

# Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish Council

## Newsletter September 2025



The sun shone on the Plumley Garden Party at the end of June, setting the scene for a day of community fun. The plant stall, always a favourite, drew plenty of interest, while the tombola and generous raffle prizes added extra excitement.

Children enjoyed the bouncy castle, craft table, and a variety of games, while adults relaxed with teas and cakes – all kindly provided by volunteers. The bar proved popular, ensuring no one went thirsty. Basil's Boutique delighted dog lovers with treats and accessories, and the talented woodturners –

who meet weekly in the hall – showcased their craftsmanship, selling their creations and generously donating a beautiful hand-turned bowl for a sealed-bid auction.

After some gentle encouragement, a spirited tug-of-war rounded off the day, sparking talk of an even bigger challenge for next year!

A heartfelt thank you goes to the local nurseries – T and S Riley, Les Halman, Parkside Roses, Heathfield Nursery and Plumley's Garden Centre, – for their generous plant donations. Appreciation also goes to the many local businesses who provided raffle prizes, including the village shop, The Golden Pheasant, Plumleys Café, Poppy's Tearoom in Northwich, B&Q, Northwich Vets, Tool Station, and Asda. Special thanks to Knutsford Floral Design Club and to the woodturners for their contributions, and to Jay for organising the music.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who helped before, during, and after the event – and to all who attended. Your efforts helped raise over **\*\*£1,200\*\***, which will go toward supporting future village hall projects.

**DO KEEP THE LAST SATURDAY IN JUNE 2026 FREE!!**

Copy date for the next edition will be	Parish Councillors areas of Responsibility 2024		It is proposed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Plumley Methodist Church on the 12th of November starting at 7.30 pm
<p>1st November 2025</p> <p>All items to be sent to :David McGifford</p> <p>Phone - 07968 603811</p> <p>or E-mail</p> <p>clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk</p>	<p><b>Tony Gabbott</b></p> <p><b>Ged Coates</b></p> <p><b>David Nichols</b></p> <p><b>John Wright</b></p> <p><b>A Shaw / M Pickup</b></p> <p><b>Council</b></p> <p><b>S Crossman / V L Roxby</b></p>	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <p><b>Vice Chair &amp; Highways</b></p> <p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <p><b>Comm Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Police Liaison</b></p>	

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES



### Booths Bridge - Cheadle Lane - Update

During October Cheshire East Council advised that they are commencing site preparation for the installation of a replacement bridge and hope to be commencing the Installation of it in January 2026

### Average Speed Camera update

At the Parish Council meeting on the 10th of September it was noted that progress has been made on land ownership issues which

is one of the main problems preventing the installation of the Average Speed Cameras on Plumley Moor Road. It is worth noting that there is still no clarity on the completion date of this project

**Station Bridge Pavement** at the same meeting it was noted that the access over the station bridge has become even narrower with weeds, detritus and a large lump in the pavement which is forcing people to cross the bridge on the road. Within the last couple of months there have been 3 near misses reported where vehicles have narrowly missed residents using the bridge. Cheshire East Council have been notified of this issue

## PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL



Cheshire Rural Touring Arts next event at Plumley Village Hall on Friday 28th November at 7.30pm

Timothy Marriott & Smoke Screen Productions – Watson: The Final Problem

A Sherlock-ian solo performance as Dr Watson tells the Moriarty story from his perspective.

1894. Watson is alone. Holmes and his beloved Mary are gone, but rumours swirl in the fog of London and it's time to set the record straight.

So, Watson tells his tale, taking the audience on a journey across Europe to a dramatic finale at the Reichenbach

Falls.

Performed by Tim Marriott (BBC's The Brittas Empire), co-written and directed by Bert Coules (BBC Head Writer the Further adventures of Sherlock Holmes).

Suitable for 12 years +

Tickets - £12 for adults, £8 for under 16 years from Plumley Village Shop or from Penny Allen – 07977 367483 – or [tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk) or [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk)

There will be a bar and raffle

## FANCY A NIGHT OUT WITH A DIFFERENCE? Join us on the MUSIC TRAIN

The music train runs several times a year along the Mid Cheshire Line (MCL) from Chester through Delamere, Northwich, Knutsford and Altrincham to Stockport and Manchester. Regular Music Train routes are Chester to Plumley or Altrincham to Chester. You get on the train, go to the pub and back again, hearing live music both on the train and at the pub. There is NO CHARGE for the music however there will be a collection for the musicians to show your appreciation.

The Music Train programme started way back in 2007 and ran every single year, several times a year, Covid arrived which meant a temporary stop to the mobile fun. Over the years, it has built up to an average of 17 Music Trains a year over the summer months with three different 'journey and pub' offers, as follows

### Open to All Music Trains

These run from Chester to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley plus, once a season from Chester to the Angel in Knutsford during their Music Festival week. Please book a table in advance at the pub to be sure of a good view of the band. To complete the season there are 2 music trains

Train	WHEN	TO	MUSICIANS
Departs Chester 18:56 Arrives back 22:38	Wednesday 24 September 25	Golden Pheasant Plumley	BandaRama

  

Train	DATE	TO	MUSICIANS
Departs Altrincham 18:36 Arrives back 23:53	Thursday 16th October	Alexanders Chester	Mambo Jambo on the train So what now at Alexanders

The full programme is published at the start of each year so if you can't make it this year, look out for the 2026 Music Trains!

INTERESTED? To find out more, you can take a look at the Mid Cheshire Line website  
([www.midcheshirerail.org.uk](http://www.midcheshirerail.org.uk))

## LOCAL BATON RELAY WALKS



Help celebrate 200 years of the birth of the modern railway with LOCAL BATON RELAY WALKS

This year Railway 200 celebrates the start of the railway system as we know it today "connecting places, people and communities". So, it's a unique chance to celebrate this in our own communities.

Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership is marking this milestone with a baton relay event over 6 days in September.

These station-to-station walks will closely follow the route of the Mid Cheshire Line. Starting at Manchester Piccadilly Station on Monday 22nd September and

finishing 6 days later at Chester Station on Saturday 27th September. You can join us for a short section, a full day or all 6 days – you will be more than welcome.

The carefully planned walks are of varying lengths to suit different levels of ability. We will call at each station along the line handing over a knitted baton - made by community knitting group Toppers of Northwich - to the walking group tackling the next section. Along the way, walkers will pass through the beautiful scenic countryside and fascinating historic towns.

We would welcome people from communities along the Mid Cheshire Line to join in for a short section, a full day or the total walk.

To register your interest or for any questions please email [contact@midcheshirerail.org.uk](mailto:contact@midcheshirerail.org.uk)



## 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](http://www.plumleyvillagehall.co.uk)**



## Reporting General Highways Issues to Cheshire East -traCE

traCE - Track, Report, Alert Cheshire East has replaced Fix My Street at Cheshire East Council so you can still report street issues in to Cheshire East Council. The system will check if the issue is on land they own or maintain and shows what they are doing about it. The types of issues you can report include the following:

**Potholes, Faulty streetlights, Litter, Abandoned vehicles, Blocked drains and gullies and Fly-tipping**

To do this you need to go onto their website via this link [trace](#) if you cannot access this link simply Google Cheshire East Council - trace

## 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](http://www.plumleymethodistchurch.org.uk)**

## Police Surgeries at Plumley Garden Centre

**28/09/2025 @ 10:00-11:00**

**19/10/2025 @ 10:00-11:00**

**20/12/2025 @ 10:00-11:00**

## 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. It was founded in 1915 and since then then our members and our ambitions alike have grown tremendously. Today, we are the largest women's organisation in the UK .

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.

We have a walking group, a craft and social group and go on regular trips out most recently to Englesea Brook Chapel and Bluebell Cottage Gardens in Dutton. We had planned to go to the Beeches is Chelford for a game of crazy golf however *rain stopped play* so we just had lunch instead!



The walking group at Dunham

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

Since the last newsletter we are delighted to say that Lizzy Banks has taken over as leader of the Butterflies Tots Group. We meet in the Village Hall every Tuesday during term time and are pleased to welcome 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.

For further information please contact [lizzy.j.banks@gmail.com](mailto:lizzy.j.banks@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:fmclella@yahoo.com)

## Iyengar Yoga

I have been teaching Iyengar Yoga in the village hall since September 2000. It is a friendly class of 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](mailto:susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com)

## Knutsford Floral Design Club 2025

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](http://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](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.**

**Noise over the village, emanating from flights connected to Manchester airport.** Contact either 0800 967 967 or [community.relations@manairport.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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	
<b>Flexible Transport Service</b> 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 Church 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](http://www.plumleytoftbextonpc.co.uk)**