



NEWSLETTER

63rd edition of the Newsletter for: Pleasley, Pleasley Vale, New Houghton and Stony Houghton.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL RAISES £360.80



A cheque for £360.80 was presented to Julia Mellors of The Alzheimer's Society by Councillor Howard Wright prior to the council meeting in December. The money was raised over the weekend of

August 14th and 15th as local people displayed scarecrows in the parish.

Hannah Godley, Community Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society said:

"Pleasley Parish Council, helped to raise vital funds and awareness during what can be a challenging and isolating time for people affected by dementia. The charity often sees an increased demand for its services from families noticing changes in loved ones over the festive period.

All the money raised from the Scarecrow Festival will provide information and support, improve care, fund research, and create lasting change for people affected by dementia.

Thank you so much to Pleasley Parish Council and all who supported the event".

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pleasley Parish Councillor, Pauline Bowmer, one of seven former councillors of Bolsover District Council who have received the title "Honorary Alderman" in view of them each giving over 16 years' service as an elected member and for their dedication and service to the authority and its communities.

Between them these long-serving ex-councillors accumulated over 120 years' worth of service as elected members and had all played their part in helping to drive forward change at the Council, revitalising their local communities and helping to regenerate the District.



At a special ceremony Council Leader, Councillor Steve Fritchley said, "These seven former colleagues contributed so much to the District and their local communities during their time as councillors. They dedicated so much of their lives to serving others that we felt this was a fitting tribute to their many years of service. "Collectively they have clocked up over 120 years of service and I

feel privileged to have worked alongside them. On behalf of the Council and local residents, I congratulate them all on their achievement.”

The families and friends of all the former councillors attended the special ceremony to receive a signed certificate and carriage clock.

The title of Honorary Alderman can only be given to non-serving members of the Council who have undertaken 16 plus years’ service as a local elected member.

NEW COUNCILLORS

Welcome to the parish council’s latest members.

Following a meeting in September, Christopher Davern and Hayley Smith were co-opted to fill the vacancies which had arisen. This brings the membership back up to the required number of 10 councillors.

NEW CEMETERY GATES

At November’s meeting of the Parish Council, it was decided to place an order to replace the wooden gates at the parish cemetery with wrought iron ones. It is unlikely that the new gates will be installed before early Spring.



The parish council was well represented at the laying of poppy wreaths at two of our war memorials. Wreaths were laid by Vice Chair Pauline Bowmer, first at Pleasley then at the

memorial in New Houghton. Wreaths were laid by other groups and individuals at both places. This ceremony is not only for the two world wars that involved 70,000 civilians in

the last war, it is for all the conflicts that have occurred since, where our civilians were not casualties but our forces were, such as The Korean War, The Suez War, The Falklands, The Gulf and Iraq. People involved in these wars were remembered today.



Both Acts of Remembrance were led by Reader Kay Savage.

The parish council was once again proud to pay homage to the fallen of all the conflicts that have taken place involving our country by a show of poppies. Poppies were once again on

the lamp posts throughout the parish. If there is anyone who can relate their life during the last war send your recollections of My War Years to the parish council.

KEEPING FIT – CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE

The Senior Citizens’ Exercise class has resumed at The Verney Institute. This is for one hour, with a series of light exercises and stretches, in the Verney on Tuesdays with a qualified instructor.

There is no charge for Pleasley parish residents but there is a small charge of £2 per session for those residing outside the parish.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER?

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

Assistance is on hand to sort out those problems encountered when using a computer. Lap tops are available for use or people may bring along their own.

These drop-in sessions are free to residents of the parish with a charge (£2.00) to those residing outside the parish. All are welcome to drop in.

NEWSLETTER PLANS

The council is considering sending the newsletter by email to those parishioners who request it.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please contact the clerk with your name, address and email address to neil.pleasleypc@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2022-23

At the Parish Council meeting on the 10th January the annual precept was discussed - the precept is the annual amount the Parish Council estimates it needs to fulfil its duties within the parish for the following financial year which runs from April to March.

The meeting was told that both Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council are expected to increase the amount they require.

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to NOT increase what it requires in an effort to help parishioners' finances. Although general prices increase each year, in its efforts to do the best it can for residents. The parish council has actually only increased its precept once in the past 10 years.

FACEBOOK

The Parish Council uses its Facebook page to disseminate information that is likely to be of interest to parishioners.

Anyone wanting to contact the council should contact the clerk, Neil Pocklington, on 01623 819786 or by email neil.pleasleypc@gmail.com or a councillor.

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TOM KIRKHAM WRITES:

My role as a councillor is to represent residents and please get in touch if you need any support.

I hold regular surgeries at the New Houghton Hub from 10am on Thursdays and from 6pm on the first Monday in the month.

THE NEW HOUGHTON COMMUNITY HUB

In our Parish, with support from Bolsover District Council, the New Houghton Hub has



opened its doors.

This building is next to the post office and is a volunteer-run space for the good of the community. The Hub has managed to get grant funding to support its operation for the next few years and already there are a few groups established.

However, more volunteers and ideas of what kind of activities people want are required so please contact Tom Kirkham if you have any ideas.

Current activities include
St John Ambulance 6pm Mondays,
Toddler Group 12 on Tuesdays
Café on Wednesday afternoons and Fridays.

On Thursdays 10 – 12, Karen Seymour, Welfare Rights Advisor, from Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre is available to offer advice.



Bolsover District Council Lottery.

Win £25k and support local good causes

More information can be found on the Bolsover District Community Lottery Scheme website. Residents can read about this in the District Council Newsletter Intouch which is delivered to all residents.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

BST ended on October 31st when we put our clocks back one hour. This will last until

Sunday March 27th 2022. when the clocks will go forward again.

There is a hotly contested debate on how exactly we are affected by the changing of our clocks, with many suggestions that it is bad for our health.

The immediate impact is to our body's circadian rhythm. As we produce more of the important sleep hormone melatonin when its dark, the change can disrupt our sleep patterns, particularly in the spring when we lose an hour in bed as the clocks go forward again.

A study in 2009 found that it can take up to three weeks to adjust to the change. The change has also been linked to disruption to our metabolic rate and our immune systems. Some studies have even reported increased number of heart attacks at the beginning of daylight saving and found that extending BST to last all year could decrease the number of car accidents.

During the Second World War clocks were put back two hours to enable farmers to work later to harvest their crops.

DERBYSHIRE HANDY VAN

The Derbyshire Handy Van can help you with small jobs in your house if you are over 60 or your worker has referred you. You can ring and ask for a free visit to your home.

The jobs they can help you with are:

Fire Safety checks

Jobs in your house, like changing light bulbs, hanging curtains and checking stair rails.

Energy Efficiency advice

For more information:

Ring 0203 535 4999

Website: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/handyvan

Email: handyvan@metropolitan.org.uk

USEFUL NUMBERS

Report A Crime Online to The Police

www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/

report/ocr/at/how-to-report-acrime/

Useful Contacts

National site for Neighbourhood Watch

www.ourwatch.org.uk

Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch

www.derbyshireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk

NSPCC The National Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Children

www.nspcc.org.uk Tel : 0808 800 5000

Women's Aid

www.womensaid.org.uk

Derbyshire PCC Office of the Police Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire
www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/Home

Alzheimer's Society A national charity providing advice and support for people affected by dementia.

Tel: 0300 222 1122

Age UK Provides companionship, advice and support for millions of older adults.

Tel: 0800 169 6565

Anti-social behaviour

www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/asb

Contact Bolsover District Council on 01246 242424 for

Recycling

Refuse Collection

Fly Tipping

Dog Wardens

Pest Control

Council Tax

Environmental Health

Housing

Planning

Contact Derbyshire County Council on 01269 533190 for

Road Maintenance

Street Lighting

Road Gritting

Potholes

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<p>FIGURES FOR REPORTED CRIMES IN PLEASLEY PARISH AUGUST – NOVEMBER</p>
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<p>Crime figures for August Anti-Social Behaviour 2 Criminal Damage 1 Public Order 2 Vehicle Crime. 1 Violence & Sexual Offences 4</p>	<p>Crime figures for October Anti-Social Behaviour 3 Criminal Damage and Arson 1 Public Order 1 Vehicle Crime 1 Violence & Sexual Offences 2 Other crime 1</p>
<p>Crime figures for September Anti-Social Behaviour 2 Criminal Damage and Arson 3 Other Theft 2 Violence and Sexual offences</p>	<p>Crime figures for November Anti-Social Behaviour 4 Burglary 3 Criminal Damage and Arson 1 Drugs 1 Public Order 2 Vehicle Crime 1 Violence & Sexual Offences 8</p>

COMPETITION TIME

WORDSEARCH

Find the 24 animals listed in the table below and return your entry to the Verney or any councillor by March 1st

Name

Address

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

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T	U	N	C	O	C	K	E	R	E	L	K
L	T	U	R	K	E	Y	T	R	Y	A	L
E	R	P	I	E	E	N	O	T	G	O	D
Y	A	O	L	L	A	N	O	R	A	F	R
S	O	W	P	I	G	O	O	S	E	A	A
T	B	I	E	G	I	D	E	E	R	R	K
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COW	BULL	HEN	DUCK	PIGLET	CATTLE
LLAMA	FOAL	SHEEP	HORSE	SOW	PIG
LAMB	ROOSTER	COCKEREL	GOOSE	GOAT	TURKEY
DEER	DRAKE	GEESE	DOG	BOAR	CHICKEN

LIVE AND LOCAL

The Live and Local concerts recommenced on October 9th with the appearance of Ashley Hutchings and Becky Mills together with the surprise appearance of Ashley's son, Blair Dunlop. It was fitting that it was Ashley that opened the new season as he was the artist of the very first Live at The Verney event.



The second concert of the programme took place on December 11th. This was another reappearance of a musician who was at The Verney in 2016. Remi Harris, an extremely talented jazz/blues guitarist, who was in a duo with double bass player, Tom Moore.

Covid regulations meant that the audience had to wear masks.

The third concert features a duo, Tiwkilin, a completely different offering from anything before at The Verney. Two Berber women recalling the magic heritage of their ancestors, celebrating their eager for freedom and their independent spirit.

Iness Mezel, is an intriguing award-winning singer-songwriter. She has toured extensively over the past few years with an acclaimed sound fusing blues with the North African Berber sounds of her Berber roots and was All Africa Kora Music Awards (Johannesburg) Best Female African Artist winner.

Nora Abdoun, a rare female who plays traditional Amazigh percussion (Bendir, Karkab) which she inherited from her clan, her ancestors who would accompany the different rituals (weddings, protection of the house during ceremonies or struggles).



The final concert in the current programme is Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord towards the end of March 26th.

Daisy Chapman is a talented pianist and singer-songwriter (or as she declares, 'sinner songwriter') from Bristol, whose powerful and perceptive narrative songs have been described as 'an enchanting work between chanson and classic song writing' (Rolling Stone).

Daisy combines an incredible voice with beautifully delivered 'Nymanesque' piano and is accompanied by exquisite digital looped harmonies and Sue Lord's dramatic and sweeping violin to create captivating and moving songs.

Tiwkilin in Concert, Live at The Verney, is on Saturday February 5th at 8pm.

Daisy Chapman and Sue Lord in Concert is on Saturday March 26th at 8pm.

Tickets for both concerts can be booked at 01623 810035 or 01623 819786. Price £12.

Live and Local events are held in line with current government Covid regulations. The wearing of face masks is compulsory unless a person has an exemption

People are asked not to attend if: they believe they may be infected with COVID-19, have experienced symptoms in the last 14 days, have been in close proximity to anyone who has experienced symptoms in the last 14 days or have been instructed to self-isolate.

People are also asked to carry out a Lateral Flow Test prior to the event and not to attend if they have a positive result.

ROOM HIRE



The Verney Institute and New Houghton Community Centre are both available for room hire by arrangement with the caretakers.

To book The Verney Institute contact Phillip Briggs 01623 810732

To book New Houghton Community Centre contact Laretta Brudenell 01623 811390

DERBYSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY



Derbyshire's mobile library will be in Pleasley on the following days:

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Tuesday 1st March 2022

2.00 – 2.15 Newboundmill Lane.

2.20 – 2.35 Booth Avenue



DO YOU KNOW?

There are five defibrillators within Pleasley Parish.

Four, which were installed by the parish council, can be located in the former public telephone box opposite Pleasley Cross, in the former bus shelter at the top of Terrace Lane, outside the New Houghton Hub building and on the outside of New Houghton Community Centre.

There is also one in the top car park at Pleasley Pit which was installed by the Pleasley Pit Trust.