



NEWSLETTER

Fifty third edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale

New Houghton and Stony Houghton.

The Scarecrow Festival

The Parish Council highlight in June was the Scarecrow Festival, sponsored by Maurice Hill Transport Ltd and Glapwell Garden Centre.

Although a low turnout of competitors in comparison to past years, those that did enter did a marvellous job. Despite the world football on TV, other big events in Shirebrook, the weather was kind and it was a great success.

The parish council wishes to thank all those that gave their valuable time and made the effort to enter and the visitors who came and voted for their choice. These people that enter set a good example of community spirit, getting involved takes effort and dedication which is rewarding. The parish council thanks them all and is very grateful. A special thankyou to the residents who helped with the refreshments in the kitchen during the festival, without their help we would have been struggling to manage.

Another year we shall have to try to avoid the peak holidays.

The results chosen by you the public were.

First No 26

Legoman & Batman



2nd No16 Despicable Me



3rd No 25 Paddington Bear



4th No 12. Paddington Bear



5th No 21 M&M

6th No 11 Top Cat



5 residents attended the parish meeting on Monday 14th May. There were no apologies. The minutes of the previous Annual Parish meeting were accepted and duly signed. The Precept of £72,626 for the coming year was announced.

The Chairman then gave his report which was basically to refer and remind the media what the parish council had achieved.

A valid point was made by one person regarding the appearance of Pleasley especially around Pleasley Cross which the council will address when the road changes have been carried out. It was reported that the water tap in the cemetery needed some attention. There were concerns about the footpath approaching the Drs Surgery which has now been resolved. There was nothing else mentioned of any importance and the meeting closed at 6.59pm.

This was followed by the parish council annual meeting. First on the Agenda was to elect the Chair for the coming year. Cllr Howard Wright was proposed and seconded, he thanked his colleagues for supporting him in the previous year and was pleased to accept the Chair once again for the ensuing year. Councillor Pauline Bowmer was proposed and seconded for Vice Chair.

There was no further increase in any charges.

The parish council is considering replacing the brick bus shelter on Rotherham Road with a new polycarbonate shelter with an electric connection.

The funding for two more defibrillators has been accepted.

A donation of £250 was made to St Michael's Church well dressing and flower festival under free resources.

Cemetery Report.

Following some questionable rules already made further details must be clarified and made clearer at the next meeting.

The Cemetery rules and Regulations are always a bone of contention with families and the Parish Council. It is impossible to notify all families that use the cemetery. The basic rule is you ask the parish council before you do anything after a burial, full stop.

We intend to abide by the regulations for the care and maintenance of our Cemetery. We will once again place notices in the church yard and on notice boards informing those caring for grave plots and memorial stones as to what is lawfully permitted. Asking that all those who visit the churchyard attending graves to read the regulations and make arrangements to remove any items not permitted by a certain date. After that date, the parish council will reserve the right to remove and package and label unauthorized items for collection from them.

A notice in the cemetery is quite sufficient as that is the place that matters and is of concern. There is no obligation to notify every household.

The Parish Council must be contacted for permission to anything to a grave plot nothing is allowed without permission given.

A reminder of what a grave is a burial plot sometimes referred to as a grave or a funeral plot it is the spot where a body is laid to rest in the ground. When a new grave is purchased it is not the ownership of the land itself that is purchased, but the rights to have burials take place in that grave.

Our problem is regular inspection of the cemetery. We will do checks at various times these may not be on a regular basis because of availability of officers.

The time things have been done unlawfully is not a criteria or an excuse.

Whether it is one week ago or six years ago if it was unlawful they will be removed The law catches up with all perpetrators eventually. Breaking a cemetery law is no different the only difference is it is not criminal.

In the April parish council meeting Cemetery fees were discussed and new fees were agreed to be more in keeping with increased costs and in line with neighbouring cemeteries.

The new fees are

Single grave, deceased lived within the Pleasley Parish Council's area £400

Single grave, deceased lived outside Pleasley Parish Council's area £2000

Double grave, deceased lived within the Parish Council's area £400

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Fee for the re-opening of a grave for second burial after grave has been identified as a double grave, deceased lived within the Pleasley Parish Council's area £400

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Fee for burial in a reserved grave deceased lived within Pleasley Parish Council's area £400

Burial of ashes in Ash Plot, deceased lived within Pleasley Parish Council's area £100

Burial of ashes in an Ash Plot, deceased lived outside Pleasley Parish Council's area £200

Burial of a second or subsequent set of ashes in ashes plot, deceased lived within Pleasley Parish Council's area £100

Burial of a second or subsequent set of ashes in Ash Plot, deceased lived outside Pleasley Parish Council's area £200

Burial of ashes in a previously reserved ashes plot, deceased lived within Pleasley Parish Council's area £100

It had previously been passed that that no more grave or ash plots reservations would be allowed to preserve the need for immediate graves required, this would extend the usage of future burials currently needed.

An enquiry was made regarding the responsibility of topping up graves that had sunken after a burial. This is the responsibility of the family concerned. We will answers many questions that may arise appertaining to Cemetery Management in every Newsletter.

LIVE AND LOCAL - LIVE AT THE VERNEY



Blair Dunlop and Ashley Hutchings, Ross Couper and Tom Oakes, Mumbo Jumbo, Gordon Giltrap, Nick Hennessey, Mambo Jambo, Peacock Angell, Alaw, Aire Flamenco, The Carrivick Sisters, James Hickman and Dan Cassidy, The Hut People, Sarah McQuaid, Remi Harris, Sheesham, Lotus N'Son, Ninebarrow.

A list of superlative musicians and entertainers who have appeared at The Verney thanks to the parish council's collaboration with Live and Local. The next series of performers is unknown at the moment but whoever it is will offer high quality Watch this space.

"Sheesham, Lotus N'Son 28th April 2018

Hailing from Ontario, Canada, playing acoustically with no electric amplification at all, this trio deliver a staggeringly entertaining musical experience. These three very different musicians combine their special talents into one amazing harmonic performance. Made even more enjoyable for the audience by the style of delivery which is light-hearted, cheerful and friendly throughout. For the first time I can recall during a Live and Local concert, the famous Verney clock is not temporarily disabled. The truth is, these boys don't just stop the clock, they turn it back! However, anybody who has Sheesham, Lotus and N'Son pegged as a nostalgia, music hall or novelty act has missed the point entirely. They play the music which I'd consider completely authentic to the dance halls and bars of twenties America or even the Wild West!



The core sound of the band is driven by fiddle, sousaphone, banjo and harmony vocal, but it doesn't stop there. The players switch their main equipment for a variety of weird, wonderful and specifically modified instruments, conjuring a baffling array of moods and sounds and, although the main thrust is dancy and fun, there's real earthy blues as well as a moment or two of thoughtful quiet peace.

Not troubling the listeners with lengthy stories and explanations, as many acts of the folk genre may be prone to do, Sheesham, Lotus and N'Son let the music communicate and weave its own magic.

This was a remarkable concert, rendered brilliantly without a milliamp of electrical current. As my brother Dave rightly pointed out, "If there was a power cut now, it wouldn't make any difference!"

During the performance, the band was quite taken with my "Tardis" beer cooler. Afterwards, Lotus jokingly asked me if he could have it. The truth is they don't need it. They already can travel through time!

See this group. They will blow you away. Guaranteed!

Chris Evans



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Healthier You is a new , FREE, Type 2 diabetes prevention programme available in Derbyshire

It offers you the chance to make lifestyle changes that can help reduce your risk of getting Type 2 diabetes

Find out more at www.preventing-diabetes.co.uk

You could be at high risk of Type 2 diabetes if:	schizophrenia, bipolar illness or depression
You are overweight or have a high Body Mass Index	If you are concerned that you are at risk of Type 2 diabetes then contact your GP practice for a blood test.
You are aged over 40	If you're found to be at high risk you might be eligible for a new free diabetes prevention programme.
You have a parent, brother or sister with diabetes	The Healthier You - Derbyshire Diabetes Prevention Programme offers people at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes the chance to make preventative lifestyle changes,
You have ever had high blood pressure, a heart attack or a stroke	Get in touch with your GP or practice nurse today.
You have a history of polycystic ovaries or gestational diabetes	
You have had a mental health condition such as	

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Drinking enough water may help you keep your blood sugar levels within healthy limits.

In addition to preventing dehydration, it helps your kidneys flush out the excess blood sugar through urine.

One observational study showed that those who drank more water had a lower risk of developing high blood sugar levels.

Drinking water regularly re-hydrates the blood, lowers blood sugar levels and reduces diabetes risk.

Foods with a low glycemic index include seafood, meat, eggs, oats, barley, beans, lentils, legumes, sweet potatoes, corn, most fruits and non-starchy vegetables. Your body breaks carbs down into sugars (mostly glucose), and then insulin moves the sugars into cells. When you eat too many carbs or have problems with insulin function, this process fails and blood glucose levels rise.

In case you have forgotten here is reminder of a useful service offered by DCC.

Derbyshire HandyVan Service

Derbyshire County Council operates a HandyVan Network which is a service making it safer for older and vulnerable people to live in their own homes.

This is an excellent service you should take advantage of.

What work will the HandyVan be able to do?

You can phone and ask for a free visit to your home by your local HandyVan for the following:

Home fire safety checks. Smoke alarms provided and installed

Home security checks security equipment provided and installed.

Practical tasks – for example:

Changing light bulbs, securing carpets and rugs

Removing and hanging curtains

Checking stair rails are secure and appropriate path and door access clearance.

Securing tap washers to reduce dripping taps and other tasks, as appropriate.

The service will also, with your permission, make referrals to our partners for additional services that may help you to live independently.

Who is it available to and how do I access it?

The service is available to those who are aged 60 and over or if you are referred by Derbyshire County Council – Adult Care, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, your district council, Derbyshire Police or Derbyshire Primary Care Trust. Each eligible household can access this free service twice a year. Please note, some materials may need to be purchased by the occupier.

The service is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

This service does not offer an emergency service for plumbing or electrical problems.

For more information or to arrange for a visit, please contact the new single point of access:

Tel: 0203 535 4999 or

Email: handyvan@metropolitan.org.uk

Is there a charge for the handy van to visit?

No, if you are a Derbyshire resident who is aged 60 or over or are referred into the network then the service is free to access. However, you will need to purchase any materials required for any small repairs or DIY tasks.

These are some historical facts about Pleasley taken from **Kelly's Directory Counties of Derby, Notts, (May, 1891)**

PLEASLEY is a township, parish and pleasant village, including Pleasley Hill, in the parish of St. John, Mansfield, on the road from Mansfield to Chesterfield, with a station on the Teversall branch of the Midland railway, 3 miles north-west from Mansfield, 9 south-east from Chesterfield, in the Chesterfield division of the county, hundred of Scarsdale, Chesterfield petty sessional division, Mansfield union and county court district, rural deanery of Alfreton, archdeaconry of Derby and diocese of Southwell.

The church of St. Michael is a building of stone, in the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and an embattled western tower containing 3 bells: the chancel arch is Norman, highly ornamented, and the tower Perpendicular : there are 250 sittings.

The register dates from the year 1553. The living is a rectory, average tithe rent-charge £650, and other emoluments about £150, gross yearly value £800, with residence and 3 acres of glebe, in the gift of Mrs. McCreagh Thornhill, and held since 1884 by the Rev. John Blomefield M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge. Services are held on Sunday evenings in the new school at New Houghton. The United Free Methodists hold services on Sunday in the British schoolroom at Pleasley Vale.

The Rev. Francis Gisborne, formerly rector of Staveley, in 1818 left £6 13s. to this parish, which is expended in clothing for the poor. Pleasley Vale, a romantic spot extending from a mile and a quarter to a mile and a half north-east of the village, is the site of the extensive cotton, silk and merino spinning mills of William Hollins and Co. Limited, giving employment to 400 or 500 hands : the river Meden or Mayden winds for a mile through the valley, and previous to reaching the first mill spreads itself into a wide sheet; both water and steam power are employed. On the north-east side of the lower mills are precipitous rocks, or ravines of limestone.

A market formerly held here on Mondays has for many years been discontinued : the pedestal of the market cross still remains in the village. Two fairs are held for cattle, horses and sheep, on May 6th and October 29th.

The mansion of Wm. Hollins esq. J.P. stands on a slight eminence commanding a view of the river and was considerably enlarged in 1861.

The Right Hon. Sir Harry Verney bart. P.C. of Claydon, Bucks, is lord of the manor and principal landowner. The soil is limestone and clay; subsoil, rock and clay. The chief crops are wheat, oats, and barley.

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The acreage, comprising Shirebrook (which will be found under a separate head) and the hamlet of STONEY HOUGHTON, and the colliery villages of Upper Pleasley and New Houghton, is 3,293, of which 224 are woodland; rateable value, £9,719; the population of the parish in 1881 was 1,152.

Parish Clerk, Henry Rogers.

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SCHOOLS :-

Church of England (mixed & infants'), erected in 1875, for 120 boys & girls & 100 infants; average attendance, 130 ; infants, 100 ; Charles Leigh, master New Houghton, erected 1884, for 100 children; average attendance, 50; Miss Millin, mistress Sunday School is held in all the schools British, Pleasley Vale, erected by Messrs. W. Hollins & Co. Limited, for 200 children; average attendance, 100 ; Miss Mary Lucy Flint, mistress

Railway Station. William Henry Pugh, station master CARRIER.-John Cooper, to Black Horse, Mansfield, Thurs. & Sat

Blomefield Rev. John M.A Rector
Hollins William J.P. Pleasley vale
Munro James Mitchell M.B

COMMERCIAL.

Booth John, farmer, Stoney Houghton
Cooper John. omnibus proprietor
Crooks Samuel, farmer
Dean Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer
Dodsley Robt. farmer, Stoney Houghton
Downs Samuel, farmer, The Lodge
Featherstone Samuel, blacksmith
Heath Thomas, farmer, Stoney Houghton
Hollins William & Co. (Nottm.), Lim. cotton silk & merino spinners
Claude Hollins esq. sec.
H. E. Hollins esq. managing director
Herbert Porter esq. assistant manager
David Brooks, cashier;
Thomas Snaith, (engineer), Pleasley works.
Holmes John Machin, farmer
Hopkinson Joseph, farmer
Humphrey William, farmer & butcher
Kirk Ann (Mrs.), shopkeeper
Lawrence Benj. farmer, Stoney Houghton
Munro James Mitchell M.B., C.M. surgn Pleasley
Colliery (Stanton Iron Co. proprietors; J. C. B. Hendy, certificated manager) Pleasley Co-

Renshaw Benjamin, farmer, Batley.
Sandy Wm. farm bailiff to J.Paget esq. J.P
Smith Frederick, Nag's Head Public.House
Tatham Joseph, farmer, The Park
Wass James. farmer, Stoney Houghton
Wass John, Devonshire Arms Public House.
Stoney Houghton

This is copied verbatim

There are two interesting items. Stoney is spelt with an E and where would the Devonshire Arms be in Stoney Houghton??? It is also noticed that many of the names are still of Pleasley families.

A little more history on Pleasley. The meaning of Manor is Landed Estate not a building.

Just prior to the sinking of the colliery, Pleasley was a small decayed market town. The market was no longer held but the two annual fairs were still active.

1803 Coal proved by a borehole 1/4 mile north of Pleasley Bridge. Hollins Co install a Boulton and Watt steam engine in the Lower Mill in Pleasley Vale.

1809 Bache Thornhill gives Pleasley Manor to his eldest son Henry Bache Thornhill who had married Helen Pole in 1801.

1811 Pleasley Parish which was, (**Pleasley, Shirebrook, Stoney Houghton**) contained 90 houses.

1821 Henry Bache Thornhill made a will –which included his Fathers Estate in anticipation of his future inheritance.

1822 Henry Bache Thornhill dies but his father is still alive and Pleasley Manor has to be sold in order to provide for his wife and family.

1823 Pleasley Manor was auctioned at the Swan Inn, Mansfield and purchased by William Edward Nightingale for **£38,000** with the exception of of the two cotton mills, their dams and 15 acres of land in Pleasley Vale—these were still under lease to Hollins Co.

1824 Sale of Pleasley Manor to W E Nightingale completed.

1828 The two cotton mills, their dams and 15 acres of land in Pleasley Vale were bought by the Hollins Company for £7,600 when the lease expired.

1839 Hollins Co purchased a “gas apparatus’ in order to produce their own gaslight for the Pleasley Vale Mills. They later supplied gas to Pleasley Colliery and to Pleasley Village.

1840 Hollins upper mill in Pleasley Vale was destroyed by fire on Dec 25th.

1844 Hollins Lower Mill in Pleasley Vale was destroyed by fire during the summer.

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George, Andrew, William,
Elizabeth, Eugenie.
Charlotte, Louis. Edward.
Anne. Charles. Harry.
Camilla. Catherine. Beatrice.

The winner of Aprils word-search was M Cowlshaw Pleasley who received a £10 garden voucher presented by Cllr Wright on behalf of the Parish Council.

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A reminder on your health. Bowel Cancer

The NHS bowel cancer screening programme was introduced in 2006. It offers routine screening every two years to all men and women aged 60 to 69 (50 to 74 in Scotland). People over 70 can request a free screening kit by calling 0800 707 6060 Don't leave it too late. Act NOW

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