

NEWSLETTER

Fortieth edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale New Houghton and Stoney Houghton.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

After the usual recess in August, Pleasley Parish Council resumed its monthly meetings once again on September 7th. It's hard to believe that the next newsletter will the Christmas edition.

Some parts of our parish still do not receive our newsletter. This is not by choice. It is because delivery is not practical and quite unfair to those areas, unlike the Royal Mail which is bound to deliver come what may.

Three of the areas fortunately have volunteer residents who deliver their own area and collect copies from the Chairman's home or the Chairman delivers to a suitable address or pick up point. If we get to know other areas perhaps the same arrangements can be made. These areas are extreme south of Newboundmill Lane to Moorhaigh Bridge, The Paddocks, and Old Chesterfield Rd North. Another reason for non delivery is of course dangerous dogs and locked gates.

It is not sure whether the next newsletter will be out in time for certain events. We will give you a list of events up to the end of the year just in case, we can always remind you again later.

Sunday November 1st - Fungus Foray with Pleasley Pit Nature Study Group. 10-12.00. Meet at the pit.

Sunday November 8th - Remembrance service St Michael's church 10am. Pleasley War

Memorial 11am New Houghton war memorial 11-30am.

Saturday November 14th - Live at The Verney with Mambo Jambo. 7.30 for 8.00

Saturday November 28th - Christmas Fayre New Houghton Community Centre 1pm

Friday December 4th - Concert in church with Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band 7.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival St Michael's Church Saturday December 5th to Tues 8th - Church open daily from 12.00 to 3.00pm.

Sunday December 6th - Concert with Take Note choir 3pm

Friday December 11th - 7pm Christmas Carols in the Verney

Sunday December 13th - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at St Michael's 9.15am

Thursday December 24th - Carols in Meden Square 7.30pm

The Pleasley Parish Council band concert held on the Miners' Welfare's sports ground, on Seporganised by Carole Hirst from tember 6th Bolsover District Council and funded by Pleasley Parish Council, featuring massed band of Pleasley Colliery Welfare Band and Shirebrook Miners' Welfare Band was a huge success and enjoyed by those attending. The theme being "World War Two 70th anniversary of V.E. Day commemoration." We were treated to a fly over of the Red Arrows on their way to and from Chatsworth Park. The attendance was a bit disappointing perhaps this was due to the lateness in finishing as it was becoming dusk and very cold, we shall have to consider changing the date next vear.

We wish Pleasley band every success in their National Finals.

PARISH COUNCIL SNOW WARDEN SCHEME

Preparations for winter have begun and expressions of interest from town/parish councils wishing to work with the County Council during periods of extreme weather/ snow conditions are being sought. Our Snow warden Cllr Ian Allen has been elected and will receive his instructions and advice from Derbyshire County Council.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

A rural village in Norfolk has become the latest to install a public access defibrillator for use by the community. This was possible through public funding with volunteers organising events and organisations contributing. A series of cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillator awareness sessions was arranged for residents to be able to use them in case of emergencies. Do residents of our parish think this (save a life) is something the parish council should be thinking about for the good of our communities of New Houghton and Pleasley? It could be financed by the parish council. This is something that both Cllr Neil Jordan who is a paramedic and myself as chairman of the parish council suggest and condone and I am sure other councillors will follow suit and give it their full support if members of our community agree. It is your health we value. These can be supplied with weatherproof, locked, heated, ventilated and alarmed cabinets and sited appropriately.

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

Your Parish and District Councillors, along in our cemetery. with their contact details, for the ensuing year are:

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Your Derbyshire County Councillor is

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It was discussed at the September council meeting whether we should have two more public notice boards for our parish. The one in New Houghton is too near the exit from the village at the community centre and not central enough. Enquiries are being made whether it could go on the Millennium Green, if not, it could be sited on our recreation ground near the war memorial.

Pleasley is more of a problem as it should be on Parish Council property which only leaves us to erect it on the recreation ground or probably get permission from the County Council for a suitable site.

It was also reported that more waste bins are needed on our recreation ground in New Houghton, this is being addressed as soon as possible.

It has come to the notice of the Parish Council that the rules and regulations are not being adhered to

Monthly inspections will now be carried out to 01623 810346 check on any changes made to any grave plot not 01623 811492 authorised by the Parish Council. Kerbs around graves are no longer permitted for two reasons. It 01623 811761 01623 810830 prevents the grass from being cut but mainly it 01623 810035 prevents the grave digger from using machinery to 01623 811207 dig a grave or reopen one.

01623 811994 Neither the Parish Council nor the grave digger 01623 811462 will be responsible for any damage done to a kerb surround especially those home made kerbs that should not be there.

> From this day on any home made kerbs that are erected will be taken down and those that are already in situ will be checked and if they or any other object exceed the grave space of that grave, they will be removed and placed on the grave.

Following a recent health and safety inspection, several issues have come to light, whereby some Your two Bolsover District Councillors are. bereaved families of the departed are not adhering to the rules and regulations set out by the Parish Council and those that are mandatory by law.

> The Parish Council fully understands the concern of the families and is very sympathetic towards their feelings, but is bound by certain rules submitted by the National Association of Parks and Cemeteries and the National Association of Memorial Masons' Code of Working practice and the Health and Safety Executive.

Here is a reminder of the Parish Council's regulations that are being disregarded.

6.1.1 All headstones, memorials, vase blocks and inscriptions are subject to approval from the Parish Council. The Council no longer permits kerbs around graves. A copy of every inscription, measurements of the memorial and drawing of the proposed monument to be erected must be submitted prior to any permission being granted.

All applications must be fully completed with correct measurements and returned to the Parish Council with the appropriate fee.

6.1.2 No memorials may be fixed until formal written approval is given. Settlement periods (6 months) must be observed.

6.1.3 Temporary grave markers in the form of wooden crosses are permitted on the grave for the first six months following the interment date.

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6.1.4 Following the expiry of this 6 month period, the Council may remove any temporary marker and place in storage.

6.1.5 The Council recognises the cost of providing permanent memorials, therefore, this date may be extended at the discretion of the Council. This will be for a maximum of a further six months after which all temporary markers shall be removed.

6.1.6 All memorials must be installed to the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) Code of Working Practice. Any memorials that do not comply with the NAMM Code of Working Practice may be removed and result in action being taken against the monumental mason and/or the person holding the exclusive right.

6.1.7 Memorials, vase blocks, plaques and their inscriptions ate only permitted on graves/plots with exclusive rights.

6.1.9 The maximum height of the headstone on a grave plot shall not exceed 900mm. The width shall not exceed the width of the grave space but typically should be 600mm.

6.1.10 Only one vase block shall be permissible to be placed on a grave plot.

The vase must be placed within the proximity of the headstone and shall nor exceed 300mm x 300mm and be approved in accordance with clause 6.1.1.

6.1.11 At no time must glass vases, bottles or other containers be placed on any grave or cremated remains plot. This is a **HEALTH AND SAFETY RULE.**

6.1.14 The council shall not be responsible for damage to memorials, carried out by any persons.

The Council reserve the rights to make temporary arrangements to make safe or dismantle unsafe memorials and other hazardous objects. **This is a health and safety rule**,

6.2.2 All memorial masonry must not encroach upon neighbouring plots or impinge upon the ground to the front, rear or sides of the plot.

6.3.2 The Council has a duty of care to ensure its cemetery is safe for visitors and anyone carrying out maintenance work.

6.3.3 In view of this the Council will organise inspections of all memorials within the cemetery grounds.

6.3.4 Where memorials are found to be unsafe the Council reserves the right under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, to remove the risk of injury to the public.

6.3.5 The severity of the risk will determine what action is to be taken, however, dismantling the memorial and laying it flat on the grave surface shall be the normal procedure.

7.1 The Council's cemetery is now designated as a lawned area, No gardens are permitted on the grave space following the six month grace period which allows for settlement.

7.2 Following the six month settlement period after the date of interment, the Council shall remove all unauthorised pots, floral tributes, wooden crosses etc.

FEES FOR CEMETERY

A single grave, a double grave, re-opening of a grave for second burial, the deceased living in the parish. **£200**

A single grave, a double grave, re-opening of a grave for second burial, the deceased living outside the parish. **£400**

Burial of Ashes, deceased living within the Parish. **£100**

Burial of Ashes, deceased living outside the Parish. **£200**

Memorial Headstone to a grave.	£75
Memorial stone for ashes plot.	£50
Charges for alterations to Memorial stones	£25

Fee to reserve a plot, applicant living within the parish. **£50**

Graves or Ash plots may only be reserved by people living in our Parish.

Several grave plots have now been reserved.

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Please wear protective clothing when using harmful products such as bleach.

BOILING WATER –

Yep, that's right. Plain old H_2O can be used as an extremely effective weed killer. As a matter of fact, boiling water is more effective than many of your store bought weed killers in wiping out unwanted vegetation. Easy-peasy to do. Put a kettle of tap water on the stove and heat till boiling, then pour on the weeds you wish to kill.

You are effectively cooking the plant in the ground. Boiling water is a great way to clear out vegetation on a wholesale basis, like driveways and sidewalks. But be warned, boiling water is not selective. It will cook and instantly kill any plant that it comes in contact with and this includes underground roots of nearby plants.

BLEACH –

Not only is bleach a spot remover, it is a weed remover as well. Place some bleach in a spray bottle and spray on the weed you wish to remove. The bleach chemicals will evaporate or dissipate in about two days (or less but better safe than sorry), making the area safe for planting. Again, bleach will kill anything but if you do get some on a plant you want to keep, just wash the plant off.

VINEGAR -

Vinegar is a great organic homemade weed killer. Either white or cider vinegar will work. The acetic acid in the vinegar works to kill the leaves on the plant but not the root.

Vinegar will kill back (kill the leaves but not the root) any plant but works best on young plants because they do not have enough energy stored in the roots to re-grow their leaves.

If vinegar is applied to more established weeds enough times, the plant will eventually deplete its stored energy reserves and die.

SALT –

It was once a known war tactic to salt the fields of enemies. Salting the earth was also used as punishment for severe crimes in several countries throughout history. The reason is because salt will kill plants and will make the ground unsuitable for future plant growth.

On a small scale, you can drop a small pinch of table salt at the base of the undesirable plants. It will kill the plant but will dilute down to harmless in the next few rainfalls.

RUBBING ALCOHOL -

Rubbing Alcohol is used around the house because it draws water out and helps to evaporate it quickly. Guess what? If you put it on a plant, it will do the same thing. You will be basically sucking the life blood out of the weed. Makes you want to run right out and try it, huh? But again, rubbing alcohol is non-selective. It will kill any vegetation it comes contact with. What a waste of Alcohol !!

CORN MEAL -

Corn meal doesn't really kill weeds, it just stops the weed seeds from ever developing. Corn Gluten is a pre-emergent, which is a fancy way of saying that is it is a seed birth-control. Corn meal scattered around an area will keep any seed in that area from growing into a plant. This means a weed seed or a desirable seed. This method is a good option for areas that you plan on planting grown plants in.

NEWSPAPER - OR OLD CARPET -

If murdering your weeds with chemicals is not your style, you can always smother them. Laying down a layer of newspaper at least 4 sheets thick (the more the better) will go a long way towards killing the weeds underneath.

The idea is to block out the light, so enough sheets to equal the thickness of corrugated cardboard should be sufficient, especially with the addition of mulch on top.

The weeds already there will die from lack of sun and the weed seeds will not be able to sprout because they are not getting any sun to start with.

Another option is to cover the weeded areas with strips of black or dark coloured plastic-leaving it on for several months.

As an added bonus, many of these 7 homemade weed killers can be combined to produce super results. For example, the boiling water can be mixed with the salt or the vinegar (or both) for a super weed killer. Use common sense when combining chemicals and make sure that there are no adverse reactions.

You can also add a few drops of liquid dish soap to the liquid homemade weed killers for added effectiveness. The soap is not harmful to the weeds but the soap acts as a sort of bonding agent and will help the weed killers to stick to the weed more effectively.

Since most of these homemade weed killers are all -or-nothing weed killers, you may want to use a weed killer shield with them to prevent sprays and splashes on desirable plants.

So, go forth and cleanse thy garden of its weedy sins.

WHAT TAEKWONDO CAN DO ?



There was a good response from members of our community who realise that not only is this a sport teaching pupils the art of self defence, it is a total learning activity it teaches

you to control situations to your advantage, strengthens your mind and body through physical coordination and mental discipline but more so it is **exercise**, You know **exercise** is good for you, but do you know how good ?

From boosting your mood to improving your life, find out how **exercise** can improve your life. **Exercise** controls weight, combats health conditions and diseases, improves mood **and** boosts energy.

Taekwondo is for all ages and both sexes. It enhances self-esteem by heightening your physical and mental powers. Build confidence by encouraging you to succeed and to take control of your life. Develop discipline by thoroughly training your body and mind in the tenets and techniques of Taekwondo, it keeps your blood flowing smoothly, which decreases your risk of cardiovascular diseases. In fact, regular physical activity can help you prevent or manage a wide range of health problems and concerns, including stroke, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, depression, certain types of cancer, arthritis and falls.

HOW YOUR CHILD CAN BENEFIT FROM TAEKWONDO?

Lessons are tailored to your child's age and skill level. Your child begins by practising basic patterns and forms. These fundamental skills increase your child's physical coordination, flexibility, balance, and mental acumen. Taekwondo develops your child's athletic abilities and self-awareness, and improves the child's capabilities in self-defence.

Taekwondo emphasises moral development as well. Children learn respect for themselves and others, heightened concentration, and increased self-discipline and self-restraint. Self-discipline that develops as a result of learning and practising the techniques usually carries over into other areas of the child's life. School grades often improve as your child learns to focus on objectives and to work toward achievement. The self-discipline and selfrespect which Taekwondo develops can provide your child with the skills and mindset necessary to resist peer pressure.

Come and people who share common goals and interests at the **The Verney Institute** Newboundmill Lane every Monday 6pm to 8pm

and Tuesday 6-30 to 8-30pm Instructor Master Andy Timmons. The parish council has had complaints regarding the inappropriate and thoughtless actions of drivers parking their cars. Unfortunately there is nothing the parish council can do regarding this. *It was reported to County council Highways who replied as such.*

"I am in receipt of your enquiry with the Highway Authority on the 22nd July 2015 regarding your concerns about the parking outside property at Pleasley.

I would assume from viewing the location that some of the potential parking is as a consequence of people using the recreational facilities (which has no designated car parking provision) or where other residents have a proportion of visitors or multiple vehicle occupancy at individual properties.

Unfortunately the provision of a no parking sign outside the frontage of your property is not permissible within the signing regulations for the highway I am afraid.

You can as other people choose to do, erect a reasonable sized sign on your gates or fence fronting the highway to ask vehicles not to park, however if they still choose to park up then they are not committing any offence in being there.

The only means to remove the parking would be if it is an identified safety hazard and/or possible obstruction through the promotion of waiting restrictions (such as double yellow lines), however we do not provide such measures merely to enhance or protect a private individuals frontage I am afraid.

In respect of your comments pertaining to the damage of a footway due to parking, it is often the case that such footway construction is sufficient from a technical perspective to accommodate the weight of a standard type motor vehicle. The issue of obstructing the footway by parking in such a manner has potential implications:

OBSTRUCTION

Selfish drivers who leave their vehicles so as to cause obstruction to other road users are unfortunately a constant problem across the county.

The obstruction can occur where vehicles are parked wholly or partially on the footway which causes severe difficulties for some, especially those who are disabled, visually impaired or elderly, and for adults with young children in prams or pushchairs. Another example is where drivers parked directly opposite driveways and entrances making it very difficult for other drivers needing access and egress, to and from premises..

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I always find it difficult to understand how some drivers will park in this manner away from their home area, yet if the situation occurred near their own property they would rightly complain about the implications for road safety and accessibility.

For a prosecution of obstruction to succeed it is necessary for the police to demonstrate:
a) That an actual, as opposed to a potential obstruction occurred and
b) That a driver's action in parking was 'unreasonable', having regard to the duration,

position and purpose of the parking.

For example, if a driver who places two wheels on the pavement with the intention of allowing sufficient room for the free movement of traffic on the road cannot necessarily be said to be acting 'unreasonably'. The ability of the police to take action will depend very much on individual circumstances. Where a driver parks their vehicle in such a position that it is partially or wholly obstructing another's driveway or entrance either by being parked at the entrance or opposite to it, then the offence of obstruction will be evidenced if by doing so it actually prevents such access or egress. Drivers must park legally, safely, sensibly and with due consideration for the convenience of all other persons using the road. The test is 'if it was their own access would they considerate it safe and convenient for others to park in that location?' The police officers attending obstruction complaints use discretion in dealing with offences and depending upon the individual circumstances, a driver may receive advice, a warning, a fixed penalty ticket (£30 fine) or in some cases drivers will risk recovery of their vehicle on behalf of the police, at the owner's cost.

Footway Parking

Parking on pavements is a source of irritation and we recognise that it causes severe difficulties for some, especially those who are disabled, visually impaired or elderly, and for adults with young children in prams or pushchairs. Pavement parking can, in some circumstances, amount to obstruction of the highway (as per above).

From this, you will gather that a driver who places two wheels on the pavement with the intention of allowing sufficient room for the free movement of traffic on the road cannot necessarily be said to be acting 'unreasonably'. The ability of the police to take action will depend very much on individual circumstances. Where an actual obstruction of the highway is taking place then it is the responsibility of the police to deal with it and the particular circumstances will determine the level of response dependent on ongoing operational commitments. Civilian Enforcement Officers do not have powers to deal with obstruction offences. The police are usually notified of obstruction offences, telephone number which is 101. Safer neighbourhood Teams will then liaise with the informant and take appropriate action. The driving of a motor vehicle on any footway/ footpath or causeway by the side of the road is an offence under Section 72 of the Highway Act 1835. It is illegal to drive along the pavement unless crossing it to access premises.

The police currently have responsibility to enforce this legislation. Often drivers travelling over the footway do so in order to negotiate vehicles on congested roads, but, there can be little excuse for the selfish number of drivers who put the safety of pedestrians at risk by doing so.

I trust you will find this response an informative one to your enquiry."

The Magna Carta

How many children today know about the Magna Carta or indeed the adults of today know of the initiation and the object of it? The Queen and other royals joined celebrations to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta at Runnymede on the banks of the Thames. 'Liberty, justice, democracy, the rule of law, we hold these things dear and we should them even dearer for the fact that they took shape, right here on the banks of the Thames,' the Prime Minister, David Cameron, said. The Magna Carta is considered the founding document of law and civil liberties and was also an inspiration for the US constitution.

Eight centuries after her predecessor King John was forced "at the point of the sword" to agree to Magna Carta, the Queen visited the green meadow on the bank of the river Thames where the historic document was sealed on 15 June 1215.

Thousands gathered at Runnymede, near Windsor, Berkshire, for an elaborate commemoration of the historic text, within which the foundations of parliamentary democracy, human rights and the supremacy of the law over the crown were first enshrined.

The Queen, patron of the Magna Carta Trust, was joined by other senior members of the royal family, including the Duke of Cambridge, and parliamentarians led by Prime Minister David Cameron.

Magna Carta – or Great Charter, a Latin translation that famously eluded Cameron during a 2012 appearance on the US David Letterman talk show – has formed a cornerstone of fundamental liberties over eight centuries."

Snooze Control.

Take a nap to cut blood pressure.

Taking an afternoon nap reduces your blood pressure, research has found.

Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher were both aficionados of a snooze to recharge their batteries.

And it appears napping is also beneficial for your good health.

The study of 400 middle-aged men and women found those who napped at midday had blood pressure an average of 5% lower than those who did not, the European Society of Cardiology's annual conference in London was told.

Dr Manolis Kallistratos, lead researcher and cardiologist of Askleplelon Voula General Hospital in Athens, said even modest reductions in blood pressure could cut the risk of a heart attack. Meanwhile, Turkish researchers found heavy snorers were more at risk of sudden death from heart problems.

Sleep apnoea causes a lack of oxygen that makes heart issues more likely, they said. However, sleeping at a 45 degrees angle on your back-perhaps an extra pillow– lessens the risk.

Guide to claiming for compensation if your vehicle is damaged by a pothole. Authorities Might Pay

"If a pothole damages your car compensation might be paid by the relevant authority. After all, it is unreasonable that the road is in such poor condition that it breaks your vehicle or – in an extreme case - forces it off line and causes a collision. Who is accountable varies based on the type of road and its location. Highways England (formerly The Highways Agency) is responsible for motorways and some a-roads whereas smaller routes – such as residential roads - are maintained by the relevant local authority.

Check For Damage

Having struck a pothole it is important to check for damage as soon as it is safe. Top of the list is tyres. Look for imperfections such as bulges, tears and punctures. A significant impact could cause a tyre to deflate completely within moments. Inspect the wheels too; specifically for cracks/dents. Then consider tracking. Ensure that the vehicle drives in a straight line without pulling to one side, and that there are no vibrations through the steering.

Gather Evidence

Assuming there is a fault, the next step is to record any evidence that supports your claim. Note the name of the road, the direction of travel, the location of the pothole relative to (say) the kerb, its approximate dimensions and the date/ time of impact. Take photographs too. For scale, place a familiar object such as a bottle of water or pen close to the hole. Remember to watch for traffic and not place yourself – or any fellow motorists – at risk.

Strengthen the case by requesting a written quote to repair the damage. Ask the mechanic to be specific. For example: "Replace near side front tyre and realign tracking following collision with pothole". It is beneficial to have several quotes if practical and – of course – keep the invoice which confirms the work is complete.

Make The Claim

The procedure for claiming varies between authorities. Highways England, for example, asks to be contacted initially then only sends a form if the claim has a reasonable chance of success. Requested supporting evidence includes repair estimates or invoices, the vehicle's MOT and pictures of the pothole (if available). Alternatively, contact the relevant local authority for its procedures. Whatever body is responsible there is no guarantee of success. A common defence is that the authority did not know about the pothole prior to the incident – and therefore could not repair it as it was not reported by the public or recorded via a condition survey."

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COMPETITION TIME

THIS WORDSEARCH IS: 16 Native UK Wild Flowers Closing date 5th November Post entries in Verney Institute post box or 59 Newboundmill Lane or give to any councillor.

NAME

Address.....

Hawkbit. Trefoil. Knapweed. Poppy. Chamomile. Corncockle. Cornflower. Marigold. Cowslip. Scabious. Meadowsweet. Daisy. Campion. Plantain. Vetch. Ragged Robin.

The winner of July's W o r d s e a r c h w a s Mr P Stevenson from New Houghton who received a £10 garden voucher, purchased from Glapwell Garden Centre, presented by Chairman Howard Wright.

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At the September Parish Council meeting, under section 137, donations were made to SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) in reply to their letter applying for a grant. Pleasley Vale Residents' Association towards the cost of improvement works in Pleasley Vale. Work has started on the much needed decorating on the Verney Institute.

We are still waiting for the chicanes to be removed near the end of Newboundmill Lane as promised by Highways.

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