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Local Groups

Halle Group
Holly Tree Riding Stables
Guild Chapel Hall
Mereside Brass Band

Jim Rankin 651170
Gloria Robinson 722188
Last Tuesday in month 2.30pm
Village Hall
bookings 07747 302064
(practice) Fri 8-10pm
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Learners 6.45-7.45pm 07879
697768

Mums and Tots

Village Hall Tues morning (term
time) Caroline Jackson 07854
626003

Plumley Celtic FC Probus Club Sunday Club

J Betts 01606 737602
D Tricker 634756
Chapel Hall 10.30-11.30am Sarah
Royle 722277
Village Hall 1st Monday in
month—Christine England 722283
Wednesday 6.30pm-8pm Village
Hall—contact Sue Rennie 01606
888324

Plumley WI

4-14 years contact Kathy
McIntyre 01565 722358
Monday 6pm-7pm Village Hall

Iyengar Yoga

Wednesday 6-7.30pm
1st Thursday in month 2-4pm
634644

Lower Peover Kids Club

Salsa-Cise
Events at Toft Church Hall
Toft Brownies
Toft Mothers' Union

Wednesday 10am-12 noon
1st Wednesday of month 1-3pm
Thursday 9-10am & 10.15-11.15
contact Katrin 01606 334909

Toft Art Group Toft Quilters Callenetics

Local Contacts

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- * Chapel Bookings—Elizabeth Hall—722721
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- * Tennis Courts & Play area—Iain McCulloch 722535
- * Plumley Stores/Post Office—Jonathan Royle 722277
- * Toft Church Hall—Hazel Raw—651205
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Rail News—Peter Frier

With the coming of warmer weather the prospects for days out by rail become more attractive and I offer a few suggestions from Plumley. Every Sunday, at 9.45, 11.43 and every two hours, there are through trains to Southport for sea air, shops and amusements ... perhaps even a sight of the water. Every day, there is the Wayfarer ticket available from Knutsford or Northwich Station in advance which gives you freedom after 0930 (weekdays) on all trains, trams and buses in an area from Buxton to Bury or Wigan to the Peak District (Edale, Bamford etc). This is a scratch card so you can buy several and keep them ready at home for use. An interesting outing can be (using Wayfarer) from Plumley by train to

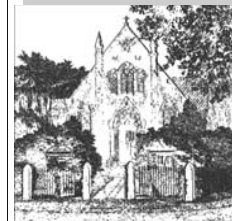
Altrincham, tram to Bury. Here is a famous market, but also close by on Bolton Street is the East Lancashire Steam Railway which in summer runs daily Wednesday to Sunday (your Wayfarer is not valid on steam trains). Close by the ELR station in the new Bury Transport Museum opened by the Duke of Gloucester last month after £3 million of grant aid; train tickets on ELR give a discount at the museum. Further afield are the Ranger tickets covering West Midlands (from Crewe) to Birmingham, Stratford Rugby, Northampton for £16.80 or £11.10 with railcard; nearer home from Chester to Cheshire Day Ranger covers an area from the Wirral to Glossop, Whitchurch to Manchester and in be-

tween for £18.00/£11.90. Your station is kept clean and tidy awaiting you; fuller details and telephone numbers in the timetable available in the Village Store – A new edition is due out in May.

Admissions to Lower Peover C.E. Primary School

Parents of children resident in the village of Plumley are entitled to apply for a place at Lower Peover C.E. Primary School but they must ensure that they have put their child's name down on the waiting list, in order to receive an Admissions Pack from the Local Authority. Anyone wishing to do so should contact the school on 01565 722529 and arrange an appointment with the Headteacher Mrs Sharon Dean

Our distributors of these newsletters do a GREAT job and in all weathers and through some of the worst weather Plumley can throw at them; we could not manage without them. However they need holidays and we have to find holiday replacements so if you can offer help, please advise either Peter (722140) or Glen (722811). Whilst on this subject it would also be helpful if distributors could let us know if they are unable to delivery due to holidays or other causes.



Plumley Village Newsletter

Including Toft and Bexton

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Dates for the Diary—more details in this issue

- 10th May—WI Resolutions evening.
- 22nd May—RTN—Charity Shop Cabaret 7.30pm
- 24th May—Public Meeting 7.30pm
- 25th May—The Guild
- 26th May—Parish Council Meeting 8pm
- 5th June—Coffee Morning—Plumley Methodist Church
- 7th June—WI Members night
- 19th June Concert—Owen Wynne Chorale
- 26th June—Village Get Together
- 30th June—Parish Council Meeting
- 3rd July—Coffee Morning—Plumley Methodist Church
- 3rd July—Barn Dance
- 5th July WI—talk—Helen Avraam
- 17th July—Social Evening—James Eaton
- 18th July—Service with refreshments at James Eaton's Farm

Parish Council News

Housing—Plumley

As you will all be aware, The Crown Estate held a public consultation in April regarding proposals for 30 new homes and a new playing field in Plumley. As with the previous proposal in Trouthall Lane, the Parish Council will be holding a Public Meeting to listen to your views on this proposal. The date for this meeting is to be the **24th May 2010** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Annual Assembly 2010

The Parish Council were very disappointed by the low number of residents who attended the Annual Assembly held in March. Along with local speakers—Jonathan Royle (Village Store), James Eaton (Plumley Methodist Church) and Gerry Chatburn (PROBUS) the event was attended by Sally Buttifant, Mid Cheshire Community Rail

Partnership Officer, who spoke about tourism and future plans for the Chester-Altrincham line. Also speaking at the event was Mr Jon Barber, Watch Manager at Knutsford Fire and Rescue who gave a talk about the services provided by the Fire Service, including Home Safety Advice.

Village Get Together

Arrangements are underway for the Village Get Together on Saturday 26th June at the Village Hall. The proceeds from this event will all go the Village Hall, so do come along and support this social event in the village. Penny Allen is happy to receive donations for the tombola before the day or they can be brought to the Village Hall on Friday night or Saturday morning. Glen Godson is organising a book stall and is happy to receive books on the day. Mereside Brass Band will

be performing and there will also be a plant stall and crafts—if anyone is interested is selling crafts at the event, please contact Sybil Crossman 722650. Afternoon teas are to be provided by Plumley WI.

Knutsford Local Area Partnership

Knutsford Local Area Partnership includes Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Health, representatives of Town and Parish Councils and looks at ways to improve services. The next Local Area Partnership meeting which is a meeting open to the public is to be held at Plumley Village Hall on Thursday 20th May 2010 from 4.30pm-6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 26th May 2010 at Toft Parish Hall at 8pm

Copy for July & August edition to be received by 7th July 2010.



Plumley Village Hall

Plumley Village Hall Matters!

Some details of the Village Get Together on Saturday 26 June are provided above and we look forward to seeing you there, to help with raising funds for the Village Hall. We also hope that some of our hirers will be there with display stands to promote their activities, which will of course also indirectly help with income for the Village Hall. If you or your Club/Association would like to put on a display,

please let me know as soon as possible.

Science in Action

We recently had a heat loss survey conducted using thermal imaging camera equipment and I am pleased to report that the structure and fabric of the Village Hall was found to be in generally good condition with no signs of any excessive heat losses. No doubt this was due largely to the money that was well spent

as well as more recently on the double glazed windows and doors.

We are very fortunate that the survey was conducted free of charge by courtesy of one of the Village Hall Advisers from Cheshire Community Action based in Sandiway and that the findings were favourable!

David Nichols—Chairman PVH Committee.
Registered Charity no 520096

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PLUMLEY METHODIST CHURCH

The afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan and Marie Curie charities took place on 25th March and was well supported with 39 people attending and the event raised over £300 for the two charities—raised through donations and a raffle—the main prize being a beautiful quilted ‘throw’ kindly made by Plyn Aston.

Coffee Mornings

The dates for the coffee mornings are listed on the front page, however if you would like to host a coffee morning, please contact either Elizabeth Hall, Ian Lee or Plyn Aston. Proceeds can be given to your chosen charity, but following further discussion at a Church meeting, no monies will be required for Church funds to cover the cost of heating and lighting.

Concerts

Saturday 19th June 7.30pm Owen Wynn Chorale Summer Concert with Strawberries and Cream—£6.

Sat 17th July—Social evening at James Eaton’s farm—details available nearer the time.

Sunday 18th July—Service and refreshments at James Eaton’s Farm.

The Guild

The Guild is an informal meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. It lasts for one to one and half hours, usually with a speaker followed by refreshments. New members are very welcome (male and female), for more details contact Edna Fewtrell or Madge Holt.

The Sunday Club

The Sunday Club is held each Sunday 10.30am—11.30am for 2-9 year olds. For more information contact Sarah Royle. If you have a young child why not go along with them one Sunday morning to see the fun children have which includes bible stories, crafts and baking to name but a few of the activities

More Parish Council.....

As we are again entering the Cheshire Community Pride Competition this year, the Parish Council have arranged a **Village litter pick** on Saturday 22nd May between 10am and 1pm.. If you can spare a few hours to make Plumley look clean and tidy—please join us at the Village Hall.

The Ugandaid Summer Hog Roast—Sat 3rd July 2010

Join us again for what has proved to be a fantastic evening of live music and family fun. This year will be even bigger and better, as well as supporting a charity that transforms lives for the poorest of the poor. A Professional Hog Roast with ‘Beer fo Breakfast’ – Irish Ceilidh Band plus Real Ale – Storm Brewing company and other attractions including a firework display to finish. Tickets will be on sale soon from Plumley post office or call 01565 722767. Last year you helped us raise over £3000 for Ugandaid , so please put the date in your diary and bring your friends too! www.ugandaid.com Reg. Charity1130343



More Parish Council news.....

Knutsford Village Rider



The Village Rider service, is now being run by Whitegate Travel—telephone 01606 786833. This is a travel service open to all residents, both young and old and is proving to be a popular service. The booking line is open between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday to Friday. Fares cost just £3 single or £5 return and holders of an English National Concessionary Travel scheme pass and accompanied

children under 5 travel free. Hours of service 9.30am—2.30pm and 4.15pm—5.30pm.

Youth Events

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Cheshire East Council, organise youth events during the school holidays. During Easter, there were two morning activity sessions which were well attended by local children. The next events to be organised are **Tuesday 27th July 11:00-12:30** and **Wednesday**

28th July 11:00-12:30

Red Telephone Box



Following the article in the last newsletter regarding the future of the Red Telephone Box by the Village Store, not one comment was received regarding this matter. As there does not seem to be any interest in this phone box it may be taken away—if you do have any comments please contact Sarah, our clerk, as soon as possible.

MORE LOCAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Rural Touring Network

The next RTN event will be held 22nd May 2010 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The production—**Charity Shop Cabaret** is described as “Fantastically funny & surreally absurd from start to finish. Go see, and prepare to fall in love”. Tickets are available at the Village Store or tel: 01606 48577—£7.50 (£6.00 concessions). As tickets are going well so far, it would be advisable to buy them early. The show is suitable for children aged 8 and promises to be a great night.

Tercentenary of Lower Peover C.E. Primary School 1710-2010

This year marks the 300th Anniversary of the founding of Lower Peover C.E. Primary School. A weekend packed full of activities to cater for all age groups has been planned for 11th – 13th June. On the Friday evening from 7.00 p.m. the school will be open for people to come and look at the exhibitions detailing the school’s history from 1710 to the present day and beyond. From 12 noon until 2.00 p.m. on the Saturday

is the annual school fete with lots of stalls and activities for the children and then in the evening there is a Champagne and Canapes Reception with a live band and a disco. On the Sunday there is a special service in Lower Peover Church at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Celebration Lunch in the Marquee. For more information on all these events please contact Ian McGrath on 07836505042.

The Holford Hall Footpath—Mike Morton

Parish footpath no.14, soon to be diverted after a lengthy appeal procedure, has its origins many centuries back, as do many of our ancient rights of way. In Saxon times, Plumley was only a part of the huge but thinly populated parish of Great Budworth, which stretched all the way to Lower Peover and Allostock. It is likely that burial of the dead took place in Lower Peover at an early date, but baptisms and marriages were for a long time conducted only at Great Budworth. The natural way from Peover to the parish church would be following the course of the Peover Eye, itself probably a highway in heavily forested Celtic times. It would go via Holford to what is now Linnards Lane and thence through Higher Wincham to Great Budworth. The present day footpath is clearly a part of that route.

The church at Lower Peover dates from the 13th century and the font

for baptism dates from 1322, but it was not until about 1570 that St Oswald’s was licensed for marriages. Up until then, wedding parties would have to walk (or the wealthier ones ride on horseback) along this path. The original Holford Hall will also have been on this route, possibly on the further side of the ‘street’ – i.e. the old Roman Road, Watling Street - but the moated hall was built on its present site in the 17th century. At that time a significant proportion of the population lived or worked at the hall or at the mill below it (over 60 at the hall alone at one time), so the path would naturally go past them both.

In the early 1900s, as the local salt deposits were developed by brine pumping, a factory to exploit this new resource was built in what is now the Plumley Lime Beds Nature Reserve by the Ammonia Soda Company Limited (ASCOL). It had

an important role in the First World War and at times employed up to 500 people. During this time pedestrian access from Plumley and Peover was still largely by way of the ancient track.

The new route of footpath no. 14 will still provide a way from Plumley through to Ascol Drive, but the stretch which has hitherto gone through the middle of Holford Hall farm yard is diverted more towards Ascol Drive. It skirts the lower woodland past an old lime bed, before regaining the original route at the site of the old Holford mill. Although rather longer than going through the farm yard, it should in due course make a pleasant rural walk and for those of us who like to view the old hall, and the lovely stone arched bridge over the moat, a ‘spur’ of the footpath will give access to an attractive viewing point. Let us continue to enjoy it!



Tips for Gardeners—Peter Frier



It may have been a bitterly cold winter but you can rest assured that the snails have survived and will now emerge desperately hungry. Their favourite food includes shoots of dahlias and salad crops and generally coating young plants with slime.

Not wanting to use pellets, I cut the bottom off a 7” or 8” plastic pot to make a deep collar. Place this around the young plant bedding it about an inch into the soil then spray around the sides with WD40 (Lidl’s/B&Q). The film this leaves is abhorrent to snails and you can

leave the collar in place for the whole season, as growth will soon disguise it. Slugs are more difficult to control and experts try to tell us that the large black slug is not an enemy of gardeners!!! In the autumn the dahlias are cut down so stuff the collar with leaves. This kept my dahlias protected even through –15 degrees and I didn’t need to lift, dry and store.

Don’t be tempted to plant out dahlias, begonias, tomatoes or geraniums before late May as our irresponsible climate can throw up a good from as late as June!!

Whitehouse Farm—Open Farm Sunday

For information about Open Farm Sunday see www.openfarmsunday.org. This is a day in the year when farms across the country open their gates to visitors. Whitehouse Farm, Whitehouse Lane, Plumley, WA16 0UF will be open from 2-5pm. on Sunday 13th June. There will a guided farm walk/nature trail at 2pm. Feed the animals, if wet there will an Audio-visual Show. If you would like to book tel.01565 722807.



Plumley WI—7.30 pm in Plumley Village Hall—Visitors and new members Welcome

This year the Cheshire Federation of Women’s Institutes will be celebrating it’s 90th Birthday. A garden party has been arranged with the kind permission of the Marchioness of Cholmondeley, at Cholmondeley Castle in May. Apparently there will be lots of attractions on the day, including raffle, games, Country market and Medieval music.

These events are always very well attended, it’s amazing the number of old friends you meet there. I’m sure Plumley will be well represented. In November there will be a Celebration Service in Chester Cathedral to mark the 90th Anniversary. There is always a wonderful atmosphere in the Cathedral, especially when hundreds of members join together to sing Jerusalem.

Events—10th May Resolution evening, followed by Susan Henry who will be giving a talk in connection with Water Aid. The competition—A drinking glass

7th June Members night—always an enjoyable evening-full of surprises.

Tel 722260 for more info