

Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish Council

Newsletter June 2026

Plumley Garden Party

Is taking place at the Village Hall on Saturday 27th June from 2pm
Everyone is welcome!

There'll be plenty to see and do throughout the afternoon, including stalls selling plants, handcrafted dog accessories, fidget toys, books, tea and cakes, plus a bar, raffle and tombola. There's fun for all ages too, with games for both adults and children, a craft corner, bouncy castle, pottery painting where you can decorate your own piece of ceramics, and even a woodworking demonstration.

COME ALONG TO THE PLUMLEY GARDEN PARTY!

2.00 p.m.
SATURDAY 27th June
at the Village Hall



Where you will find.....
A BOUNCY CASTLE
TUG OF WAR COMPETITION
REFRESHMENTS and BAR
BEST BLOOM COMPETITION - children and adults
TOMBOLA
RAFFLE
PLANT STALL
POTTERY PAINTING
GAMES and ACTIVITIES
WOODTURNING DEMONSTRATION
.... and lots more!

Donations of new goods for the raffle and tombola prizes as well as pre-loved books are very welcome. Please bring along to the Village Hall on FRIDAY 26 JUNE or phone Pam on 01565 722262 to arrange collection

All proceeds to Plumley Village Hall
 Charity Number 520096



We'll also be holding a "Guess the Panda's Name" competition, along with prizes for the best bloom brought along by both adults and children.

During the afternoon, don't miss the tug of war — everyone is encouraged to join in!

We'd be very grateful for any donations of new items for the raffle or tombola, as well as pre-loved books for the book stall.

Donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall during the day on Friday 26th June, or you can contact

Pam on 01565 722262 to arrange collection.

We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon!!!

**Copy date for the next
edition will be**

10th September 2026

**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

Tony Gabbott	Chair
Ged Coates	Vice Chair & Highways
Penny Allen	Streetscape
David Nichols	Village Hall
Stephen Jones	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 either the 24th of
June or the 8th July
starting at 7.30 pm**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS



Speeding vehicles through Plumley Village was the biggest issue raised when the Parish Council consulted with residents some three years ago. In response to this we worked up a partnership scheme with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to install average speed cameras along Plumley Moor Road - one by the Village Hall and one by the Golden Pheasant Inn. We have worked through a complicated process with the PCC's officers and have recently been appraised that physical implementation of the scheme is now imminent. For our part we had to get agreement from the Public Works Loan

Board to be able to raise our contribution to the scheme and negotiate with the PCC a legal agreement to formalise the partnership. For their part, the PCC's officers had to tender the scheme, appoint a specialist contractor, and then sort out the physical practicalities of siting, power supplies, land ownership (of where one of the cameras will be located), and working methods with the Highway Authority. These steps we have been told are now complete and coordinating the various agencies to deliver the cameras is now in hand.

We will be in touch once the cameras are up and operating; the evidence from elsewhere is that quite quickly the cameras will drastically reduce speeding and make the Village much safer.

FreePlay - A Cappella around the World

FreePlay

'COME TOGETHER' A CAPPELLA LIVE LOOPING MUSIC DUO ALL THE WAY FROM CANADA PRESENTED BY CHESHIRE RURAL TOURING ARTS

Live Music

05 June Plumley Village Hall 10.15.07.25 9.30.7.48.3 7.30pm

06 June Crewe Creates CIC, PLATFORM CW1 2 7.18.5.000 7.30pm

WWW.CHESHIRERURALTOURINGARTS.ORG.UK

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

On June 5th at 7.30pm, we have a musical duo from Canada transforming two voices into twenty, 100% live, no instruments, no backing tracks. Every sound, from drums to strings and guitar, are entirely created with the human voice. Their Loopstation layers voices in real time, building intricate arrangements before your ears.

Freeplay spans genres from Bach to Bird, the Beatles to Bollywood, crossing musical boundaries to create a concert of endless variety.

This is brought to Plumley by the Cheshire Rural Touring Arts.

Tickets are £12 from the Village Shop or Penny Allen (07977 367483) or from ticketsource.co.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

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

The monthly coffee mornings continue on the 1st Saturday morning of each month and are very popular and very well attended. It's good to see people who have recently moved to the village who are able to meet new neighbours. The church has recently installed WiFi and new speakers which are available to those hiring the hall for meetings and events as well as church services.

MUSIC TRAINS ON THE MID CHESHIRE LINE

The 2nd Music Train of this year running on the **Mid Cheshire Line** was from Altrincham to **The Goshawk** in Mouldsworth on 15 May.

We had another fabulous night with around 50 people joining us to enjoy the music of one of our new bands, **THE WELTONES**. As an adventurous violin and guitar duo, they played an eclectic mix of Take That, The Waterboys, James to a very receptive audience.

The Goshawk served us proud by providing people with both their food and drink in plenty of time to catch the return train to Altrincham. As one of our audience said on the night "The food was good, the ale was fine and the band were excellent, even the trains were on time!".

Here are a couple of photos to show you what you missed if you couldn't join us!



And so to the next Music Train in June!

This will be a Music Train of several 'firsts' for us! First time to run from Chester to Altrincham. First

Date	Day	Start	Dep	Destination	Arr	Venue	Dep	Arr
11-Jun	Thu	Chester	1156	Altrincham	1257	The Station Hotel	1436	1537

time we will be using The Station Hotel. First time in the afternoon. And the first time we will be welcoming a Ukulele band onto the Music Train!.... **LOSTOCK UKES**... The finer details are as follows

Lostock Ukes:- they can confidently turn their hands, ukes and voices, to many genres. They promise that, not only will the ukuleles bring a smile, but it'll be a good old sing-a-long! They donate all their fees to a local cancer charity, St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice, with total donations of £37600 to date.... Quite an achievement!

The destination is **The Station Hotel in Altrincham** which is a couple of minutes from the railway station, so very accessible.

Come and join us! All you need to do is buy your return train ticket and hop on the Music Train from any station between Chester and Altrincham.

For more information go to www.midcheshirerail.org.uk and click on **MUSIC TRAINS**

PLUMLEY WI



PLUMLEY We Invite You to join us

Check out our Facebook page by scanning the QR code



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

There is a walking group, a craft and social group, a lunch club and there are regular outings. In March we visited the Amazon Fulfilment Centre in Bolton where we were treated to a fascinating tour of the site marveling at how slick the whole process is from receipt of the order to the final dispatch. In April we visited the Stockport Hatworks where our very knowledgeable guide gave us a fascinating insight into the Hatworks.

In June AgeUK are coming to give us advice about how to prevent scams. In July we have a speaker to tell us about Medical Detection Dogs. We will then break for the summer with a Coffee Morning and Garden Party, at two of our members' homes, until we meet again in September.

Contacts for further information:-

Rose Jones 07557 745983 Stephanie Dawson 01565 733447
Isobel Chetwood 077252 51458

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 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

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 of mixed ages and abilities. We meet on a Monday morning from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm and the class is suitable for all levels - beginners are most welcome. Why not join us and set yourself up for the week ahead! You can drop in for £15 per week or pay upfront for 6 weeks at £72. If you have any queries please just contact me and I will be happy to help and advise.



Susan Rennie 07554 442215
Email susaniyengaryoga@yahoo.com



Police Contact

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 help or support

KNUTSFORD FLORAL DESIGN CLUB 2026

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



CESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR

Anthony has secured £2.5m out of the £56m funding pot which Cheshire East have received from central government to pay for the reconstruction of Booths Bridge on Cheadle Lane, Plumley. Tatton Member of Parliament, Esther McVey and Anthony also met with the Chief Executive of Northern Trains to discuss the much needed repair work at Plumley Rail Station which after a successful meeting has now been scheduled to be carried out in Spring 2026.

Anthony is currently inundated with planning applications within the Greenbelt since changes to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) came into effect in December 2024, seeing the creation of the 'Greybelt' category. He continues to fight all inappropriate and unsustainable developments in our rural communities through his role as a ward Councillor and member of the Northern Planning Committee."

**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 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

Plumley Garden Party

Will be held on Saturday 27th June, starting at 2pm at the Village Hall.

There will be a wide range of attractions for all ages, including a tug of war, bouncy castle, plenty of traditional games, a plant stall, tombola, wood turning demonstration, pottery painting as well as teas and a bar.

We are looking for volunteers to help with organising the event and particularly for those willing to help run stalls on the day.

Nearer the date, we would also be grateful for donations of new items for the tombola and raffle. If you are able to help in any way, please contact

Penny (07977 367483) or Pam (07761 764206).

**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