



NEWSLETTER

Fifty-first edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale
New Houghton and Stony Houghton.

Welcome to 2018. Pleasley Parish Council wishes you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Hopefully a better year for everyone, in health, wealth and happiness, although health is more of a concern to so many of us than wealth.

What is Happiness? Helping people? Achieving your ambitions?

The Dalai Lama wrote an entire book on it:

The Art of Happiness. "If you want to be happy," he informs us, "practice compassion." He also links happiness to cultivating a disciplined mind and making the best of our allotted time.

The Dalai Lama's statements about happiness help clarify why so many people are unhappy. If you are selfish, if you feel little or no empathy for others, if your mind is disorganized, if you harm others, you will not be happy.

The purpose of our life needs to be positive.
Is happiness being successful?

Looking back over the last year:

The parish council can say it was positive and successful with the Scarecrow Festival in June, the Live and Local concerts, the exercise and keep fit class for the older people of our parish, the Open Door computer class, and the installation of the defibrillators in each village. We sincerely hope that we can keep up the good work and work to improve our relationship with our residents.

It was proposed at December's Council Meeting that there should be at least two more defibrillators in the parish as the ones we have are too far away for most of our residents to reach in case of emergency.

Two suggestions were made, which were: one at the community centre and permission has been given by the Derby Diocese as the building belongs to the Church and the other location was on Terrace Lane which is more of a problem because defibrillators need an electric supply and there does not appear to be anywhere suitable on Terrace Lane. In reality this is a very contentious Issue, one might say. ("Our area is too far away from a defibrillator"), the trouble is the areas are infinite, it is impossible to service **everywhere, mainly through a viable location and electric supply**, the demand would outweigh supply.

The talk by the Community Heartbeat Trust on defibrillator use was very interesting it made people realize just the availability of a defibrillator is not enough to save a life of a person who is having a heart attack. If you witness a heart attack to increase the persons chance of survival first thing is.

Shout for help, Do not leave them at this stage. Dial 999 immediately.

Ensure the airway is open and clear by lifting the chin and tilting their head back. Keep the head tilted back and listen for breathing. Look to see if the chest is moving.

Place your hands in centre of the casualty's chest and press down hard. Chest compression (pumping the heart by external cardiac massage), to keep the circulation going until the ambulance arrives. Press 2x per second. Just do compressions **unless you feel confident to give breaths at the rate of 30:2.** rescue breathing (inflating the lungs by using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation).

Remember - even if you haven't been trained in CPR with rescue breathing, you can still use hands-only CPR. Meanwhile get someone to fetch a Defibrillator, attach the electrodes (pads) and follow the audio instructions from the machine.

If you are unable or unwilling to give breaths just do the compressions continuously.

Give 30 compressions at a rate of 100-120 per minute and the give two breaths.

Repeat 30 compressions and two breaths sequence.

Continue until help arrive or you are too tired to continue, or the casualty start breathing normally again.

For an Adult use two hands & compress 5-6cm. For a child use one hand and compress One third of chest depth.

If you would like to see on video on how to do chest compressions or how to use a defibrillator contact the Community Heartbeat Trust

www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

The Parish Council tree was one of many of the Christmas trees that decorated the Church in the Christmas Tree festival in St Michael's Church from Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th December. This again was a huge success. There were 50 trees decorated with lights.



The large tree near the altar was once again donated by Glapwell Nurseries.

February can be the worst month of the year for bad weather, not a lot happens in February. One thing you must remember of course is that the 14th is St Valentine's Day when gentlemen propose to the ladies. Valentine's Day has its origins in the ancient Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia, and was associated with **St. Valentine and February 14th** by Pope Gelasius around 498 A.D. It is also Ash Wednesday on the 14th Feb.

MARCH a very unpredictable month, The saying is, March winds doth blow and we shall have snow.

If March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb, March 1st St David's Day.

March 2nd is Holi Festival which is an Indian Festival.

March 11th is Mothering Sunday.

March 12th is Commonwealth Day.

March 15th The Ides of March is the first day of the Roman New Year. It also marks the first day of spring in the Roman calendar. On this day in history, Julius Caesar was warned by soothsayers to "Beware the Ides of March". Apparently, he did not heed the warning strongly enough as he was stabbed by Marcus Brutus on the Ides of March in 44 BC.

March 17th St Patrick's Day.

March 20th Vernal Equinox, Spring begins.

March 25th Summertime begins. It is also Palm Sunday.

March 30th Good Friday.

Traditional games played in March were Marbles and Skipping. The games were stopped on the stroke of twelve noon on Good Friday which was often referred to as Marble Day.

March 31st First day of Passover.

April 1st as we all know is April Fools' day it is also **Easter Day** this year.

April 2nd is Easter Monday

We will look forward to the spring when once again the hanging baskets will brighten our village scene. We had numerous compliments on last year's baskets. **Thanks once again to Glapwell Nurseries.** This year the baskets will probably extend to Stony Houghton.

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Derbyshire County Council Mobile Library.



Was a feature in Newsletter 47. Here is a reminder of this service. Take advantage of free reading.

The mobile libraries have a lift for wheelchair users and people with mobility problems. They offer something for everyone.

Fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children, large print books, books on tape and books on CD - free to under 18s with a small charge to people over 18 plus a selection of local studies books and information.

If you can't find the book you want the library service can get it for you. Ask about its reservation service.

Every four weeks the library is in our area on a Tuesday.

23rd Jan, 20th Feb, 20th March, 1-45pm to 2.05pm Newboundmill Lane. 2-10 to 2-30 on Booth Ave. New-Houghton. Recreation Rd 2-35 to 3 pm.

The Parish Council has not yet scheduled any work or changes to be done in the cemetery, this is one thing it will be doing later this year.

There is no reason for relatives of the deceased to object to the measures the Parish Council will have to take regarding the decorations and memorials they have adorned their family grave plots with. It is something they do regardless of the consequences.

The rule is they must seek permission of anything they wish to do on a grave plot.

There is no excuse saying they did not know.

A notice has been on the notice board for at least twelve years.

An excerpt from the notice board reads.

"Families must NOT Provide any ornaments, rockeries or small gardens on graves. Place any headstone without approval of the Parish Council and by an approved monumental mason.

Kerb sets surrounding the grave or the covering of the grave surface with any material other than grass is no longer permitted."

Other notices put in strategic positions with instructions were blatantly ignored and ripped down. This amounts to destruction of council property.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL



We know it is early to think about scarecrows but the next newsletter may be leaving it a bit late to accept all the entries.

It is inevitable that some will be late in entering, probably due to unforeseen circumstances but the

sooner you inform us that you intend to enter, we can start making initial plans.

It will be on 16th & 17th June

This year it will be in aid of Breast Cancer.

Although it is a parish council instigated event, it cannot take place without you the members of the parish contributing with your usual excellence of workmanship in producing some marvellous scarecrows as you have done in the past.

Without you there would be no event.

We have to advertise, print the maps and route, print the numbers for each scarecrow and deliver them to each entry, estimate the refreshments and prepare them.

That is why we want your entries ASAP. So even if you have not yet started your scarecrow but intend to enter, send in your entry form from the back page, now.

We will take this opportunity to thank all the people who entered in the past and wish you the best of luck.

The fee to reserve a plot for a **grave**, **only if** applicant lives within Pleasley Parish Council's area is £50.

The fee to reserve an **ashes** plot, only if applicant lives within Pleasley Parish Council's area is £50.

The above fees do not include excavation of graves or ashes plots. The Funeral Directors shall make their own arrangements.

All headstones, memorials, vase blocks and inscriptions are subject to approval from the Parish Council.

No memorials may be fixed until formal written approval is given by the Council.

Please do not erect any home made memorials to be a permanent fixture.

Graves or Ash Plots **cannot** be reserved by people living outside the parish of Pleasley, unless they are of Pleasley descent.

Families must also remember that when they pay for a burial they only pay for the right to be buried in the grave they do not own the ground.

To reserve a burial or ash plot contact the clerk Neil Pocklington or the Chairman Cllr Howard Wright on 810486.

Public Speaking at Council Meetings.

Members of the public, through no fault of their own, misunderstand the interpretation of Public Speaking at a Parish Council Meeting. They think they can ask any question they choose, this is very misleading, the explanation is as follows.

First and foremost, public speaking is not mandatory, people have no legal right to speak. Pleasley Parish Council allows it because it thinks the public should have that right, it is in the Standing Orders, which must be adhered to.

Members of the public have no legal right to speak unless the Chairman authorizes them to do so.

It must be remembered that any action taken by the Chairman during public speaking is not of his own choosing, he is only applying the rules and regulations.

In the rules of Public Speaking it states quite clearly that the rule is, **NO** person will be allowed to speak on the same issue at two consecutive meetings unless the item has been deferred from a previous meeting.

The time allowed for the public to speak is **15 minutes** in total with possibly a little discretion. **Members of the public must remember that they can only ask questions on items that are on the agenda.**

A question raised by a member of the public during a public speaking session shall not necessarily require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on that subject in question.

The Chairman may direct that an oral or written response be given, and there shall be no debate or discussion between Council and the public. In the standing orders it states that a person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking. Comments should be directed to the chair.

The time allowed for each member of the public to speak is limited to **5 minutes**. If more than one member of the public wishes to speak on the same topic then they should nominate one person to speak on their behalf.

Written statements must be received by the Clerk at least 3 days prior to the meeting this is to allow their request to be considered, studied and a possibly answer to their request given.

The Chairman has the right to say that a question or statement is inappropriate and will not be accepted. If the issue is on the agenda, then it will be discussed under the appropriate item.

Members of the public are therefore requested to leave their contact details with the Clerk before leaving the meeting if they wish to receive a reply to their query.

After the normal 15 minutes of public speaking it will be reports, which are from the police, the County Councillor and the District Councillor if they are in attendance. This is still in the public speaking time and each report should only be five minutes and questions can then be asked by any member of the public. Each report will only be allowed 5 minutes with possibly a little discretion.

Initially the Parish Council is a democratically elected body with authority to make decisions on matters within its power. It is **not politically motivated** as District and County Councils are. It works to provide a quality service to the people of all Pleasley Parish and ensure decisions are in the interests of the parish as a whole. There are inevitable occasions when it is impossible to balance the interests of everyone in the Parish and not everyone will be happy with every decision made. Their opinion is not to reason why the reason is, it is our standing orders.

There is a well know saying which is quite true regarding the Parish Council that is.

Quote: **“You can please some of the people all of the time. You can please all of the people some of the time. But you cannot please all of the people all of the time.**

It is hoped that you will always find the Parish Council to act fairly and constructively, even if you do not always support its decision. Many of these decisions are legal and must be adhered to regardless of the consequences of you want to happen.

If you should find that you have a complaint about an aspect of procedure or administration of any item, you want an answer to then you are invited to contact the parish council.

This can be done by contacting either the Chairman of the parish council or the Clerk by letter or email who will try to resolve or get an answer to your problem.

Complaints or questions cannot be addressed at a Parish Council meeting in the public speaking time allotted if it is not on the agenda.

LIVE AND LOCAL at THE VERNEY

For those who missed SARAH MCQUAID on October 7th: our event reviewer **Chris** writes: "Mr Live and Mr Local have presented Pleasley folk music fans with yet another extraordinary gift in the shape of **Sarah McQuaid**. The first solo act I have seen in this ongoing series of concerts.

The moment Sarah took to the stage, the audience was struck by her unusual accent, which she explained in due course as being north American with a strong hint of Irish vis other diverse locations. "The microphone loves her voice ... " remarked my brother " . . . As it did Karen Carpenter's" I can agree with that comparison. Sarah is not just a gifted singer though, she plays elite level folk guitar, in the finger-picking style, using the somewhat unorthodox "DADGAD" tuning, making it hard for any guitar fans in the audience to figure out what she is doing! Factor in some unusual capo choices (Capo 8 on the song about worry and the Yellowstone Underground volcano, I think I remember and it all ads up to a pretty unique performance. If that's not enough, Sarah plays mostly her own compositions and even sings completely unaccompanied on two of them. That's talent for you!

Her songs give the impression of an interesting life, well lived, and despite her cheery on-stage persona, an underlying tinge of hurt in there as well.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and well played Sarah! Inspired and inspiring."

NEXT EVENT: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

THE CARRIVICK SISTERS. One of the UK's top young bluegrass and folk acts. Twins Laura and Charlotte perform their original songs and instrumentals along with a few carefully chosen covers on guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, and claw hammer banjo. Their busy touring schedule is rapidly building them a reputation for engaging and entertaining live performances with tight sibling vocal harmonies and multi-instrumental virtuosity.

As well as touring all over the UK, the Carrivick Sisters have performed at major festivals in Canada and mainland Europe. They have released six albums The Carrivick Sisters were finalists in the prestigious BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards 2010 and were named Band/Duo of the Year in the 2011 FATEA Awards. Most recently Charlotte won first place in both Old-time banjo and fiddle at FOAOTMAD's festival in Gainsborough 2012.



NEXT EVENT: SATURDAY APRIL 28TH SHEESHAM, LOTUS & 'SON



Using modern innovations of antiquity for the making of old-time sounds is the very core of Sheesham, Lotus and 'Son. This trio far exceeds their core combo of fiddle, banjo and sousaphone. Sheesham, Lotus and 'Son make ruthless groove music for the modern ear with commitment and vigour. Jaw-harps and harmonicas ranging from bass to treble amplified by beautiful horns, driving rhythms and soaring sibling harmonies have made them highly prized by festivals and audiences throughout Europe and the Americas.

Sound and vision explode from their stage as they bring the canon of old-time American folk and pre-war songs with an aesthetic that is truly unusual.

"We had a blast. Best act I've put on in a very, very long time" – Chris Jones, Selby Town Hall, England

Tickets £10 from 01623 810035 or 07734 274848

NINEBARROW

Unfortunately the sold out Ninebarrow concert on December 10th had to be cancelled due to the illness of the musicians. Attempts are being made and the concert has been scheduled for Friday June 22nd. Those with tickets can use them for the new date. The change of date means that there will be tickets available for those who were unlucky the first time. Up to date information will be posted on the parish Facebook page and on the website

LOCALS GET DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Over thirty local people took the opportunity to learn how to use defibrillators at sessions which were held at both The Verney and New Houghton Community Centre in November. Defibrillators have been installed at the Freedom Centre in New Houghton and the former telephone box in Pleasley, This now brings the total of defibrillators in the parish to three as there is one at Pleasley Pit and more will be installed. If this is the case there should be a further training opportunity. Parishioners are reminded that in the event of a defibrillator being needed, it is essential that a mobile phone is taken along so that 999 can be rung and then the information on the defibrillator housing be given to the emergency operator.



HEROES AND VILLAINS

We have some special people living in our parish who feel so strongly about caring for our environment that they are prepared to pick up other people's litter and even the faeces from other people's dogs.

Many thanks are offered to those people

The villains of course are the litter droppers and irresponsible dog owners.

Kim Burton

Chiropodist and Foot Health Professional
(MCFHP MAFHP)

Member of the Same Institute.

To book an appointment call

Home 01623 810587

Mobile 07850545228



ASHGATE HOSPICECARE will be running its 'Care for a Cuppa' Fund Raising Campaign throughout FEBRUARY

Care for a Cuppa

Hold an event this February and raise money for Ashgate Hospicecare

For more information,
visit www.ashgatehospicecare.org.uk
or call 01246 233404

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Pleasley Parish Council receives complaints regularly about traffic violations. The main two issues being traffic parking around Pleasley Cross and the speeding traffic especially on Terrace Lane and Newboundmill Lane. Hopefully the parking near Pleasley Cross will soon be addressed, it has been agreed that yellow lines and the flow of traffic in and out of Newboundmill Lane will shortly be carried out. The Parish Council cannot enforce the law. Only the police can issue a summons.

There have been speed checks made once in the last six months which is not enough. Members of the public can form their own community speed watch, whereby they record speeding traffic and the police write to the culprits. To get more information on this, contact the police to sort out and arrange with input and training. **The answer to speeding is in your hands. Email**

David.Hancock.4609@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk
give him your name and he will contact you with details on Community Speed Watch.

After the Christmas and New Festivities you will want to get back into a normal routine. Why not take advantage of the **keep fit** class for the over 50s and get back into shape with gentle exercise to loosen up your joints?

It's free for parish residents. There is a small charge (£2) for people living outside the parish.

Every Wednesday morning in the Verney Institute from 10am to 11am. Bring a drink along with you.

Thursdays in the Community Centre, Open Door Computer Class from 9-30 to 12-30 why not come and use our computers?

There is a small charge for people living outside the parish.

Many suggestions have been put forward to improve Terrace Lane Recreation Ground. Pleasley Parish Council has decided to ask you, the people who use our facility, what do you want? What do you suggest? We feel that the existing play equipment mainly serves younger children and think future provision ought to include something for older children. Your views would be welcome. Do you have suggestions regarding dog walking? If you would put your suggestions in the space below and return it to any Councillor, or put your suggestions in the Verney letter box or email the chairman Cllr Howard Wright on jonwrightppc@gmail.com or the parish Clerk Neil Pocklington on neil.pleasleypc@gmail.com. Deadline March 1st. Your comments and suggestions will be discussed at a future parish council meeting. Thank you.

COMPETITION TIME

THIS WORDSEARCH IS:

Names of 15 Southern Ireland counties

Closing date. 1st April

NAME

Address

Tel No

**CORK.
CLARE.
DUBLIN.
MAYO.
KERRY.
LOUTH.
DONEGAL.
SLIGO.
GALWAY.
LIMERICK.
TIPPERARY.
WICKLOW
WEXFORD.
KILDARE.
WATERFORD**

The winner of the last word search was Mr W Barker Pleasley who was presented with a £10 Garden Voucher by Chairman Cllr Howard Wright on behalf of Pleasley Parish Council.

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PLEASLEY PARISH SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**I WISH TO ENTER IN THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL FOR PLEASLEY
PARISH ON JUNE 16TH & 17TH 2018**

Name:Telephone:

Address:

Please return to "Scarecrow" Verney Institute, Newboundmill Lane Pleasley NG19 7PL or Cllr Howard Wright 59 Newboundmill Lane. ASAP

Profits will go in aid of Breast Cancer Support.

Six prizes will be awarded, to be judged by the public by voting for their best scarecrow.

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