*. We cover all local villages.

We try to improve things for visually impaired people in the district, so that they can keep up to date with local news. We are also happy to send the recordings to residents who may have difficulty holding a newspaper or struggle to process when reading print (maybe as a result of a stroke or other neurological / physical disability)

We record the news and articles each week and then copy the recording onto a memory stick and post it out weekly to our listeners. This is a completely free service and all listeners also receive a USB Player specifically designed for the visually impaired, free of charge.

Our weekly recordings are also available for free on the Talking Newspaper App (Android & iOS) or via Devices such as Amazon Alexa or Amazon Echo. If you know of anyone who may benefit as a listener or if you would be interested in volunteering and need any further information, please contact

Mrs Frances McGhee (Secretary) on 07814 564858 or Email : fmclella@yahoo.com

Iyengar Yoga

I have been teaching Iyengar Yoga in the village hall since September 2000. It is a friendly class, mixed ages and abilities.

I really don't like driving in the dark these days, and as several folk in my class feel the same, I have now moved the time of the class to Monday mornings 11 - 12.30. The class is suitable for all levels, beginners most welcome.

Drop in £15 or pay for 6 weeks upfront £12 per week £72 for 6 weeks. Would you like to join us?

Any queries just contact me and I shall be happy to help and advise.

Susan Rennie

07554 442215

Email susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com

Knutsford Floral Design Club 2024

We are a friendly bunch of people who have a common interest in flower arranging and floral design. Anyone who wishes to make friends, have fun with flowers or simply sit and watch a demonstrator create fantastic floral designs can come along and join our club.

Annual membership is £55.00 or visitor fee £10.00. Flower arranging classes will be held on the Tuesday afternoon before the monthly club meeting to help gain confidence in flower arranging. Christmas and Spring workshops are held and are hugely popular for a small fee that includes flowers, foliage and mechanics, along with guidance from our very own professional florists.

People are encouraged to have a go at creating an arrangement and join in our monthly competitions. We also show our work and compete at the annual Royal Cheshire Show in June each year. Many novice and more experienced arrangers achieve awards, silver cups and accolades.

Don't be shy, come along and meet our welcoming committee and faithful club members.

Our website: www.knutsfordfloraldesign.co.uk

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

Domestic Abuse Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub (CEDAH):

Phone 0300 123 5101 **text:** 07771 941 464 **email:** cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Refuge on 0808-2000247.

Noise over the village, emanating from flights connected to Manchester airport. Contact either 0800 967 967 or community.relations@manairport.co.uk

CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR



Anthony Harrison, pictured, has been working closely with the Parish Council since being elected to Cheshire East Council in May 2023.

Following Cheshire East's Green Space Strategy Review, Chelford Ward has had none of its services cut, however he put up a strong fight to have two of Plumley's green space management increased – both the land on Yewtree Road and Moorcroft will see an increase in green space maintenance in 2024 onwards. He has also conducted a thorough highways and streetlamp review right across Plumley Village, and continues to report all defects which he hopes will be repaired in the very near future.

He would also like to thank all of the residents who attended his Councillor Surgery early in the year and for raising the issues they had. Please get in touch if anyone has any further issues or concerns, they would like to bring to his attention.

Anthony's contact details are Tel 07852 516957
- email Anthony.Harrison@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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 Chair 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 from Plumley to Knutsford on Monday mornings.	Reception	0300 1235110	To book ring between 10 - 12 30 giving at least 2 days notice in advance
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	07918 733822	hollytree.ec@gmail.com
Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years		02625 467623	admin@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk
Butterflies Tots Group	Rosie Tabner	07916 129153	Tuesday morning (term time)
Plumley WI	Isobel Chetwood	01565 723683	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
Police Surgeries			Police Contact
PCSO Amy Mair has surgeries planned for the following dates and locations Saturday 22nd March 2025- Plumley Garden Centre- 10:00-11:00 Sunday 23rd March 2025- High Legh Garden Centre- 10:00-11:00 Sunday 13th April- High Legh Garden Centre- 09:30-1030			To report a crime call 101 for non-emergency enquiries or log a report through the Cheshire Police website. Call 999 when in an emergency and need immediate support.

**We are wanting to engage with
more residents through our
newsletter via e-mail**

**Can you let friends and
neighbours know about the
Community Newsletter ?
Please send a request to the
Parish Clerk at**

**Clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk
and you will be added to the
mailing list**

**The latest newsletters can also
be found on the Parish Council
website**

www.plumleytoftbextonpc.co.uk