



NEWSLETTER

74th edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale, New Houghton and Stony Houghton.



Do you know when the first Scarecrow Festival organised by the parish council took place? It was way back in 2010!

Each year the council has nominated a charity or local group to benefit from the festival and those who have benefitted are listed to the right.

TAKE PART. Over two days in July let's add to our street furniture with our own scarecrows, inviting other residents and visitors to share with our community in a bit of fun and at the same time raise money for a worthy cause.

If you would like to take part but you don't have anywhere suitable to put a scarecrow then contact the clerk and a place can be found for you. People who live outside the parish can participate - again, contact the clerk.

This year the proceeds from the festival will go to the Sir John Eastwood Hospice.

Refreshments are available in The Verney Institute on both days where a route map of the scarecrows can be purchased. This map serves also as the nomination form for the most popular scarecrows.

Prizes £50 for the most popular and two of £25 for two runners-up.

Have you registered your intention to join in the festival yet? You can show off your humour, wit, imagination, knowledge of current affairs or design skills.

The Parish Council would like to thank Maurice Hill Transport Ltd and Joey's Garage for sponsoring the festival.

SIGN UP. Entry is simple. Either complete the form on page 8 and return it to the clerk or email him with your details. You will then receive an official number to put on or near your scarecrow.



St John Ambulance (Pleasley)

Kings Mill Centre (Breast Cancer)

Kings Mill Centre (Bowel Cancer)

Kings Mill Centre (Dialysis Unit)

St Michael's Church

Air Ambulance

Macmillan Cancer Support
RNIB

Alzheimer's Society

Sir John Eastwood Hospice

Derbyshire Unemployed
Workers' Centre

British Heart Foundation

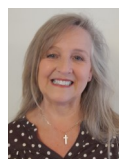


WELCOME

Welcome to the parish council's new councillors.

Two vacancies that occurred following resignations from the council were filled following the co-option process. Councillor Michaela Fradley and Councillor Thomas Allsop attended their first meeting in May.

Reminder: Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, unless it is a Bank Holiday, alternately at The Verney Institute and New Houghton Community Centre. There is no meeting in August.





NEW HOUGHTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION & MILLENIUM GREEN TRUST

c/o 307 Devonshire St, New Houghton

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Community Association and Millenium Green Trust Sunday 24th May 2026 11am Community Centre Rotherham Rd

The meeting discussed the current building application for housing on the land on Rotherham Rd and potentially in other areas and agreed to request a meeting with the planning officer from Bolsover DC to discuss the application. Tom Kirkham agreed to make contact on behalf of the community and it was agreed once a date and time had been arranged it would be posted on social media in order to make the whole of the community aware.

The petition to attempt to seek funding to complete the neighbourhood renewal on the access roads and boundary fencing etc that were never completed due to the scheme running out of money was discussed. It was agreed that once completed a meeting would be arranged of parish, district and county councillors, along with our member of Parliament and the current elected mayor to seek a way forward.

The meeting was told that the access roads were falling into a serious state and that there were several non-roadworthy vehicles on them that were

not only non-roadworthy but were dangerous to anyone using the access roads either by car or foot.

The meeting then discussed the situation with regard to the officials of the Community Association and Millenium Green Trust.

An open vote took place to fill the positions to ensure that the group is working to the rules.

Prior to voting, Ian E Allen asked if anyone would take over as chairman. It was proposed and seconded that he remain as Chair. The vote for him to remain was unanimous with no-one else wishing to be considered.

Thomas Kirkham was proposed and seconded as the secretary. There was no other proposal and on a show of hands the proposal was unanimous and he accepted the position.

Derrick Cartman was proposed and seconded to become the treasure. Once again, there was no other proposal and on a show of hands his proposal was unanimous and he accepted the position.

The position of trustees was discussed and the chair reminded that the constitution requires that there are three trustees. The two trustees already in place stated that they wished to remain as trustees and the chair stated that he would stand as the third trustee until such time as another member of the community was prepared to come forward to the position.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed.

Derbyshire's mobile library has changed.

The former library vehicle which required a HGV driver has been replaced by a smaller vehicle. Inevitably, this will result in a smaller range of books and media being available the service provided will remain high quality. The library will still visit the parish once a month on a Tuesday.

Newboundmill Lane (between Old School Lane and The Verney) 2.00 – 2.15

Booth Avenue 2.20 – 2.35

Recreation Road 2.40 – 3.00 .

The next visit is July 14th.

The Card-Board Club Tuesday mornings 10 am to 12 noon



Tuesday mornings at the Verney in Pleasley, we are a friendly group that meet to chat and play games. Come and play or learn to play card and board games. Or just pop in for a coffee and a chat. Everyone welcome.



Community Speed Watch

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Contrary to popular belief, the aim of CSW is NOT to record as many speeding drivers as possible but to contribute towards making excessive speed socially unacceptable.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- ◇ A minimum of three volunteers who have received training from Derbyshire police advise the police that a roadside session is being held at a previously agreed locality.
- ◇ Warning signs are put out at least 50 metres either side of the volunteers.
- ◇ Volunteers record the vehicle details of motorists travelling above the recommended speed threshold using a speed gun.
- ◇ Those details are passed on to Derbyshire's CSW Administrator who sends out driver advisory letters.
- ◇ Roadside recording sheets are destroyed .

CSW driver advisory letters:

Depending on the number of times the same vehicle has been recorded speeding (anywhere in Derbyshire) reflects which letter the registered keeper will receive.

Letter one An advisory letter will, in most cases, be sent to the registered keeper of those vehicles that are detected at or above the speed threshold.

Letter two Should the vehicle come to notice again and has the same registered keeper, a second letter with a more robust message will be sent.

Letter three If a vehicle with the same registered keeper continues to be reported or drives at an excessive speed a personal visit will be arranged through the SNT or the Road Policing Unit (RPU).

Stage four Should a vehicle be recorded on four occasions then this will be forwarded for consideration for targeting by enforcement officers.

The Pleasley Parish CSW Group will resume its activities as the weather improves (hopefully) and the hours of daylight increase.

As always, new volunteers are most welcome (on-line training sessions of about an hour are held each month) and the time commitment is not demanding - perhaps one and a half hours every two weeks. **By highlighting the issue of speeding you could save a life.**

Contact: cllr.mick.gamble@pleasleyparish.gov.uk

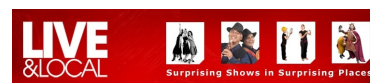
LIVE AT THE VERNEY - WHAT NEXT?

We are currently in the "fallow" period for Live and Local shows. Our last show was in March and we are waiting to find out who will be coming in the next season which starts in September. The Parish Council is continuing to host shows and it gave careful consideration to the "menu" of shows and a list of eight, from which four could be allocated, was submitted and Live and Local will inform the council of its decision in early July.

It doesn't seem long since the council was advertising its first ever show of nationally renowned Ashley Hutchings and his son, Blair Dunlop but it was actually 2017. Since then, the Verney has hosted forty-one shows with a range of musical genres, with musicians from the UK, Spain, Canada, France, North Africa, Ireland and the USA.

There are no alcoholic drinks at The Verney but people are welcome to bring their own. Complimentary tea, coffee and cake are available in the intervals.

The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming audience members both old and new to the season of shows.



Pleasley Nightingales WI has truly gone from strength to strength, and our first anniversary celebration was a wonderful reflection of everything our group stands for — friendship, community spirit, kindness and togetherness.

What began as a small gathering of ladies with a shared vision has blossomed into a thriving and welcoming WI, filled with laughter, support and lasting friendships. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our lovely members and the incredible encouragement shown by the local community throughout our first year.

Our anniversary celebration was a fabulous day enjoyed by all. The room was filled with smiling faces as visitors browsed the bric-a-brac stalls, admired the beautiful plant stalls and enjoyed delicious homemade cakes alongside endless cups of tea and coffee. The atmosphere was warm, cheerful and full of conversation, perfectly capturing the heart of Pleasley Nightingales WI.



It was not only a celebration of our first successful year, but also a celebration of the friendships we have built and the support we continue to give one another. Seeing so many people come together reminded us how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring and supportive community.

Thank you to everyone who came to support us, long may we continue to thrive, so come along



MEET NALA – Anthony Bek School's recently acquired therapy dog.

An increasing number of schools are using dogs to help with the mental health and well-being of both pupils and staff. Anthony Bek is one of a very small group of schools in Derbyshire getting involved in having a therapy dog.

Nala is an F1 Maltipoo puppy, an hypoallergenic breed, which is very cuddly and sociable and will only be a small dog when fully grown (under 4kg). After completing assessment for suitability, Nala is now officially registered in PAWS therapy dog training. This stage of training, which is

school initiated, takes 4 months, during which she will be 'working' with staff and pupils.

Assessors will come to visit her at school at regular intervals.

The first step of her training is to have contact with pupils and to gain confidence in meeting new people. An adult trainer must be with her at all times. Pupils will be taught how to interact with Nala and follow a good hygiene routine of hand washing/sanitising after contact and no licking by the dog. Pupils in KS1 and Foundation stage will be stroking her as she is held by an adult trainer. KS2 pupils will be able to meet her in her outside area during playtimes where she is liable to get more excited whilst still a young puppy. The older pupils will be able to distract her with toys and calm her down, which is all part of the training.

Full training takes a year, after which Nala will receive a therapy dog coat to wear whilst working and a certificate to prove she has successfully undergone training. She will be able to provide well-being sessions with both staff and pupils. This might be just sitting having a cuddle, playing games with her, taking her for a little walk around the school field, reading a story to her or unplanned situations where a child might need comforting or calming. Any activity will always be under adult supervision.

A wonderful and exciting addition to the daily life of Anthony Bek School.

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Anthony Bek School for a new Community Governor to be appointed.

Community governors are members of a school's governing board appointed to represent the local community, bringing their skills and experiences, to support school leadership and decision-making.

Could this person be you? You would be very welcome to make a visit to the school to find out more. Just contact Mrs Johnson, the Headteacher on 01623 810355 or email headteacher@anthonybek.derbyshire.sch.uk



JOBS FOR THE GARDEN

- ⇒ If you have summer containers or hanging baskets, remember to pinch off any dead flowers on a regular basis and feed to encourage more flowers. A tomato feed is ideal.
- ⇒ Keep deadheading roses and feed with a general fertiliser to promote growth and to keep them flowering all summer.
- ⇒ Make arrangements for house plants to be watered if you go away.

The Parish Council has continued to support events during the school holidays.



On April 1st and 8th there was a one day Holiday Activity Programme for young people 5 -11 years at the New Houghton Community Centre and on May 29th an Extreme Wheels session held at Rotherham Road Recreation ground.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SMART PHONE, TABLET, NOTEBOOK, COMPUTER?

The **Open Door** sessions are held in the community centre in New Houghton on Thursdays from 9.30 to 12.30.

Improve your skills at the same time as sharing experiences with others over a cup of tea or coffee.



Richard is on hand to offer assistance and sort out those problems encountered when using a computer, tablet or smart phone

Lap tops are available for use during the session or people may bring along their own devices.

These drop-in sessions are free to residents of the parish with a charge (£3.00) to those residing outside the parish. All are welcome to drop in.

KEEPING FIT – AT THE VERNEY

The Exercise class takes place downstairs at The Verney Institute for one hour on Wednesdays from 1.30 — 2.30.

Come along and improve your fitness with a series of light exercises and stretches, with a qualified instructor.

There is no charge for Pleasley parish residents but there is a small charge of £3 per session for those residing outside the parish.

All are welcome.



You can find this newsletter and other information about the council on the council's website: www.pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk



pleasleyparishcouncil



Scan the QR code to go to the website:



Derbyshire Police's Shirebrook Safer Neighbour Team holds regular hour long catch up meetings where parishioners can raise with police officers any issues that they have. Meetings are held at Pleasley Pit Visitor Centre, New Houghton Hub or as a Street Meet on Rotherham Road New Houghton.

Dates are put on the Parish Facebook page and can be found on Derbyshire Alert.

ROOM HIRE

The parish council has two venues which can be hired. The Verney Institute (right) and New Houghton Community Centre are both available for room hire by arrangement with the caretakers.



Both buildings have facilities for light refreshments.

To book The Verney Institute contact Phillip Briggs 01623 810732 To book New Houghton Community Centre contact Lauretta Brudenell 01623 811390

COMPETITION TIME

Find the 15 words listed in the table below and return your entry to The Verney Institute letterbox on Newboundmill Lane or any councillor by August 1st or send a screenshot to the parish clerk.

Name

Address

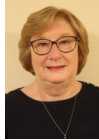
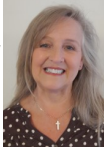
Contact number

There will be a £10 Store Voucher for the winning entry.

S	U	R	F	I	X	D	P	S	O	W	T
Z	O	E	E	R	I	I	H	L	G	O	X
S	A	N	D	J	C	E	O	D	H	S	P
X	W	J	B	N	L	C	R	L	M	X	T
A	P	A	I	L	E	S	M	E	Z	K	H
L	B	C	V	A	D	S	B	F	T	R	T
E	R	X	N	E	A	I	E	M	P	A	E
R	A	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	O	T	W
X	G	Z	I	P	K	I	C	S	O	V	S
I	S	U	N	K	H	F	H	X	L	J	W
C	Z	U	S	M	S	R	T	W	H	Y	I
E	B	L	U	J	I	K	M	Q	O	K	M

BEACH
ICE
POOL
SHELL
SWIM
HOLIDAY
OCEAN
RELAX
SUN
WATER
HOT
PICNIC
SAND
SURF
WAVE

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Ian Allen (Chair) 07872 376598 	Mick Gamble 01623 810035 	Wendy Kirkham (Vice-Chair) 07749 500025 	Howard Wright 01623 810486 
cllr.ian.allen @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.mick.gamble @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.wendy.kirkham @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.howard.wright @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Liz Smyth 07842 531451 	Christine Dale 07811 995612 	Liz McCormack 01623 81001 	Thomas Allsop 
cllr.liz.smyth @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.christine.dale @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.liz.mccormack @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.thomas.allsop @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Lynda Radford 	Michaela Fradley 	Parish Clerk Ian Weekes 01623 819786 	Sarah Reaney County Councillor 
cllr.lynda.radford @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	cllr.michaela.fradley @pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	clerk@pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	sarah.reaney@derbyshire.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Thomas Kirkham tom.kirkham@bolsover.gov.uk	John Ritchie john.ritchie@bolsover.gov.uk	Catherine Tite catherine.tite@bolsover.gov.uk
---	--	--

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Sarah Reaney

From Derbyshire County Council

It has been announced that the Women's Tour de France is coming to Derbyshire in July 2028..



DCC is supporting the reopening of the Peak and Dales railway line which would link the peaks with Manchester and London.



On May 8th our county council representative, Councillor Sarah Reaney, attended a Royal Garden Party with her husband, Councillor Rob Reaney and Councillor Melandra Smith and her husband. Members of the Royal Family in attendance were the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

ROAD SAFETY



Many thanks to parishioners who have affixed 30mph speed limit stickers which were supplied by the parish council to their wheelie bins.

If you forgot or just didn't get round to it, but would like to take part in discouraging motorists from speeding through our villages, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01623 819786 or at clerk@pleasleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

WATER SAFETY

Members of the public are warned of the dangers of entering ponds and rivers, especially during spells of hot weather. Cold water shock can affect anyone and there are the other dangers of hidden obstructions under water, unexpected currents and illness and infection due to bacteria in the water.



JULY 18TH & 19TH SCARECROW ENTRY FORM - PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 1ST

Name

Address

Contact Information: Phone Email

Please return to "Scarecrow", The Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane, Pleasley NG19 7PL or email clerk@pleasleyparishcouncil.org.uk