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With the combined support of

the management committee and the charity commission, the Trustees are confident that the clubs and societies using the facility will welcome their presence, and that the residents of Duffield will benefit from a central parish contact point.

"We are currently preparing a licence for occupation, after which building improvements commence. This will mark the beginning of a rolling refurbishment plan for the kitchen. disruption will be kept to the absolute minimum, but it will be



necessary to request certain users to accommodate storage or operational changes which we are confident will be accepted in good spirit, and in consideration of the future

development of the centre. The time frame is to be confirmed, but we expect the council to be fully operational by October 07," said Richard. **Continues page 4.**



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As part of a fundraising campaign for the extension now taking place at St. Margaret Clitherow Church, Hall Farm Road, there will be a showing of "Bombs at Teatime", a snapshot of Britain in the 1940's.

This is part of the British Film Institute's Mediatheque on Tour and will be introduced by Catharine Des Forges, Director of the Independent Cinema Office. The showing will take place at St. Margaret Clitherow Church on **Friday, 7th September at 7.30pm.** Entrance by ticket only £5.00 obtainable from **Yvonne** on **841129** or **Margaret** on **841535.**

A note well in advance for your diary...a **Duffield Scout Jumble Sale** is to be held between **9.30am - 11am** on **Saturday October 13th** at the **Scout Headquarters in Hall Farm Road, Duffield.** Entrance is free. For more details please

Village jottings

contact **Tim Hoblyn** on **840405.**

Swimming sessions are being held on Mondays to Fridays starting on August 6th and August 13th at the Ecclesbourne School Swimming Pool. Cost £2 per swimmer each session.

Children must be at least eight years old and able to swim 50 metres otherwise children are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult.

Lisa Brannan, the pool manager is looking for volunteers to man the gate and take in the money so she can be free to carry out lifeguard duties.

Volunteers are being offered a free swim.

Look out for some fun and games for young children at the Emmanuel Christian Centre in Chapel Street, Duffield.



Your last chance to see the wonderful Japanese theme garden at 34 Broadway, Duffield comes on **August 22nd (11am - 5pm)** with

admission **£2.50** and children free. Home made cakes, refreshments and plant sales are on offer too as part of the National Gardens Scheme

Details of the Fusion Childrens Club events will be in the September edition of the Scene but you can get

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INCREASED ROLE IN VILLAGE LIFE FOR WESTON C ENTRE

From page 1.

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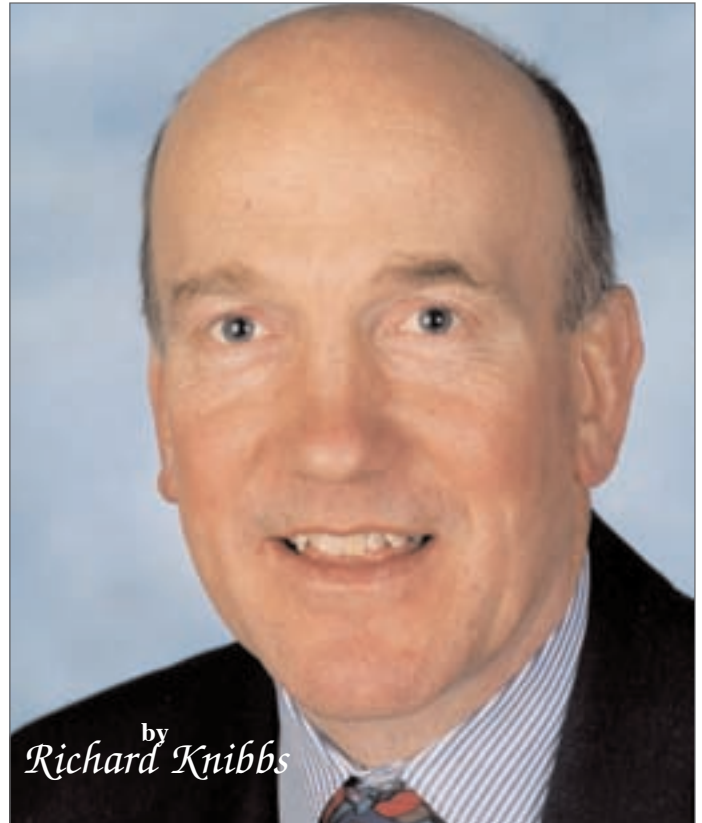
Many of the management committee and trustees are aged and find it increasingly difficult to deal with the paperwork and associated legal requirements for running the centre, due to the lack of able volunteers. **Therefore the trustees are delighted to welcome the council as their presence will give the support and experience required in a modern society to run the centre properly. Without doubt, the centre will enjoy the added value of the council's expertise in the future.**

The parish council will pay a rent to the trust and take over the telephone line, whilst maintaining the existing number, and pay phone. The additional income will enable the centre to consider

employing a secretary or part time administrative help. Over the years the parish council has been of great help to the centre and has always been supportive of its work. This is an opportunity to ensure that the centre continues to function and meet its obligations, at the same time, providing a facility for the parishioners of Duffield and a place for retired members of the community to visit and enjoy.

It's hoped to have a regular development, up dates and articles of interest in the Duffield Scene over the coming months.

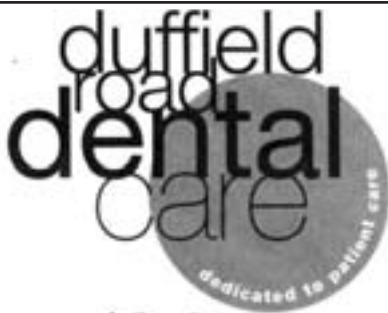
The management committee continue to seek volunteers, and are always open to constructive ideas and input. They would particularly like to know what activities retired members of the community, not currently using the centre, would like to see put on there.



by
Richard Knibbs

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His card is being marked by long serving, popular Katie Evans as to what the customers favour and Gregory will not only keep them happy but promises: "Keep an eye on the culinary delights arriving in the future." Young Vincent Sherman (left) has been drafted into to help as award winning Gregory vows: "Everything will be home-made and my priority is to source ingredients from within Derbyshire."

He is delighted to be running his own place after previously working as senior chef at the popular The Bear at Alderwasley.

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at the head of floats from Meadows School and William Gilbert School.
Both floats presented

Reader's letter

imaginative interpretations of Duffield's Celebration theme. A lot of Premiership Goals were being scored by 'Derby County' on the Meadows Float whilst Christmas was the Celebration chosen for the William Gilbert Float with Karen Lawley singing Christmas songs along the route.

They all did Duffield proud and it is hoped that this gesture from our neighbours made up in some small way for being unable to parade through Duffield after the all the preparation and anticipation.

Derek Cook

Dear Sir

In your July issue, you kindly published a list of people and organisations who waived or significantly reduced cancellation charges that prevented the Carnival being a financial disaster.

Please add the Derwent Valley Wind Band, that had two appearances cancelled, to that list with many thanks from the Duffield Community Association.

The DCA Carnival Committee is also most

grateful to the organisers of the Little Eaton Carnival for inviting the proposed Duffield procession to join its parade. Felix Frixou made himself and a vehicle available to carry Princess Grace and her attendants, Ellen and Elinor,

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Building work started at the beginning of this month on the main foundations for a two

phase development with Block A ready by Easter next year and Block B following shortly after.

Planning permission has been granted for 18 apartments, four duplex and two penthouses.

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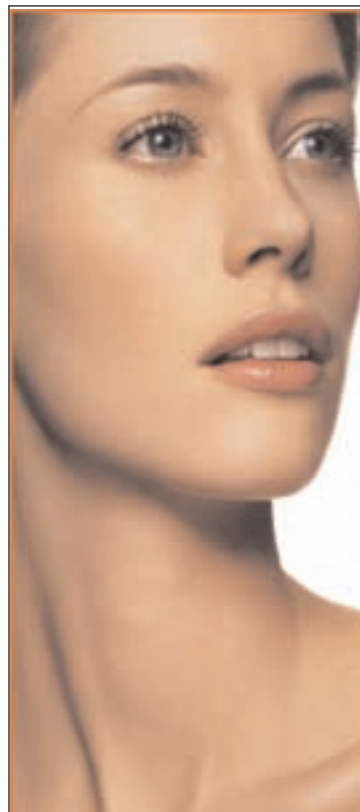
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND THE VILLAGE

Hello everyone,

Please let me introduce myself to all those people who have not yet met me while I am patrolling around Duffield...I am PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Paula Johnson.

I realise that many of you read the article that was in the 'March issue because I have certainly had plenty of people stopping me to say "Hello".

I must say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who has made my first few months very enjoyable and rewarding.

O thank the shopkeepers, such as Judy at the Duffield News and the chip shop for offering me shelter, cups of coffee and a good old chat.

To date I have visited many residents in the village regarding various problems and concerns and I now have many contacts where I can have a coffee and a piece of cake so 'bang goes the diet.'

On to business.

I am working very closely with Duffield Parish Council and Valerie Thorpe of the Neighbourhood Watch.

Whilst on patrol I have encountered various complaints and problems and parking issues which are now being addressed through myself and a Belper Traffic Warden patrolling at least twice a week at different days and times.

Other problems that have come to my attention are nuisance youths on a weekend evening.

Along with other members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) I patrol the area on a regular basis and we hope to conquer this problem in time as well as controlling anti-social behaviour.

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by
Paula Johnson

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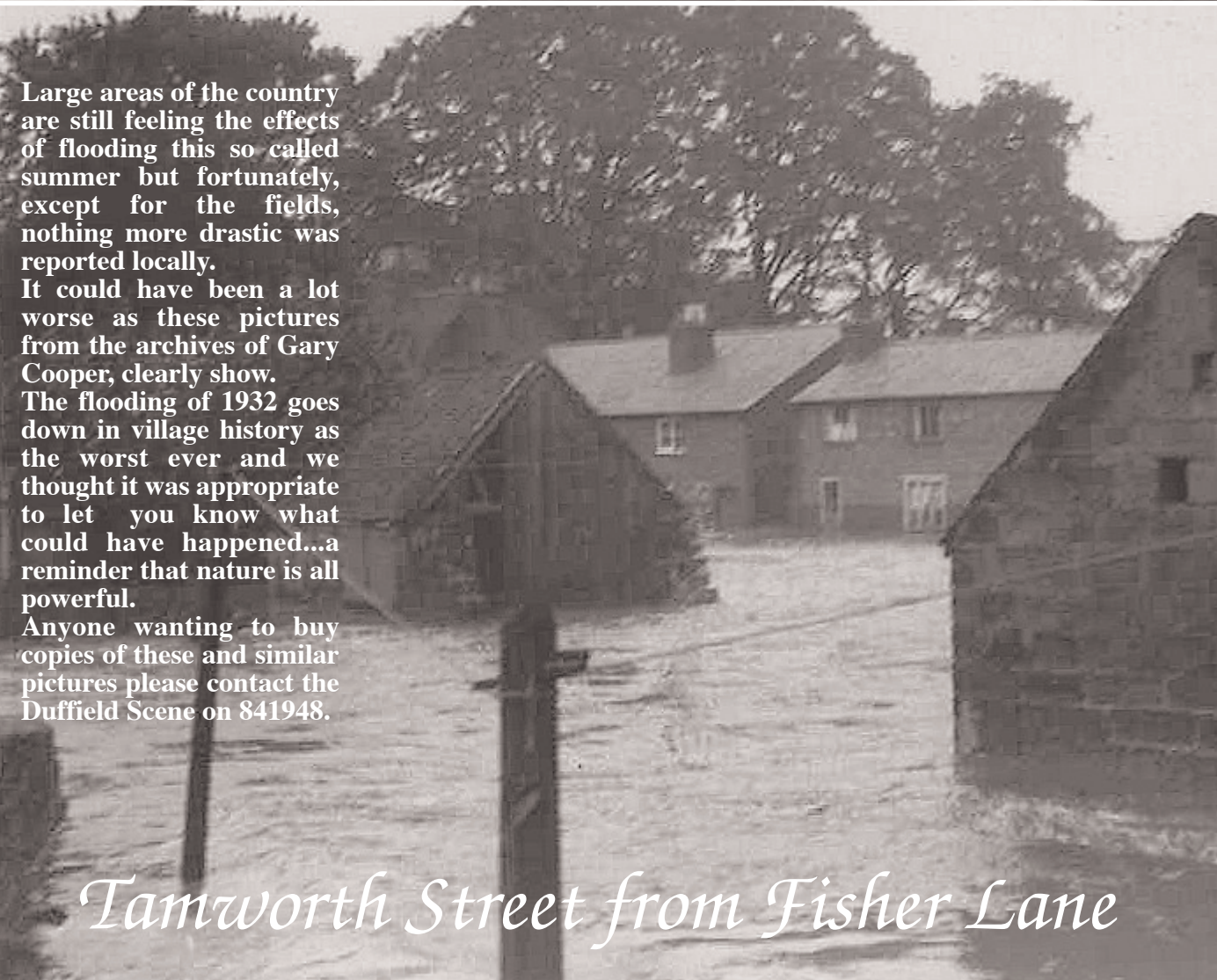
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Large areas of the country are still feeling the effects of flooding this so called summer but fortunately, except for the fields, nothing more drastic was reported locally.

It could have been a lot worse as these pictures from the archives of Gary Cooper, clearly show.

The flooding of 1932 goes down in village history as the worst ever and we thought it was appropriate to let you know what could have happened...a reminder that nature is all powerful.

Anyone wanting to buy copies of these and similar pictures please contact the Duffield Scene on 841948.



Tamworth Street from Fisher Lane

WE ARE OFF ON THE ROAD TO MOROCCO



Head of Geography
Margaret Tordoff

These 20 Ecclesbourne School students will be off to Morocco next April providing they can find the money - £1,200 each - to finance the venture.

Led by Margaret Tordoff the group is going on a charity World Challenge - an eight day event which embraces trekking in the desert and up to some mountain peaks as well as a visit to Marrakesh.



Quiz Night raised £900.



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Fundraising so far has been as individuals doing paper rounds, baby sitting etc. As small groups providing and serving refreshments at school events, cake stalls, local fetes, barbecue for their friends and neighbours and as a group running car boot sales, car washing, and a cheese and wine quiz night.

This event on July 13th had 21 teams in the 6th form centre at Ecclesbourne School and brought in some £900.

Next month (September) a drive will start to raise sponsorship money from businesses and local companies. "Part of the challenge is to raise the cost of the trip you choose and we have been working hard to organise and think of as many fund-raising ideas as possible." said Rachel Tordoff.

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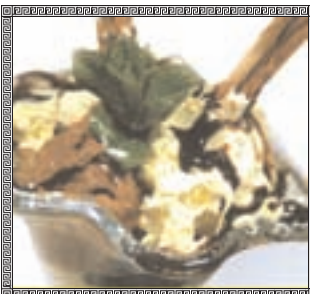
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Millennium Meadow Musings
by **Rodney Wood**

This flooding didn't actually do the Millennium Meadow any real damage - just left a great deal of rubbish to clear up and a dogbin to replace.

Anyway, I can't complain as the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has officially promoted our status to a "Local Wildlife Site", due to the presence of species-rich wetlands, rare water beetles and plants, with a diverse mosaic of habitats.

Incidentally, if you are interested, the Wildlife Trust will be conducting a guided tour to look into the watery world of dragonflies, on **Saturday August 4th 2-4pm** (weather permitting).

The photographs (left) of the Meadow were taken by a young New Zealand cricketer Anthony Harris.

The poor chap was wading down to Eyes Meadow to take a shot of the drowned cricket ground (he is the professional at Duffield CC).

I nobbled him to take some shots for us.

Well, there was no point in me getting wet too!

Our thanks to him and for any further information please contact me on **07974 885 669**.



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MEMORIAL INSPECTIONS AT DUFFIELD CEMETERY
PRESS RELEASE FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE:

Since Victorian times memorials have been erected at the head of graves as a permanent reminder of those buried within. Research has shown that the average length of time that relatives actively visit graves is only about 10 years.

It has wrongly been assumed that memorials are permanent structures that have been installed to the highest standards and will therefore last forever without any need for repair.

Unfortunately, this assumption has cost the lives of six people in the past 12 years, most of whom have been children, and there have been a countless number of accidents ranging from bruising to severe crush injuries and bone breakages.

Following research into memorial safety it is clear that cemetery managers now have to tackle years of neglect and poor workmanship, even though the memorials do not belong to us, they are still the property of the owner of the grave rights. Guidance has been issued from national bodies within the industry following the research and it indicates that cemetery managers have a responsibility, under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to ensure that risks within their cemeteries are properly managed.

To do this they must inspect all the memorials in their cemeteries to ensure they withstand a reasonable pressure that may be applied by users of the cemetery should they slip and use the memorial to try and stabilise themselves for instance.

Approved methods for carrying out this test do exist and staff should be properly trained and use the correct equipment in order to identify the potential dangers of unstable memorials.

Some authorities have started this work in order to protect visitors to their cemeteries, only to find that the standards of workmanship often leave a lot to be desired, this can be particularly evident within newer sections of cemeteries where failure rates of between 35% and 95% have been regularly experienced.

In the vast majority of these failures poor workmanship can be clearly evidenced.

The Health and Safety Executive are concerned about this trend and now expect burial authorities to be inspecting memorials at least every 5 years and to be making safe any memorials that fail the inspection process.

Some cemeteries that have been found with high numbers of unsafe headstones in their cemeteries have had improvement notices placed on them by the HSE or have even been closed down until the cemetery has been made safe.

This seriously affects members of the public who wish to visit relatives buried in the cemetery and also those wishing to have funerals during a period of closure.

To make safe the memorials cemeteries are considering a range of options based on a proper risk assessment. This will include placing notices on memorials, setting memorials in the ground, temporary make safe systems, laying memorials down, barrier fencing each memorial or fencing/cordoning whole sections if the problem is severe enough.

Of course cemeteries try and advertise that they need to carry out this work, they place notices within the cemeteries and owners are advised when their memorial is found to be unsafe, where this is possible.

When memorials have to be laid down or are fenced off for safety purposes, it is inevitable that some families will tend to become upset.

This work is costing millions of pounds throughout the UK and it creates a significant workload for cemetery managers, add to this the upset they know it may cause to bereaved families and this becomes a potentially huge problem area.

There is a temptation to ignore the problem, but someone could be killed or managers could be investigated and found guilty of criminal negligence. There is also the danger that the making safe of large numbers of dangerous memorials would cause a public outcry.

The manager is faced with a 'no win' situation, so must then consider the safety of visitors to the cemetery a priority.

If memorials are laid flat in the cemetery, if others are fenced or cordoned off, it is not because this is some contrived way for the burial authority to make money, quite the opposite this costs money.

Nor are they simply trying to upset families, this wouldn't make sense for dealing with an upset family is no fun for anyone.

So why are cemeteries doing this?

To protect unsuspecting families that visit their memorials, sometimes only months after they have been installed, only to find that it is dangerous and could fall and injure someone.

The staff at the cemetery will be happy to help the public make memorials safe again if they have been found to be dangerous. Those advised that their memorial is unsafe should be thankful it has not hurt anyone.

Cemetery staff will always advise the public to use a qualified mason to re-erect memorials to the highest national standards, if this is ignored by the owner then they could be liable for any injury it causes. See local cemetery staff for more details, they are there to help and protect you.

In the meantime, the public should be aware that cemeteries are potentially dangerous places, particularly if they have not yet been inspected.

Visitors to cemeteries should keep to footpaths, avoid touching any memorials and ensure their children are supervised at all times.

As a response to the requirements detailed above, Duffield Parish Council have instructed an independent inspector to carry out the required testing on all memorials at Duffield Cemetery on Hazelwood Road, currently just over 700.

The inspection process will commence in October 2007 and all inspections are open to be viewed by the public.

If you would like to attend these inspections or receive further information about this process please contact the Clerk or Cemetery Superintendent at the Cemetery or by phoning 01332 840265.

Thank you for your co-operation.

You can Contact the Clerk , Sally Bygraves on 01332 842368, 01332 840265 or 07836244818 during office hours or email sally.bygraves@duffieldpc.org.uk or through the contact button at www.duffieldpc.org.uk

PRESERVING YOUR IDENTITY WHILE ABROAD

I recently received some information about passports from the Belper Neighbourhood Watch Support Group which I thought would be useful to pass on.

If your passport is lost or stolen you must report it to the Identity and Passport Service (IPS) and also to your local Police Station. The crime reference number and details provided by the Police should be inserted into the relevant section of the declaration of loss/theft form (LS01) that should be completed and returned to the IPS in order to get a replacement passport. A few tips when going abroad:
Take two photocopies of your passport before you go.

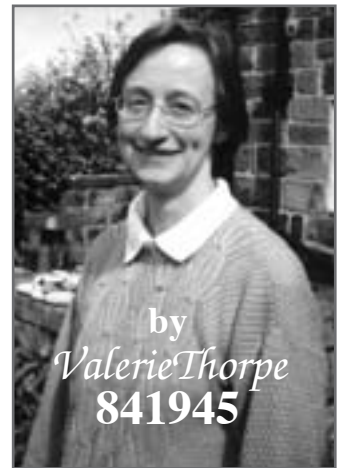
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this is normal procedure according to your travel operator, make sure you collect it back at the earliest opportunity. If your passport is lost or stolen whilst you are abroad, report it to the local Police and get in touch with the British Consulate or Embassy for further advice.

The photocopy you can provide will help you get an emergency passport if necessary.

Valuables in cars: I recently received a telephone call from a lady whose car had been broken into twice in the space of a few weeks and items stolen.

Please do not leave anything on view in cars – not even in the foot well. Take things with you if possible otherwise lock them away in the boot. Even an old coat on the



by
Valerie Thorpe
841945

back seat is a target for someone to ‘smash and grab’.

Street Co-ordinators:

Many thanks to South Duffield street co-ordinators for replying to my recent note; I shall be in touch soon.

An observation: In the past few months I have, on a couple of occasions, been mistaken for Councillor Valerie Thorpe who is not me.

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VILLAGE WELCOMES EXILED TIBETANS

On Saturday 7th July, the Kings Head in Duffield hosted celebrations to honour the 72nd birthday of His Holiness, The Dalai Lama. The sun was bright (really) and the fun day organised by Tracey and Tom Marinelli raised £1,300 for The Tibetan Childrens Village in Dharamsala, India.

Villagers were joined by a group of exiled Tibetans who provided a fantastic spread of traditional Tibetan food and the rather unique Chang (Tibetan beer).

The pub, decorated with the brightly coloured Tibetan and prayer flags, became a focus for the live entertainment and games.

Guests tried their hand at performing tricks under the guidance of CESP's, a group of circus & street performers from Derby University, face painting, pinning the tail on the Yak and the basketball hoop attracting budding Michael Jordan's!!

The music was provided by Iain Brown and the Burton based band, Draven.

The day also gave the opportunity of having the "open mike" and more entertainment from "Manchester Paul and his pal" and who could forget our hijacked Belper busker, Lester!

Each entrance ticket was automatically entered into the grand prize draw and this along with the charity auction meant that lots of the villagers went away with some great prizes which included donations from Duffield shop owners as well as national businesses and organisations.

Prizes included a beautiful book of Tibetan photos by Richard Gere, presented by the Gere Foundation in USA. Special mention to Pip Redfern who selflessly donated his back to be waxed in exchange for donations.



Even after he suffered enough, he endured more as extra money was pledged if he braved the wax strips again and have his underarms stripped bare. Pip smiled through the pain!!!

Tracey who had many sleepless nights co-ordinating the event wants to thank on behalf of the Tibetan Childrens Village, everybody who turned out to support the event and for all of those who contributed to the big day. So many people worked so hard to ensure that the day was a success and Tony says he cannot describe how it made him feel to see the villagers coming together to support the people and especially the children of Tibet.

He had the greatest pleasure to inform the Tibetan Childrens Village that they would be receiving a cheque for a total of £1300, the net total from the day.

"This amount will go towards the upkeep and education of children who currently don't have sponsors," said Tony. The Tibetan Children's Village is a charitable organisation which was set up

almost 50 years ago and is almost entirely dependant on the kindness and generosity of others who are sympathetic to the Tibetan situation. The villages provide destitute and exiled Tibetan children with an education and the security of a family orientated home within the confines of the village.

For more information on the village go to www.tcv.org.in

The Marinellis grateful and heartfelt thanks go to the sponsors and supporters of this event for their generosity.

Since 1959 more than a million Tibetans are believed to have perished at the hands of the Chinese government, thousands more, many of them children have fled their occupied lands to follow their beloved spiritual and political leader, The Fourteenth Dalai Lama into the freedom of India and into exile.

Many parents of these children have made the ultimate sacrifice and sent their children away from Tibet and the illegal occupation of the Chinese to the safety of India and the

Dalai Lama.

Some parents make this long and dangerous journey twice over the mountains from Tibet to take their children to freedom before they return to their homeland.

It is their wish that their children be educated and free to celebrate their Tibetan culture and heritage without the fear of torture and persecution.

Many children don't survive the journey.

They succumb to the cold or are shot by the Chinese patrols and those that do make it invariably suffer



frostbite resulting in lost fingers and toes.

You can get more information from Tracey Marinelli on 079709 38566 or make a donation on the www.justgiving.com/TraceyLouiseMarinelli

Visit the following web sites to see the work of the Tibetan Children's Villages www.tibchild.org www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk/sponsor-a-child/asian-child-sponsorship/india.htm

Whilst many children are sponsored, there is always an overwhelming flood of new refugee children who are taken into the village to be cared for and educated.



RECRUITS FOR CHAMPIONS DUFFIELD BENZ-BAVARIAN

Stewart Boswell, a 28-year Australian from Canberra, is to play for Benz Bavarian Duffield, the Premier Squash League champions, this coming season.

Boswell, the top seeded Australian reached his 29th tour final in the CIMB Malaysian Open Squash Championships recently.

Another Duffield player, Tania Bailey created a great surprise by reaching the womens final by beating Australia's number two Natalie Grinham in straight games.

Not surprisingly Duffield Squash Club secretary Brian Hargrave is to register 15-year-old Millie Tomlinson to play for the Benz Bavarian PSL team "in recognition of her continued excellent progress."

Millie will provide back up cover for Tania Bailey and

Laura Hill.

Millie earned her promotion by winning yet another title - the Dutch Junior Open "Super Series" under-17 title - to add to her burgeoning list of titles.

On the way to this latest success, Millie beat three under-19 world team players, Faustine Giles (France) the number one in Europe 3-0 in the semi-final and in the final, after losing the first game 8-10 after losing a 7-0 lead, but then showed her great determination to win the next two hard fought games 9-7, 9-5 against her older opponent. Great stuff.

Her coach Paul Hargrave said: "As a reward for all her hard work, Millie, at 15, is getting closer and closer to the top under-19 players in the world.

"Heaven knows how far she will go."

DUFFIELD CRICKET CLUB RELEGATION WORRIES WORSEN

With only seven games remaining in a rain hit season Duffield CC first XI are in grave danger of relegation from the 1st Division.

The latest defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Aston on Trent means they are now 48 points behind Aston and 10 away from Sawley with two teams going down.

Played Won Drawn Lost
15 1 4 10

That record at the bottom of the table, does not make good reading but skipper Adam Short, despite losing the toss nine times out of the last ten, remains upbeat.

He took 3 for 18 against Aston, but Duffield had

only managed 118 all out (Phil Jordan 34) and Aston at 119 for 7 had plenty of overs to spare.

"Being put in when you lose the toss leaves you nowhere to go when the batting isn't functioning. Batting second you get the chance to hold on for some points with a draw. We'll keep battling as miracles do happen!"

The 2nd XI is next to the bottom in Division 5 South and again lack of runs cost dearly as the latest match saw them lose by 8 wickets to Alrewas.

Duffield 2nd 140 (Robin Stevenson 31 not, David Stevenson 30). Alrewas 141 for 2.

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