



NEWSLETTER

**Forty eighth edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale
New Houghton and Stony Houghton.**

A third of the way through the new year 2017, how time flies. Time to start thinking about your scarecrow for the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday June 24th and Sunday 25th.

The religious festivities of Palm Sunday is April 9th, First day of Passover April 11th, Maundy Thursday April 13th, Good Friday 14th April, Holy Saturday April 15th, Easter Sunday 16th and Easter Monday 17th April.

Now we are in April, has the winter gone? We certainly hope so although I repeat the old saying of "Cast not a clout till May is out" This should always be remembered, as April in the past has been a dreadful month.

What else have we got for the coming three months?.

April 21st The 91st birthday of our reigning monarch Queen Elizabeth.

Our patron Saint, St George's day on the 23rd which is also Shakespeare Day.

St Mark's Eve 24th.

May is the time to dance round the Maypole which is still done in some local villages.

May 1st is May day Labour Day, early bank holiday.

Our Parish Council meeting will be after the Parish Meeting on May 8th.

May 25th Ascension Day.

Spring Bank Holiday May 29th.

Sunday 4th June is Pentecost.

June 5th Whit Monday. Trinity Sunday 11th June.

Fathers' Day 18th June.

The "piece de resistance" the most important event, **The Scarecrow Festival**, Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th. See entry form on page 7.

At the January Council meeting it was agreed that the profits from the Scarecrow Festival on June the 24th and 25th should be donated to the British Heart Foundation. Let's hope we have a good turnout, it is up to you the residents and visitors who make the effort to make this a success, don't sit back and leave it to others.

This particular charity is very significant this year as it coincides with the plan to install two additional defibrillators in the parish. In addition to the one located outside the pit entrance, it is proposed to install one in New Houghton, to be situated



outside Freedom Community House and one near Pleasley Cross in the disused Phone Kiosk. The proposed new installations are the result of two separate organisations, the "Verney Seniors Table Tennis Group" and the "Good Companions" a group of Senior Citizens who regular meet weekly in the Community Centre New Houghton, applying for funding from County Councillor Marian Stockdale who has submitted an application to donate part of her allowance of public money she has to spend in areas of her community .

Why not enrol for the **Pleasley Brownies?** Call in the Verney Institute on Wednesday evenings at 5-30pm.

The footpath leading to the Meden Ave allotments from Rotherham Road will be receiving a new tarmac surface.

There has been a report on the untidy conditions of allotments on Mede Ave. This will shortly be discussed in depth after a site visit by councillors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 PARISH of PLEASLEY

NOTICE of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT-

The Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting For the above Parish will be held in the Verney Institute, 13 Newboundmill Lane NG19 7PL, on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7pm.

Such persons only as are registered as local Government electors for the Parish of Pleasley will be entitled to speak at the meeting, but the meeting is open to the public during the proceedings unless the Parish Meeting by resolution otherwise direct.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:-

AGENDA

Annual Parish Meeting.

1. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Announce Precept.
4. Public Forum.

Councillor John Howard Wright
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KEEP FIT. The parish council has had a few expressions of interest in the possibility of establishing Senior Citizens keep fit sessions. However, it is still hoped that more residents are interested and remind residents that a senior citizen is anyone retired; which can be from 55 yr old. Please get in touch if you want to keep fit with gentle exercise.

Mindless Vandals have broken two leaded light windows in the Verney Institute, these are very expensive to replace.
The disused Phone Kiosk in Stony Houghton will be adopted by Pleasley Parish Council and maintained by the local residents of Stony Houghton.

More Complaints have been received regarding the indiscriminate parking of vehicle near Pleasley Cross. This is being investigated.

New Charges at Household Waste Recycling Centres

Derbyshire County Council is introducing charges from 3 April 2017 for some types of waste they accept at recycling centres. The types of waste they will charge for include concrete, cement, mortar, rubble, hardcore and ceramics. Trade waste is not accepted. Some items will be charged at £3 per standard rubble sack or part sack (up to a maximum of 820mm x 535mm) or equivalent quantity. Single large items e.g. a sink or pedestal or shower tray will be charged separately at £3 each. Payment is by credit card and debit card only, on arrival at the recycling centre. The total cost will be calculated by site staff. Detailed guidance on the items to which a charge will apply, and items for which charges do not apply, can be found at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/wastecharges.

BNED LEADER Programme

Is your business in a rural area? Are you looking for to diversify, or expand your business to increase your turnover and employ more staff? £1,713,000 of European funding has been allocated to our area to create jobs and growth in rural businesses and communities. Grants of up to £200,000 are available for a minimum of 40% of the total project costs. The minimum grant that can be applied for is £3,500. Many local businesses in the LEADER area received funding in our 2007-2013 Leader Programme. To get an idea of what we can fund have a look at some of our previous projects at <http://www.bned-leader.co.uk>

For more information on how LEADER funding could help your business grow contact: Richard Madin on 01246 217200 E mail: Richard.madin@bned-leader.co.uk or Nicola Parsons on 01246 217594 E mail: nicola.parsons@bned-leader.co.uk

If LEADER funding is not for you, other funding may be available from Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Councils Business Growth Fund. For more information on the application process and eligibility please contact Helen Jenkins 01246242512 Email helen.jenkins@bolsover.gov.uk.

May we remind you once again who your local councillors are.

KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS
and contact details.

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LIVE AT THE VERNEY

Snow arrived on February 11th which turned to rain and the whole day was completely miserable except of course for those who went to The Verney in the evening for the concert with Alaw.

Of the sixteen numbers performed, five were taken from the album "ALAW Melody" and reflected the tradition of Welsh tunes in which the band is steeped. Fronted by Oliver Wilson-Dickson on violin, with Jamie Smith on accordion and Dylan Fowler on guitar, Alaw played some intoxicating tunes and haunting songs, mostly in Welsh. One particularly moving song was Oliver's "When it's gone".

Oliver and Jamie can be seen on June 14th at The Djanogly Theatre University of Nottingham as part of Jamie Smith's Mabon.



The Live and Local series ends on March 25th with the Peacock Angell Trio. Readers may well recognise Ruth Angell as a member of Ashley Hutchings' Rainbow Chasers. She has also played with Alaw.

The Parish Council is grateful to Live and Local and its funding bodies which include both Bolsover DC and Derbyshire CC for making it possible to have live music of extremely high quality in small venues like The Verney.

The next series of Live and Local concerts will begin in the autumn.



Sport England's Community Asset Fund Opens to Applications.

Community organisations, clubs, statutory bodies and educational establishments can apply for investments to enhance spaces in their local communities which give people the opportunity to be active.

Sport England has launched its new capital fund, the Community Asset Fund, in support of its new strategy 'Towards an Active Nation'.

Community organisations, clubs, statutory bodies and educational establishments can apply for investments of up to £150,000 for projects which create or improve opportunities to play sport and get active in local communities. Grants do not have to be used for a traditional space or traditional sport. Examples of eligible project locations include: canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces with the potential to be used and enjoyed as part of an active lifestyle.

There are three levels of grant investment:

Taking over an underused sports facility or one under threat of closure.
Applicants might need support to bring a building back into use or need to make improvements to a recreational space.
Expanding or improving the sporting experience applicants already offer to their customers.
Applicants could be looking to improve a changing room or install new toilets, heating systems or social spaces.
Responding to an emergency or unexpected event that is stopping people from being active.
Applicants might need to fix a roof that's been damaged or repair an area after flood damage.
Making improvements to a building or open space that's clearly needed in the local community.

Sport England has changed its approach in how it will run the programme. Instead of having application rounds, this will be an open rolling programme.

Applications will be accepted at any time. Applicants should apply when their project or idea is ready.

The Link is: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>

Are you making full use of our Freedom Community Project on Rotherham Rd New Houghton?

The Freedom Community Project in New Houghton is still going strong, and is situated in the Old Co-op next to the Post Office.

Freedom Community is the charity working together to help residents' lives change. This venture in New Houghton is working very well and is having very good reports.

It has its regular visitors who meet daily to exchange pleasantries over a cup of tea and talk about local family life. It was good to see so many people who appreciated this venture.

This project is supported by local volunteers who give their time freely to help run this successfully and credit is due to them.

Freedom Support helps in many ways.

"Food Bank is from Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, their aim is to support those who are unable to buy food by providing an emergency supply of food, it is operated on a referral basis.

Free Café everyday from 10am to 2pm provides a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet where you can find free help and support.

The 2 Shires Credit Union runs a drop in where you can arrange a savings account, deposits, withdrawals, small loans and repayments.

We provide help for those with debt and/or benefit issues, including help with budgeting, benefit checks, a self-help debt pack and where to get specialist help and advice.

We have a small friendly group aimed at providing one-to-one support for adults who struggle with reading and writing. We have a team of volunteers who meet during term time.

Our Clothing store is second to none and provides a selection of new and nearly new items at affordable prices, including children's men's and ladies clothing and accessories. We have several items of furniture also.

Our client support service provides impartial help for people struggling with a range of issuers. Such as support for homelessness. Benefits, addiction and debt among others.

Call in and talk to one of our team or call the nearest centre to book an appointment."

Events at St Michael's Church

March 26th Mothering Sunday 9-15am

April 13th 7pm Maundy Thursday.

April 14th Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross.

April 16th 9-15am Easter Day.

Saturday **May 13th** 1 to 4pm Summer Fayre.

Sunday **May 14th** 7-30pm Apassionata. Harp and Flute Concert.

Friday **June 9th** Brass Band Concert at Pleasley Welfare.

Saturday **July 8th** Well Dressing & Flower Festival.

Sunday **9th July 3pm** Well Dressing Blessing Service.

The water supply to the cemetery is very near completion.

Kim Burton.



Chiropodist and Foot Health Professional .

(MCFHP MAFHP)

Member of the Same Institute.

To book your appointment call Kim.

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OPEN DOOR UPGRADE

Thanks to a grant from County Councillor Marian Stockdale, six new lap top computers have been purchased together with an all in one printer/scanner.

The lap tops have been installed with the Windows 10 operating system.



OPEN DOOR is open on Thursday mornings at New Houghton Community between 9.30 and 12.30 for anyone who would like help in improving their computer skills.

Attendance is free for people who live within Pleasley parish but there is a nominal charge of £2 for those who do not. There is also a small charge for printing.

Tutor Richard Jones and volunteer Shaun Redmond are on hand to help learners work on a number of tasks: word processing; managing files; manipulating photographs; creating videos from photographs; using spreadsheets; using the internet and sending emails.

So if you are struggling with Windows 10 or want to learn more so that you can catch up with your children or grandchildren why not drop in? You will be made very welcome.

Appassionata: Harp & Flute

Rachel Holt & Anna Christensen at **St Michael's Church Pleasley**

Sunday May 14th 7.30pm £10 (Adults) £3 (Under 16)

Rachel Holt was educated at schools in Mansfield before studying at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), and was a prize winner in the Young Artists' competition of the International Flute Association, held in the USA. She is Principal Flute with Sinfonia Viva, for many years performed with the Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra, and is a member of the chamber ensemble Zephyr Winds and often works with the Northern Ballet Theatre. As a freelance performer, she plays with many of Britain's leading orchestras, including the Hallé and Philharmonia. She teaches at Chetham's School of Music and several private schools and taught at the Junior School at the RNCM, and for many years. She is regular flute tutor for the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain.



Anna Christensen is one of the most versatile and adaptable harpists in the UK. After gaining a degree in music in her native New Zealand, she was the resident harpist in the Hotel Intercontinental in Bahrain. Completing her MA in music at the University of Wales, she then returned to NZ for several years to work as Principal Harpist with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. She was also harpist in residence for New Zealand Government House where she played for receptions and guests including the Emir of Bahrain, the Governor-General of Fiji, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

Booking: Val Gamble 01623 810035

Pleasley Parish Council

Annual Scarecrow Festival

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNE 24th & 25th.

Follow the trail with the route map costing £1.

Tea or Coffee & light refreshment for one is included in this with tea token inside the route map.
Extra tea or Coffee for other visitors will be 50p per person.

Proceeds to British Heart Foundation.

Your voting slip is on the reverse of the route map.

This event is sponsored by:

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I would like to thank all those who entered a scarecrow in last year's festival - not only the entrants but the visitors also, and all those who helped to put the show on the road. The quality of all the scarecrows was excellent, and that is what makes the festival a success. There must be winners and losers no matter how good, so do not be disappointed. It's taking part that matters. Without your entries there would no festival. It is you that makes this event successful. **Think of those who will benefit from your efforts. The British Heart Foundation. Remember, plain and simple, No entries, no festival - the choice is yours.**

PLEASLEY PARISH SCARECROW FESTIVAL.

**I WISH TO ENTER THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL FOR PLEASLEY
PARISH ON JUNE 24TH & 25TH 2017**

Name Telephone

Address

Please use this entry form and return to 'Scarecrow' Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane
Pleasley NG197PL or Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane, or contact
johnwright828@btinternet.com or any parish councillor ASAP & before 14th May.

Profits will be donated to British Heart Foundation.

**SIX Prizes will be awarded, to be judged by the public by voting for the best scarecrow,
£75 —Second £50, the next four £25 each. ENTER NOW.**

COMPETITION TIME

NAME:

Address

THIS WORD SEARCH IS:

Phone No

14 Insects.

Closing date June 24th

GNAT MIDGE BEE

EARWIG WEEVIL HORNET

APHID CRICKET

LOCUST MANTIS MAGGOT

CHAFER FLEA ANT

The winner of February's wordsearch was M Cowlshaw of Pleasley who received a £10 garden voucher which was presented by the Chairman Howard Wright on behalf of the parish council.

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Plus our Spring Draw with a chance to win some fantastic prizes and £75 Tesco voucher.

10am - 12.30pm Saturday April 1st

**To be held at the Hospice, Mansfield Rd
Sutton in Ashfield NG17 4HJ**

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