



Plumpton Village Action Plan

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DECEMBER UPDATE

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TEA FOR FIFTY!

Nearly 50 people joined the Plumpton VAP Footpaths Team walk on Sunday 23 October to celebrate the reprint of our 16 walks leaflets.

We ran out after less than a year, and the South Downs National Park Authority and Collabor8 jointly gave us a grant to produce another 1000 copies to give out free to walkers.



We led a 5.5 mile walk from the Half Moon up the Plumpton Bostall, over the top of the Downs, down into Ashcombe Bottom and round back in a figure of eight via Warningore Farm (walk 6 of the leaflets).

We lost half the walkers and two dogs... but everyone finished up safely back at the Half Moon for scones and cream and gallons of tea.



And the sun shone all afternoon. Perfect!



Thank you to everyone who came – it was a great afternoon. And a very special thanks to the Half Moon and staff, who yet again came up trumps with a fantastic tea for us all.



The leaflets are available free from the village shop and village hall and from the station, as well as Lewes Tourist Information Centre and on the VAP website at www.plumptonvap.co.uk.

Next project – a book of the walks!

Plumpton VAP Footpaths Team

PLUMPTON VILLAGE ACTION PLAN WEBSITE

Have you looked on the VAP website recently?

If you have you will know that it is an excellent site and thanks to Louise Sheeran it is a fantastic source of information – full of news and is a lively read.

Take a look – we think you will like it. Did you know that you can receive an 'auto-email' from Louise whenever she updates the site? Just send Louise an email and she can add you to the list: louise@plumptonvap.co.uk

or go to the website and click on the email link on the home page.

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TELL US YOUR STORIES OF PLUMPTON!

The Plumpton Ancient & Modern group (PAM) is joining forces with the Centre for Community Engagement at the University of Sussex to collect Plumpton residents' stories about rural life in our village in past decades.

The University of Sussex team approached PAM to ask if we would help them with their contribution to a wider European project supported by the European Lifelong Learning Programme.

As we have recently launched our own oral history project, we were delighted to agree – it will mean a lot more resources and professional help with our own oral history work and a much higher profile for our village history.

PAM is recruiting a small team of people who will have training to conduct oral history interviews and transcribe and write them up.

The aim is to collect between 10 and 20 interviews and put the stories, and photos, into an exhibition and (we hope) a publication in time for the Jubilee celebrations.

The interviews will also form part of the CCE's own exhibition (which may also be published online) and archive, which will be completed in October 2012.

PAM has already interviewed some of the people who have lived longest in the village. We'll be in touch with you shortly to check if you want your stories to be added to this new collection – and we may want to interview you again, with more questions.

If you have lived in Plumpton for many years and would like to be interviewed for this project, please get in touch with Catherine Jackson 01273 890210, catherinej101@gmail.com or drop a note in at 1 Strawlands, Plumpton Green.

We'd love to hear from you!

COMMUNITY APPLE PRESS IN PLUMPTON

The VAP Plumpton Goes Green Team recently received a grant from the South Downs National Park Authority's Sustainable Communities Fund to buy a community apple press.

The apple press arrived early last month – a bit late for a big community event but the team decided to go ahead with a trial run at the Festive Fair on 26 November.

The longer-term plan is to organise village community apple pressing days in the autumn where we collect and juice unwanted fruit from local apple and pear trees. People can bring their own fruit to juice and we may also bottle some and sell it.

The apple press will also be a community resource for local people to borrow.



It's a great way to use up local fruit that would otherwise go to waste, and reduce use of imported juice in tetra packs and plastic bottles.

VOTE OF THANKS

The Village Action Plan pages in the magazine over the last two years have been sponsored by Plumpton College and Plumpton Race-course.

A big thank you to Des Lambert and Clare Sheppard, respectively, for your on-going support and contribution to the community.

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PLUMPTON JUBILEE PLANNING JUNE 2012



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**A Scheme run by local Volunteers
for local people**

A small charge per mile

INFORMATION BOOKLET NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME TO PLUMPTON

The Village Action Plan Communications Team has produced an Information Booklet that you may find particularly helpful as it contains a considerable number of local details and contacts.

Copies are available, free of charge, from the Post Office and Stores.

Please pop in and collect a copy.

Plans and ideas for celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in Plumpton next June are beginning to take shape.

It doesn't matter whether you are a royalist, a republican or neither - the Jubilee celebrations will be a great opportunity for all to come together as a community and have some fun.

There is now broad agreement that the main celebration should be on Monday 4 June and already there are plans for a procession with floats ending at the Playing Fields - clubs, societies and groups get your thinking caps on!

Others ideas for the Monday currently include a village fair, live music and food (e.g. tea party, BBQ, hog roast), sports tournament, Children's panto, Kings and Queen's Fancy dress and much more ending in the evening with the lighting of the Beacon up on the Downs.

Some other events being planned for the holiday period are a 'Beating the Bounds' parish walk, the official opening of a wildflower meadow, a flower festival and a 'Plumpton history extravaganza'. This includes the re issue of the Scarpfoot Parish research, the results of a oral history programme and an 'Our House' project to record the past inhabitants of homes in the village.

Souvenirs are a must. Plans for a jubilee themed recipe book are underway. There are ideas for tea towels, souvenir brochures, mugs and more!

Most importantly now we need: individuals, clubs, societies, pubs and others to take the lead on some of the ideas (including food planning), volunteers for a coordinating group and people to help with a fund raising Jumble Sale on 24th March.

Do come to our next meeting in the Village Hall on **Thursday 8th December at 7.30PM.**

Or, if you can't make that, or can't wait that long to get involved do contact Kathy Baker telephone 890508 or email Kathy@HerPlace.co.uk.