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NEW ECCLESBOURNE HEAD TO BE APPOINTED SOON

The Governors of the prestigious, award winning Ecclesbourne School are holding meetings in the New Year to discuss the recruitment of a new Head Teacher to succeed the retiring Lesley Underhill.

It's understood there is a mixture of in-house and outside applicants for the post in succession to Mrs Underhill who is expected to step down in February.

She will be a hard act to follow.

Her retirement was received by the School's Governing body with "reluctance and

deep regret" according to a letter from Chair of Governors Keith Wharam.

He wrote that Lesley - "an outstanding head teacher" - had worked tirelessly at the School for 21 years - eight as Head.

"She has been an exceptional ambassador for our School and an excellent teacher and manager.

"Lesley's contribution is one of the key reasons for our School's outstanding reputation having been enhanced, for the exceptional results our students obtain, for the expansion in educational



opportunities and significant infrastructure," wrote Mr Wharam. **Continued page 3**

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Monday 13th December
...the usual area between Broadway and Wirksworth Road.

Tuesday 21st December
Around Holloway Road and King Street.

"Santa will be pleased to meet any young children, especially to hear what they would like for Christmas (provided they have been good!)," says Club secretary **John Scotney**.

William Gilbert School
Christmas Fayre* is on
Sat, 11th December 2010, 4:00
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Wed 1st Dec, 7pm Emmanuel film club: "Rebecca". Old black and white classic.

Wed 8th Dec Soup lunch and dessert at Emmanuel Community Church, 12.30.
All welcome, no charge. If you'd like transport, for either of above events please call Lynda on **840821**.

Sarah & Roger would like to thank everyone who attended the jewelry party fund raiser in support of Children In Need at Park Road.
Through donations, the raffle

and sales on the night we collected £112 - well done everyone.

We are particularly grateful for

the generous raffle prizes which were donated from JK Hair and Movie Shakes.

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Duffield youngsters are to have some new play equipment.

Duffield Gardening Club's Treasurer, Brenda Woodings has handed over a cheque for £104.98 to Jacqui Riley, Leader of the Willow Colony of Beavers, part of the 1st Duffield Scouts, to buy a play parachute and accessories . .

The cash included the proceeds from the sale of plants at the Gardening Club stall at the Carnival.

Duffield Gardening Club will meet on Saturday 4th December at 10a.m at the Weston Centre, Tamworth Street, Duffield to hear a talk by Ray and Diane Bannerman on "Our New Garden".

Ray and Diane started the Gardening Club and were

Chairman and Treasurer for over ten years until they moved to Norfolk last December.

Non-members are welcome, entry fee £1.50.

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He added that the numerous accolades the School received on an annual basis and four successive "outstanding" Ofsted ratings, two under Lesley's leadership, were "testament to her professionalism, loyalty and commitment."

"Lesley will be difficult to replace and will be sorely by students, parents, staff and Governors but I know you will join with the Governing Body in wishing her a long and fruitful retirement."

The Governors have finalised arrangements for the appointment of Lesley's successor and have identified measures that will ensure a seamless transition, probably involving Lesley Underhill herself.

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Barbara, whose family were GPs in the village for 104 years, grew up in the Mason family home at The Gables, Town Street surrounded by the paraphernalia of a doctor's practice.

From an early age she determined to follow in the footsteps of both her father Dr. James Mason and grand father Dr. Herbert Mason before him.

After qualifying as a GP in 1973 Barbara worked in London before returning to Duffield to join the family practice.

Barbara has seen the world change since her earliest recollections of life as a GP, not least in mode of transport. Her grandfather would ride

out on horse back to see patients in outlying areas whilst her father was regularly to be seen reversing his Morris Minor Traveller out on to the busy A6. In 1995 the two doctors' surgeries in the village merged to form Appletree which has gone from strength to strength.

Barbara is following hot on the heels of another long established doctor, Chris Brentnall who himself retired earlier this year.

Some 250 patients gathered at the Surgery to wish them farewell and see them commemorate the opening of the new wing of the surgery with the planting of an apple tree (see picture).

But patients have not seen the last of Barbara yet! Happily she will be continuing to see a small number of patients each week for the foreseeable future.



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Stamps cost 20p each.

The Group gets a percentage of the value of every stamp it sells and a small fee for the delivery of every card within its catchment area.

The Group will have stamps on sale at the following local stores:

* The Duffield News in Town Street



* Duffield Service Station in New Zealand Lane

* Meadow Vale Store in Meadow Vale

* Croots Farm Shop on Wirksworth Road

* Idridgehay Village Store at Idridgehay.

Cards can also be posted at these places or at Scout HQ.

The last collection of cards from post boxes at the above sale points at 3.00pm on Thursday 16th December.

The deliveries will take place on a minimum of two occasions 11th / 12th December and 18th / 19th December.

Scout Leader Alan Hudson wishes everyone the compliments of the season and thanks for supporting the scheme.

Sat 4th Dec 2010 7.30pm Duffield Allotment Holders Christmas 'Get together'

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They came together to record

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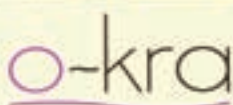
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Please give us a ring on 01332 840324 or pop in if you are interested in attending this event with your child.

Storytime will continue this month, on Friday 3 December and Friday 17 December from 10.30am for half an hour of stories and crafts for pre-school children and their carers.

Please note we will be closed for the Christmas holidays from 1pm on Friday 24 December and will reopen at 2pm on Wednesday 29 December. We will close at 5pm on Friday 31 December and reopen as

normal on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

We will continue to accept used household batteries for recycling with the monthly prize draw to win one of 500 chargers with rechargeable battery sets continuing throughout December. It is really easy to enter the prize draw, just gather up at least two old household batteries (not car), fill in the coupon available at the library and borrow a book.

New books in the library this month include **The Dancing Years** the latest by **Cynthia Harrod-Eagles** featuring the Morland dynasty. The story begins as the euphoria of the Armistice fades while the nation counts the cost of the War; millions dead or disabled, unemployment strikes and shortages.

A new world is struggling to be born out of the ashes as the generation must find relief from their own memories.

The Lion is the eagerly awaited follow-up to **The Lion's Game** by **Nelson de Mille** is also a recent arrival. John Corey is back but unfortunately so is Asad Khalil the notorious Libyan terrorist otherwise known as the Lion. Khalil has returned to America to take care of unfinished business with a mission intent on revenge but John Corey will stop at nothing to achieve his own goal- to find and kill Khalil.

I have been reading **Ken Follett's** latest novel, **Fall of Giants**, the first title in the Century trilogy. The story opens in 1911 on the Coronation Day of King George V. The Williams, a Welsh coal-mining family, is linked by romance and enmity to the Fitzherberts, aristocratic coal-mine owners. In a plot of unfolding drama and intriguing complexity, this novel moves seamlessly from Washington to St Petersburg, from the dirt and



by
Carole Ann Howard

danger of a coal mine to the glittering chandeliers of a palace, from the corridors of power to the bedrooms of the mighty. It is a cracking good read for the dark winter nights.

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all at the Library

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Richard de Saeger

Subject: EU petition herbal remedies

As many of us will know, there is a directive which will be passing through the EU within a few months making access to herbal products (and much more) nigh on impossible for most people. This should not be allowed to happen for many

Readers' Letters

reasons, but perhaps most importantly because it takes away our right to decide on how we manage our own health and wellbeing. This act is extremely complicated and many of our favourite supplements, drinks and herbal remedies will be under threat. Please have a look and sign if you agree, this act needs to be stopped.

Dr Anke van Heerden

Dear Editor

Can I make a plea for information through your pages.

I am currently researching the history of Duffield's Public Houses and would be grateful for any information, photos, memories etc, that readers would be prepared to let me share. Any items would of course be returned immediately.

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Yours sincerely

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IT'S SHUTDOWN IN THE MEADOW

My seven year old American grandson Ezra asked me if it was true that time speeds up when you get older and that time for kids is slower!

"Most definitely seems that way!" I replied. "The good thing for me is that when I am with you, time seems to slow down for me -and it seems to speed up again when you are not around." He was satisfied with the answer and reflected that for him, his birthday never comes quick enough and the holidays always seem a long way off.

This looking into the future and living life ahead of ourselves is a feature of being human. Not so the in the natural landscape.

Time as we know it is a man-made, artificial construct and, before we found mechanical ways of dividing the day and the year, we too, like the animals and plants, were more instinctive and understood time in terms of daylight and darkness, warmth and cold, wet and dry.

It is on cold, grey wet days like the one I am experiencing today whilst I write that I feel very like a wild creature – understand that urge to bury myself away somewhere warm and dry, curl up and go to sleep and wake up when it is warm and sunny again. Unlike humans who can fly away to sunnier climes or light a roaring fire, the animals on the Meadow have had to prepare for winter to ensure their survival in a number of ways.

Although it is possible to see toad tadpoles in winter, the frogs and toads are mostly safely at the bottom of the ponds buried in the leaf litter, breathing through their skin and slowing their metabolism. The insects in various stages of their lives are also battenning down for winter -some as chrysalids, some as eggs, some as adults.

The bird life has changed - the swans, ducks and coots have successfully reared their offspring and these fledglings are now mostly independent of their parents. The adults have moved back to the rivers and the waters are not being regularly dipped by the swallows and house martins any more -they have long ago flown back to Africa -but the cospes are alive with the twittering of mobs of long tailed tits and goldfinches looking for seeds. The kingfisher still patrols up and down the river -a high pitched whistle and a flash of turquoise usually all we see or, if we are lucky to find his fishing post of a branch overhanging the water, treated to a dive and a successful catch. The young buzzards are not wheeling and mewing their calls high in the sky as they have all

summer and the holes and runs of field mice and voles are now exposed in the shorter grass. The wasps nest underground in the middle of the path is not still being visited every few seconds.

All the workers are now dead or dying and the queen is tucked away somewhere out of harms way, ready to start a new colony in the Spring. The spider webs are less visible and the grass has its last flush of green before the frosts stunts its growth.

The valley is shrouded in mist in the morning and the cold, dank air takes time to clear with the weak winter sunshine.

Trees are rimed with frost and the leafless branches look lifeless. The seed heads on the reeds around the ponds glisten with gem like drops and will be a source of food and refuge for insects and birds alike through the bitter months.

Yet, whilst clearing the alder saplings and some of the willow shrubs from around the wetland to preserve the views, it was lovely to see the colourful purple/red and silvery white buds on the branches – new life ready but well protected and waiting for the warmth and light.

Hazel trees have catkins already formed hanging from their twigs but tightly closed against the cold -these will be some of the first things to burst into life in the Spring.

All the trees have now temporarily shut down for winter and the sap has retreated, preventing growth during this adverse time.

Sloes on the blackthorn bushes will be the food of last resort for some creatures -they are sweeter after a frost but their astringent, mouth puckering taste so favoured for flavouring gin is an acquired one for many.

The buried hazel nuts and acorns will be sought by the hungry squirrels when winter begins to bite and those buried by the jays may well sprout into young trees in the Spring. The cospes are full of spindly, saplings of oak, ash, and silver birch from where seeds and nuts have fallen or been buried in this way.

No sign of balsam plants now - the annual ones have done their job (if they weren't pulled up) and spread their seed and died back completely. The occasional dandelion and yarrow flower still gives pleasure but mostly the Reserve is at rest, shut down for the weeks to come.

It won't be for long.

Remember not to look at the clock too much, nor forget to live fully each day and suddenly we will be past the shortest day and on the turn of the year.

Seasons greetings everyone.



by
**Millennium Meadow
Chair
Di Hancock**

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(December 2010)

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND NEW YEAR

Councillors and Staff would like to send their good wishes to you all for the festive season and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

KEEPING YOUR PIN NUMBER SAFE

Following a visit to the Parish Council by PCSO Paula Martin, the Parish Council were requested to remind residents about using cash machines in the village. Remember to cover the key pad when entering your PIN to prevent fraudsters using your information. If you notice anything suspicious please call the police on the number below.

SUCCESSFUL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

The Parish Council is pleased to report the success of this year's Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

We were very fortunate with the weather which meant more than 1500 people enjoyed over 20 minutes of spectacular fireworks set off by volunteers from Duffield Fire Service. The bonfire built by 620 Duffield Air Training Squadron and the Duffield Scout Network was very warming having been masterfully lit by the Carnival Queen and her attendants.

As ever the event could not have taken place without the kind assistance of volunteers from the Community Association. Civil Aid, a volunteer ambulance service, also attended..

The Parish Council would like to make a special mention of Duffield News, Duffield Fish Bar and Meadow Vale Shops who kindly took on the task of selling advance tickets to the event.

All the profits raised from the event are invested back into the community.

In previous years these have covered the cost of benches and bins for the village, and supported local groups.

Specific funds are also allocated to cover the cost of the Christmas trees which are placed around the village.

The Parish Council would like wholeheartedly to thank the residents of Duffield who continue to support this community event, without which funds for the activities would not be available.

ADVICE ON SNOW CLEARING FROM DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Following concerns raised by members of the public about clearing paths of snow and their potential liability Derbyshire County Council have issued the following guidance with a view of assuring residents:

Provided that members of the public who clear snow and ice from pavements or minor roads near their property take reasonable care and apply a common sense approach in doing so, they are unlikely to find themselves being held liable if someone has an accident and is injured on the area they have cleared.

If members of the public take action to clear snow and ice they should ensure that they do not create any further hazards by doing so.

For example:

Do not clear ice using boiling water which then freezes over

the surface of the road

Do not clear an area leaving an obstructive mound of snow on the pavement

Do not attempt to clear the snow if you feel that this will cause you physical difficulty

Take reasonable care in all of the circumstances

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Parish Council will be holding the following meetings at the Committee Room on Hazelwood Road to commence at 7.00pm.

All meetings are open to the public and Parishioners may bring items of concern to members' attention prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Tuesday December 15th 10.00am S,F & GP

Tuesday December 21st 7.00pm Parish Council

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Parish Councillors for Duffield

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GUARDING AGAINST XMAS THIEVES

Please be aware that the police 0845 non-emergency call centre number will cease to exist this month and will be replaced by 0345 123 33 33 number that has been in operation since December 2008.

A reminder of some advice to help with protection of property over the Christmas and holiday period.

Most of this advice is easy to implement inexpensively, but it's often simple things that make a difference and can often be overlooked in the frenetic run up to Christmas.

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

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:

Non-emergency police calls: 0345 123 33 33

Call Reception Centre (CRC) for non-emergency calls for policing services across the whole of Derbyshire.

Emergency calls: 999

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by *Valerie Thorpe*
841945

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CAMERON ALL OUT FOR 2016 PARALYMPICS

Fourteen year old Ecclesbourne schoolboy Cameron Mclean is determined to qualify for the paralympics in 2016.

For the last two years Cameron has been going into Ecclesbourne school at 8:20am each school day to carry out a weight training programme specifically designed for upper body strength.

He has now entered his fourth week of technical training in a racing wheelchair which is on loan from the Cerebral Palsy Sports association.

His progress has been so

encouraging that he has extended his exercise regime to include the use of an exercise bike and a rowing machine, and all of this is on top of a weekly swimming endurance session at Ashbourne Leisure Centre!

Cameron would dearly like to have his own racing wheelchair as the borrowed chair will ultimately have to be returned.

Alan Bradshaw, co-ordinator of Cameron's training programme, said: "The dedication Cameron has shown is inspirational. Although he

can walk with the aid of sticks much of his time is spent in a wheelchair.

"To see him propel himself at speed in the racing wheelchair is a delight and it has done wonders for his self esteem and confidence

"How wonderful it is to provide this young man with a sense of purpose. I sincerely hope his dream comes true, he thoroughly deserves it."

Unfortunately such purpose built machines cost in the region of two thousand pounds. Several members of the public have already

enquired about making donations to fund the purchase of a racing wheelchair and Alan, Assistant Head of Enhanced Learning requests that anyone wishing to help Cameron fulfill his dream should make cheques payable to: **The Ecclesbourne School**, placed in a sealed envelope marked **'Racing Wheelchair Appeal'** and addressed to **Ecclesbourne School, Wirksworth Road, Duffield, DE56 4GS.**

PRAISE HEAPED ON THE SPORTING BENEFACTOR

At The Old Vicarage School, we have developed our sporting provision so that every child from the age of eight has the opportunity to compete in fixtures with other schools. This is possible due to the generosity Benz Bavarian, Duffield.

They offer OVS the use of their minibus to travel away to fixtures with other schools. We are now able to play in the region of thirty fixtures a term, offering Rugby, Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Cricket and Rounders.

The use of this minibus has opened the door to a whole range of sporting opportunities. It has made a huge impact in terms of our success.

We may have started modestly in 2007, often losing to bigger, more experienced schools.

However, three seasons later our teams have now become 'David' to our 'Goliath' opponents, often defeating schools in competitive matches who have three, four or five times as many pupils to choose from than we do. The minibus gives us the opportunity to ensure every child gets to play and experience an 'away match'. This is a fabulous experience

for the children.

The camaraderie shared on the journey to and from matches cannot be replicated in parents' cars or on a large coach!

The minibus from Benz Bavarian has made all the difference. You could argue that this has been the secret to our success. The children are hugely appreciative of the minibus.

We are very grateful to Felix Frixou and all the team at Benz Bavarian for their generosity.

Sport offers so much to children. Its competitive nature and the challenges sporting endeavour brings, hold up a mirror to life.

Lifelong friendships are forged on the field of play. A child playing sport will also learn the valuable lesson that "you get out what you put in". Playing in competitive matches is the best way for children to learn and conquer any sport. Practice and training sessions are great, but nothing replaces the lessons learned during victory and defeat in competitive fixtures. The name Benz Bavarian is well known throughout Derbyshire and beyond. You may know them as a respected provider of exclusive and luxury cars and

motorcycles.

However, they are also well known for their connection to sport in the area.

Managing Director, Felix Frixou has a long association with sport, in fact, he has an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records for having represented his country, Cyprus as an international player for three different sports.

He played Soccer in goal, Rugby on the wing and also represented his country at Squash.

Through Felix, Benz Bavarian's name has become synonymous with sport ... a major sponsor of Derby

Rugby Club and Duffield Squash Club. Felix continues to play Rugby for Derby as well as managing and playing for the Duffield Squash Club, arguably the 'Manchester United' of National Squash teams. Their No.1 racket is Nick Matthew, recently returned from India with a Commonwealth Gold Medal! Benz Bavarian's support of sport locally also extends to helping children in the local area.

The skies the limit for our sports teams from now on!

**Matthew Adshead
Headmaster**

DUFFIELD SINGERS IN DEMAND

Duffield Singers have a packed programme over the festive period.

On **Sunday December 5th** they join with members of St. Nicholas Church in Allestree Lane, Allestree for an evening concert of carols.

On **Saturday December 11th between 11am - 3pm** the Singers will be performing three half hour programmes of traditional and newly arranged carols and Christmas music as part of the National Trust 'Edwardian Week-end' in

Caesar's Hall at Kedleston.

And the Singers are in the village on **Monday December 20th when, at 8.30pm on Monday December 20th** they are providing their final Christmas sing-along at **The Patten Makers in Crown Street, Duffield.**

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