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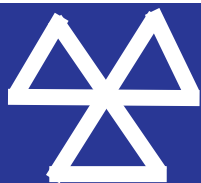
on academic grounds, "Far from it. Achievements like this are worth nothing if there is no end product like pupils learning here to care about others," said Head Teacher Lesley Underhill (see pic).

'Learning Together for the Future' are the words on the front of the Staff Calendar for 2006-07 and that vision is encouraged among governors, teachers, parents, the 1,454 students and the 70 support staff.

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WOW - THAT'S 'WALK ON WATER'

The holiday week celebrated at Duffield Baptist Church certainly had the WOW factor.

Foot floats were made and decorated, having previously been tested by jumping into the river Ecclesbourne.

A temporary lack of faith by the children who had made the floats - with the help of the British Polythene Industries - was overcome when a more mature member made the first journey (see pic)

The adventure of walking on

water was probably a once in a lifetime experience for the children in a week themed on Peter's walk to Jesus in the Bible.

There were other adventure stories from the Bible in an exciting fun week with other games and a barbecue.

Plans are being made for next year's event and meanwhile children are welcome to a fun time each week (except for holidays), boys on Wednesdays, girls on Thursdays at the Baptist Church, Duffield.



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The area covered by the scheme is essentially Derbyshire, south of Belper, including the city of Derby.

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Village jottings



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Well, not quite, but as long as it takes to stroll ten miles, stopping for a pint along the way.

It's the Duffield Skyline walk which starts at St. Alkmund's

Church on Wednesday December 27th at 9pm and anyone can join,

Created in 1983 the Walk originally started in an easterly direction and followed the hills around Duffield, crossing the Derwent and Ecclesbourne rivers, but it was soon realised that it was better to come down Sunny Hill at Milford and then have a couple of pints of Pedigree and a beef cob at the Holly Bush rather than walk up Sunny Hill afterwards.

So now the route is Duffield, Quarndon, Hazelwood, Milford, Duffield – around 10 miles.

In twenty three years the weather has been mixed.

One year the Ecclesbourne flooded, which resulted in an overnight rewrite and heavy rain has caused a shortening the route. The best conditions are a sunny morning after several nights of frost.

The record turnout has been forty eight, but generally twenty to thirty.

Organiser Lionel Bailey (Tel 01332 840608) says: "It's essential to wear proper clothing and footwear. All are welcome but a note of warning...the Walk is not suitable for pushchairs. But it will cure your drink and food hangover."

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Too busy to stop? Take some time out to stop and rest in the hustle and bustle of your Christmas preparations.

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Now with a record number of performers, the Duffield Singers are preparing for a busy month. It starts with a performance to celebrate the first night of *A Christmas Carol* and the reopening of Derby Playhouse after refurbishment. The choir is also very excited to be performing for the National Trust at Sudbury Hall on the evening of the 15 December. Then to Duffield Trinity Methodist Church's Candlelit Carol service at 6pm on Sunday 17 December and at Ecclesbourne School, alongside the Derwent Valley Wind Band, on 18th December. Other performances include the Carol service at Osmaston Church on the 10 December and a charity performance at The Markeaton Pub on Kedleston Road on Wednesday 20 December to raise money for Muzika Charitable Trust. For further information on any of these concerts or if you'd like to join the choir please contact Frances Newbury on 01332 203690 or Beate Wilmshurst on 01332 840517.

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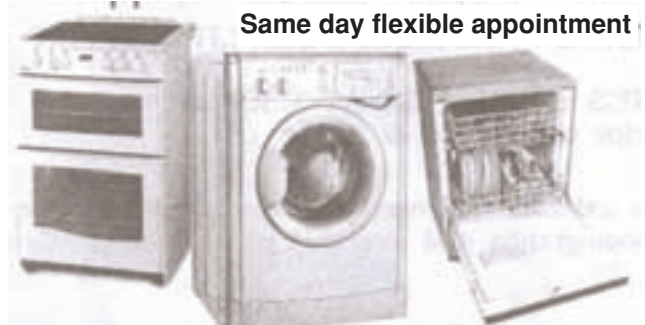
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For many years now, 76 in fact, there has been a Rotary club in Belper and in its early days the club recruited almost all its members from the Belper business community. However with the passage of time there are fewer locally owned businesses and more club members are now employed as professionals either in large companies or in

the public service. This has resulted in a change from a lunch time to an evening meeting. and also coincided with a situation where about half of its members are living in the Duffield area. More importantly there have been strong connections for many years with both Primary Schools, the Ecclesbourne School and the Derbyshire Building Society. Hence, what seems to be a

natural development has occurred with the blessing of RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland) . A celebration evening was held on 30th October when the club acted as host to a number of our business and education contacts from both Belper and Duffield.

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Now, 31 years later those dreams have become reality as Dr. Anke has opened her own practice in the heart of Duffield, giving villagers a chance to have alternative cures to aches and pains, stresses and strains through acupuncture, herbal therapy and Chinese remedies.

Anke's priorities when she and her husband, marketing specialist Ferdinand (36), bought a house in Champion Hill was to make a home for them and their children Milan (8) and Fabian (7) and get them into Meadows Primary School.

"That done, I decided to make my dream come true and created and decorated a friendly, warm room in which to open my own practice.

"Here I can dedicate as much time as I want to each patient and try to help them with all my knowledge and passion," said Anke (see picture)



That knowledge was acquired studying medicine at Erlangen University and being awarded a doctorate for her thesis about a pregnancy related disease called HELLP syndrome.

She studied alternative and Chinese medicine on various courses and her last graduation was from a course in Chinese herbal therapy.

Along the way Anke worked in both practices and hospitals applying her knowledge of Chinese medicine and acupuncture as much as possible.

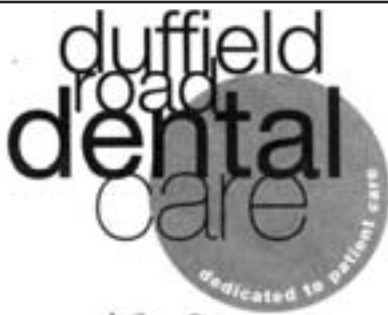
In Chinese medicine, which dates back 4,000 years, great attention is given to choose the right treatment strategy, with a diagnosis made using the patient's history, symptoms and examination of pulse and tongue.

Treatment methods also include specific dietary advice, harmonising exercises and massage.

No doubt villagers will soon be delighted Anke chose Duffield as the place to realise her childhood dreams.

To contact Dr. Anke van Heerden call 01332 842767.

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The new phone system, came into effect late last month necessitated a change of phone number to **0844 477 3476** for both branches.

"Patients at GPs' practices across the UK complain of finding it difficult to contact their local surgery at peak times," explains Jayne Cooper, Practice Manager at Appletree.

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All of the children made little boxes and decorated them to give their parents to take to work for their lunch, and the children spent the day designing their favourite sandwiches.

Then the children got to work making the tallest sandwich they could from all of the sandwiches they had made and designed...ham, cheese, lettuce tuna, jam.....delicious!!!! J

Talk about the leaning tower of Pisa! Nothing was wasted...what the young people didn't eat provided a treat for the local wildlife especially the birds.



• Jack Beardmore (3) cannot believe how big the pile of sandwiches. He's a hungry lad, but he couldn't manage this lot.

• No reservations from the ladies as Abigail and her pal get munching.

Village jottings

Benz Bavarian Duffield have made a solid start in defence of their National Squash Championship.

After the 3-2 win over Birmingham University, Duffield went away to Nottingham and came back with a 4-1 victory.

Tania Bailey beat Sarah Kippax 9-0, 9-3, 9-5.

Andrew Whipp beat Duncan Walsh 9-3, 12-10, 9-0.

Lee Drew beat Jethro Binns 9-3, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3.

Jonathan Kemp beat Simon Parke 9-6, 10-8, 5-9, 9-4.

Nick Matthew lost to Ong Ben Hee 8-10, 11-13, 6-9.

Young students at Ecclesbourne School have raised nearly £5,000 for the School Swimming Pool Fund by doing sponsored swims.

The aim is to make the pool available for all year round use with a roof and changing rooms.

Ecclesbourne School is looking for a teacher of Chinese to work for two hours a week during enrichment sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

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Hi Barrie,
This is for the "Duffield Scene".

Thank you everyone who responded to my request.

I have heard from John Allen and Laurence Rogers who are my cousins, also Donald Gibson who is another relative.

Joyce Haig has written to me and brought me up to date on numerous people I used to know.

I have been in contact with my cousin Patsy Rodgers, which I am thrilled about.

Hopefully my husband and I will be able to come over to England next year for a visit to Duffield.

I have not been there since I was 16. I know there has been a lot of changes, nothing stays the same.

Geoff Steeples has been e-mailing me and just yesterday sent me a picture of my old home at 26 Tamworth St.

It really looks great a little

different from when I lived there. Joyce sent me a copy of Geoff's book "Memories of Duffield".

I loved it, it certainly bought back a lot of happy memories. Duffield certainly was a great place to grow up in.

Pauline {Chantry} Kretschmer
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Hello,
The Joyce and Lol Rodgers mentioned in Pauline's original article are my mother and father; Patsy Rodgers is my cousin and Eric and Eva Kent are my aunt and uncle. Unfortunately my father and Aunt Eva are no longer with us.

Mum still lives in the village. I would be exceedingly pleased if you would pass on my details (below) to Pauline. I seem to remember a Billy Chantry visiting my Grandma

Readers letters

on Snake Lane, he was a bookmaker in Liverpool – always used to buy the kids an ice cream!

Regards
Lol

Lol Rodgers
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Dear Mr Eccleston
I am writing to you to complain about the parking situation on Meadow Vale and Ferrers Crescent.

A long term solution would be for the Council to provide ample parking facilities but for the time being the problem could be eased by more responsible and considerate parking.

As a resident I am extremely concerned that in the event of an emergency a fire engine or ambulance would be unable to make its way through the parked cars.

Also some people would rather park a caravan on their drive rather than their four cars!

I hope that your will print my letter. Many thanks

A concerned resident.

On the 20th October at round 7pm I fell off the pavement in my wheelchair.

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The aim of the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway is to provide a community railway running from Wirksworth to Duffield along an eight and a half mile stretch along a former quarry route

used to carry stone away from the quarries at Wirksworth.

The gradual re-opening of the line is a joint venture between Wyvern Rail *plc* and its sister organisation the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway Association.

To further help funding, many of the sleepers need replacing and member of the public can buy a sleeper and receive an attractive certificate for £10. More information on the rail re-opening scheme can be obtained on the **website** www.e-v-r.com.



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS Do you have questions that you would like the Parish Councillors to answer, or do you wish to make representations to them?

The Parish Council make time available at the beginning of every meeting to allow members of the Public to come and talk to them, and raise issues that may be of concern to them.

If you would like to speak to the Councillors but cannot attend the surgeries at the Weston Centre, why not come along to a Parish meeting.

If you would like more information about how you can do this please contact the Clerk or just come along.

The next schedule of meetings is as follows. :

Tuesday 12th December 7.00pm
 Tuesday 9th January 7.00pm
 Tuesday 13th February 7.00pm
 Tuesday 13th March 7.00pm



The Parish Council meet at the Committee Room, (which was a chapel and is in the Cemetery Grounds) Hazelwood Road, Duffield.

TRIAL NATURE RESERVE AT CEMETERY



Following a visit by English Nature, the Parish Council have approved a trial to develop an area in Duffield Cemetery as a nature reserve.

The area identified as a possible site is in the oldest part of the Cemetery behind the Cemetery Chapel.

This area according to Dan Abrahams, Conservation Officer for Lowland Derbyshire "holds a good example of species-rich grassland and would benefit from management for conservation."

Classified as a flower-rich meadow, the Parish Council is concerned that areas such as the one identified may eventually be lost adding to the estimated 97% of grassland lost between 1930 and 1984 in England and Wales.

Managing the grassland for conservation involves cutting the grass at specific times of the year ensuring that the meadow flowers have the opportunity to grow and seed.

During this period of growth it is hoped that flower rich

swathes will add to the beauty of the Cemetery creating a peaceful and tranquil setting amongst the oldest graves and memorials.

It is also hoped it will also provide an opportunity for residents and visitors to visit the Cemetery and view the many unusual species of wild flowers that are expected to flourish.

DUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL: NOT SO SLEEPY AS YOU THINK

Did you know that Duffield Parish Council is a computerised Council?

This means that all Councillors have access to email and can be contacted by the Clerk at the touch of a button.

It now also means that if you want to contact Councillors by email you can do so by pressing the contact button on the Parish Councils website listed below.

MEMORIAL TESTING AT DUFFIELD CEMETERY

Following the publication of the Local Authority Ombudsman's report into Memorial Testing, the Parish Council are following the advice given by the Ombudsman and commencing the process by which memorials at Duffield Cemetery can be tested.

The first task in the testing process is to establish a database which will hold all information available on the memorials in Duffield Cemetery.

This catalogue will be important as it will include details of the next of kin, and contact information for the families.

The process of cataloging all 750 memorials is expected to take some time, as contacting families with memorial stones dating back nearly two hundred years is expected to prove difficult.

Once a database is established and a process is agreed memorial testing will take place in accordance with guidelines given.

The Parish Council is asking residents with family memorial headstones particularly in the older part of the Cemetery to contact them with any information they may have about family or next of kin .

All information provided will be treated in accordance with the provisions of the data protection act. If you can help the Parish Council by providing information on memorial stones we would be very pleased to hear from you. You can contact the Clerk at the number given below .

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

You can come and meet your Councillors at the Parish Office at the Weston Centre to discuss items of concern on the following dates:

Wednesday December 6th 10.00am
 Monday January 8th 10.00am



Clerk , Sally Bygraves on 01332 842368, or email through the contact button at www.duffieldpc.org.uk

Christmas - season of vulnerability to burglars and thieves

For many, Christmas is a time of giving, spending time with family and friends and enjoying the festive season... unfortunately, it's also a time when homeowners are more vulnerable to burglary and crime in the home.

Generally at Christmas, more time is spent away from home - shopping, Christmas parties, visiting family and friends or going on holiday. But leaving homes empty often means more risk of burglary.

Each year, burglars prey on empty homes during the festive season, hoping to get away with the valuable contents - even the wrapped presents under the Christmas tree.

Taking a few simple safety precautions could help prevent you becoming another Christmas crime statistic.

Never leave bags of presents on display in your car, always lock everything in the boot

and try not to leave a car containing valuables unattended for long. Mark expensive presents, such as electronic equipment, with your postcode by engraving or using an ultra violet pen, and possibly take photos of them.

Store Christmas presents in places which are well hidden and difficult to reach - for example at the back of a wardrobe, or in the loft.

Try to avoid putting presents under the tree too long before Christmas - the longer they are on display the more opportunity there is for burglaries to take place.

Equally, try not to position the Christmas tree right by the window, as this will attract attention to presents from anyone looking in.

Even if you are at home, remember to keep back doors and windows locked. Careless home security can make things easier for thieves.

Check whether your insurance

covers additional Christmas presents.

Be extra vigilant when admitting strangers into your home. Keep the door chain secured, always ask for identification and only invite callers into your home if you are completely satisfied that they are who they say they are.

A reminder of police phone numbers:

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• Valerie Thorpe 841945

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To contact the police with information about any crime:

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Raising a record amount for Children in Need...teachers and students at Ecclesbourne School.

What a motley crew. Believe it or not these are members of the Ecclesbourne School teaching staff masquerading as TV characters. Recognise anyone? The students paid £1 a sheet to see who could identify the most on a 'Wear what you like day' for everyone. Cakes were sold, there were charges for car parking and even some leg waxing among a host of money making shenanigans. At the last count it looked like some £3,500 was raised .. magnificent effort by one and all. Congratulations!



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So far the team, who have been together since the age of six, are enjoying an unbeaten season

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"We hope the new kit inspires them to continue their success," said a spokesman for Eunique. With a league goals record of 75 for and only four against these youngsters are giving full value to their sponsors. They could win both League and Cup!

Back (l to r) Nik Tifunovic, Hugh Wood, Ben Gossling, Kyle Nicholson, Jacob Bullock Sam Tozer, Toby Hooker. Front: Henry Szmydt, Greg Johnstone, Matt Goodacre, Harley Cox, Alex Robey, Jacob Watts. Missing: Nick Pankhurst, James Blythe.

Christmas Menu

Evening £23.00 :Lunch £20.00
Starters

- Smoked Salmon & Prawn Terriere with caper dressing
- Parsnip & Apple Soup with croutons
- Wild Mushroom tart with tarragon cream

Mains

- Boned, rolled & stuffed Turkey breast & Chippolatas with Port wine Jus
- Poached salmon steak with Hollandaise & Dill sauce
- Roast Beef forerib with all the trimmings
- Mushroom & Cranberry Wellington with grilled Goats Cheese & Tomato salsa

Puds

- Christmas pudding & brandy sauce
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It is available with the Christmas menu from the 1st - 23rd December 2006.

Gift Vouchers

Stuck for a Christmas present? You can now buy gift vouchers for the **White Hart, Town Street, Duffield.**

Booking Information

Christmas Menu is available from 27th November to 23rd December 2006, excluding Sundays.

For reservations or to discuss your party further. telephone us on 01332 **841141**

A deposit is required to secure tables for all parties of 8 or more (£5 per person, payable at time of booking). A service charge of 10% will be added to parties of 10 or more

(All gratuities will go to our staff)



WELL PLAYED LADIES

The Nightingale Continuing Care Unit is about to get three new Syringe Drivers thanks to the efforts of the ladies of Chevin Golf Club who supported the Lady Captain's Charity by helping to raise £2,697.94p during 2006. John Milner (left) the manager/secretary of the Club and Club captain 2006 Don Lamb

flank Barbara Gradon (Lady Captain 2006) as she presents the cheque to Maureen Walton, the co-ordinator of the Nightingale Continuing Care Unit. Barbara Gradon wishes to express her thanks to everyone whose joint efforts helped raise such valuable assistance to the Care Unit.

New Chevin Golf Club Ladies Captain and Vice take up duties



New Chevin Golf Club Lady Captain Vanessa Nix (left) and her Vice Captain Judy Harris were inaugurated at the Ladies Annual General Meeting. They are both looking forward to working together to make 2007 an enjoyable and successful year.

Vanessa hopes to raise money throughout the year for Breast Cancer. Any ladies wishing to join Chevin Golf Club would be made most welcome. Contact the manager /secretary of the Club, John Milner, for further information on 01332 841864.

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