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up their time to help with the backbreaking task of planting the thousands of Daffodil, Crocus and Tulip bulbs. We'd

also like to thank Virgin Media for supporting our work to enhance life in the village. Here's looking forward to

Spring when we hope our efforts will be rewarded with a fantastic display.

Virgin Media have also sent the Parish Council a 'snag list' of road repairs around the village and the dates when they intend to carry out the repairs. The Parish Council Clerk has requested further details of the repairs and will post further information on the [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) website as soon as it's received. Virgin Media can be contacted regarding the works on: 0870 8883116 option 3 or by email at: [ExpansionWorks@virginmedia.co.uk](mailto:ExpansionWorks@virginmedia.co.uk).



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from Judy, Steve, the staff and deliverers at

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**“Have a good time and thanks  
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## SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE DCA

The Duffield Community Association would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We hope you enjoy the lovely trees and lights which we have displayed above many of the shops on Town St and around the village. These have again been put up by our willing volunteers who brave all weathers to ensure the village looks lovely throughout the festive season.



We hope you agree they make a very welcome addition to the village at this time of year. We realise that some people will find Christmas difficult this year for many different

reasons so the DCA are again hosting our 'Wish Tree' on Wirksworth Road Corner. Labels for this are available from Duffield News free of charge so please decorate our tree by making a wish or sending a message to lost loved ones. This proved very popular last year and we hope it is viewed as being helpful during the Festive Season. With best wishes from the DCA.



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held a party for their staff at their office and invited Pauline Latham OBE MP to unveil their accreditation plaque.

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# DUFFIELD HERITAGE FEATURES – The Normans

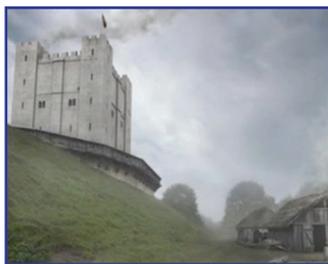
**Have you ever wondered what the Normans left behind after William II, duke of Normandy, conquered the country in 1066? Apart from, that is, a king with an arrow in his eye, a gang of Frenchmen who lorded over the country while trying to communicate in a foreign language, and a vast tome (Domesday Book) that catalogued everything these warring Normans had taken from the Anglo-Saxons. No wonder he was known as William the B-----d!**

The Anglo-Saxon nobility, clergy and peasants alike must have been left reeling from the shock of defeat at the Battle of Hastings; not least because their lands were about to be awarded to William's supporters in his claim to the English throne. One such noble was Henry de Ferrers. Now that name won't surprise any of you living in Ferrers Crescent, or De Ferrers Court! Henry, from a baronial family in Normandy was somehow involved in the conquest of England. In consequence he was rewarded with two hundred and fifty-odd manors in fourteen shires throughout England; including Duffield.

Feudalism was the social, economic and military system prevalent in Medieval (Middle-Age) Europe from the c5-c15. The system had evolved in Europe for some time and the Norman's reinforced it throughout England. Hence Henry, and his successors, became Tenant-in-Chief of the manor of Duffield. As a feudal lord, Henry would collect dues in the form of rents or service (including military) from his vassals (tenants). The modern term "landlord" is a survival of this function. And who remembers William the 'Corn-curer' and 'Foodle Doos' from their school-days?! Interestingly, one of the under-lords from Henry's barony included the Curzons; subsequently the Scarsdales' of Kedleston.

The castle was the traditional symbol of a feudal society and various types of castle enabled

the taking and holding of territory; sometimes in the face of local hostility. Henry may have built the original castle in the form of a motte (mound with timber keep) and below that the bailey; inside which lived the followers of the lord who ran the castle. Duffield's bailey was surrounded by a fosse (moat or ditch). At some stage Henry, or his successors, built a stone donjon (keep); the footprint of which we see today.



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Therefore, in Duffield the greatest statement the Normans created was the c12 castle, as in this artist's impression prepared for The National Trust. Unfortunately a future successor to Henry - Robert de Ferrers III - didn't adhere to the principle of 'fealty' (faithfulness) to King Henry III. He twice rebelled against the Crown. On the last occasion in 1266 he was captured at Chesterfield, imprisoned, and his lands taken back into the king's hands. Precisely when the castle was demolished is open to conjecture, but whenever that was it lay undiscovered for about six centuries! The stone from its demolition may be distributed throughout the village but exactly where is uncertain. Some possibly went towards the building of the Parish Church. A study is currently underway on behalf of DerwentWISE - a heritage lottery funded project within the lower Derwent valley (see [www.derwentwise.com](http://www.derwentwise.com)). This is looking at stone quarries and they would welcome any information about stones with distinguishing masons marks, or architectural features that may have originated from the castle and could be lying in resident's gardens. If anyone

can help please contact Ian Thomas on 01332 833385.

Today there's not much of the castle left to see save the foundations, a capped well (our young grandson calls it the volcano!) and to the west, a well-maintained part of the fosse. (Tripadvisor gives the castle site two and a half stars and the description-underwhelming!) When rediscovered in 1886 it was found to have had walls 15 feet (4.5 metres) thick and at the time was one of four contemporary castles only marginally smaller than the great Tower of London. What an impressive edifice it would be today if still standing. Which proves what could happen if you rebelled against the monarchy. And it's sobering to note that enforced demolition can happen even today for contraventions of the planning system. However, despite its diminished state the castle is well worth a visit for the views alone.

The photograph illustrates the ruined nature of the castle. Views from the eastern edge overlooking the A6 give you some idea of the strategic advantage of the location and the commanding position the lord of the manor chose to defend his lands and river crossing.



Other tangible heritage features found at the castle are a stone capital (probably from the head of a doorway), large wooden bucket, wooden spade, bone handle, iron spur, nail, horseshoe and knives now in Derby museum.

Of course had Robert de Ferrers III not been a rebel we may now have been enjoying one of the best heritage



attractions within the Derwent Valley. And if that were the case my neighbours and I probably wouldn't be living in our Edwardian houses in Lime Avenue! If the Ordnance Survey is to be believed they were all built within the castle's bailey. Now where's my spade...

And as the festive season will soon be upon us, as Henry de Ferrers might have said to his tenants, "Joyeux Noel et bonne année".

**By Robert Reid**

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT ‘FANTASTIC’ FIREWORKS



The Derwent Valley Wind Band Christmas Concert will be held on Monday 11th December at Ecclesbourne School Main Hall, starting at 7.00pm. Programme includes a lively mix of film music, pop over the years and both traditional and modern Christmas pieces.

Entry is free, there will be interval refreshments and a Christmas raffle from which proceeds will go to the Stroke Association.

The band provides a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for players of all ages. Rehearsals

are held weekly, with the band playing at several local parks and fetes during the summer, as well as the village carnival and arts festival. Two main concerts are held during the year: Summer concerts at the end of the Summer term, and the Christmas concert at the end of December.

Rehearsals are at Ecclesbourne school on Mondays; Training band (for those just starting to learn an instrument) from 6.00-6.30pm and the Main band from 6:45pm - 8:30pm, during Term time. If you are interested just turn up to one of our rehearsals.

Duffield’s bonfire and fireworks evening in November proved just as popular as in previous years, with thousands of residents enjoying the Parish Council-organised display. Villagers’ comments included: “superb”; “a fantastic display”; and “well organised as ever, well done to all the volunteers”.

Parish Council staff were ably assisted by volunteers from the Duffield Community Association who manned the gates, members of the Explorer Scouts and Derby College students who did a fantastic job marshalling the event, the Women’s Institute and Cricket Club who provided drinks, and also members of Duffield Scouts who did a brilliant job litter picking at the Meadow the next morning. The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to all the volunteers – the event could not take place without them.

After the display had finished and spectators left the meadow



large numbers of young people gathered and created a nuisance, their anti-social behaviours escalated and unfortunately the police were called to deal with them. The Parish Council is working closely with the police and would request that anyone with information about this incident contact the police on 101 giving the crime reference number 17000478150, or alternatively contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. As a result the Parish Council is considering making changes to the event in future years and will communicate these at a later date.

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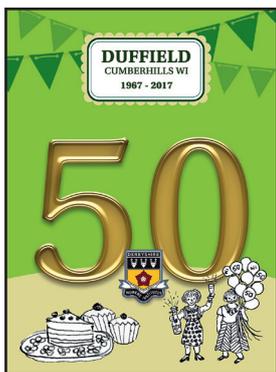
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# DUFFIELD CUMBERHILLS WI CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Duffield Cumberhills WI Celebrates 50 years with a Book. The idea for a commemorative book came from Adele Abbott, our President at the time. It has been a fascinating time delving into our past.

The year 1967 was one of great change in Duffield with a lot of house building. Our Book tells the story of young families moving to a new home far from their relatives. It shows how the women with small children to care for were lonely, but once the new WI was created they made friends, and became interested in all the aspects of the varied subjects that the WI movement had to offer. Our Book has 120 pages of full colour and is sorted subject by subject rather than year by year. Subjects include Carnivals, drama, craft work, food (known as



Home Economics), walking, photography, quizzes and calendars, outings and Community involvement. A serious side to the WI has been the campaigns aimed at the National movement to help bring about real change especially where women are affected but the subjects can also involve ecological and countryside problems. These are discussed at Institute level, then voted on and the votes conveyed to National. Traditionally these meetings

were always held at the Royal Albert Hall in London but now the venues can also be in regional centres such as Cardiff, Birmingham and Liverpool, and have been visited by our delegates. There are contributions from 18 members, some small, some longer. We have had to make heart breaking decisions on what to leave out where we had too much information. Hopefully you will find much

to interest you and you may even find a picture of yourself or a friend hidden within the pages of our Book. The book – see illustration, priced £7.50 will be available from the 12th December. Purchase at Duffield News thanks to Judy Clough or call 01332 841658 or 01332 840176. Books may be reserved in advance if paid for before the publication date. **Sandra Dare & Sheila Bentley**



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**MON**

**Babies and Bouncers\***  
10.00am - Parish Hall

**Rotary Club of Belper & Duffield**  
6.30pm for 7.00pm  
The Lion Hotel, Belper  
John Horwood 01773 853813

**TUE**

**Seedlings Toddler Group\***  
9.30am - 11.30am  
Emmanuel Community Church

**Boys Brigade & Girls Association\***  
6.15 - 7.30pm  
Ages 5-11. Baptist Church Hall.  
New members welcome. £2.00.  
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**CHAT (Come and Have Afternoon Tea)**  
Baptist Church 2.00 - 4.00pm  
Various activities for all age groups.  
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Keith Powney 841736

**WED**

**Duffield Baby & Toddler Group\***  
10.00-11.30am  
£2.50 per child & £1 for under 1s.  
Methodist Church Hall, King Street

**Explorers Club\***  
4.00-5.30pm, no charge.  
Emmanuel Community Church  
Primary children, Creative Fun, Crafts,  
Cooking, Puppets, Games, Drama.

**Duffield Singers**  
7.45 - 9.45pm  
St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road.

**FRI**

**Massive\***  
4.30 - 6.30pm (years 7-9)  
7.00 - 9pm (years 10-13)  
Emmanuel Community Church  
No entry charge. Food & tuck for sale.

**SUN**

**"Blast" Club**  
10.30 - 12noon  
Emmanuel Community Church  
Creative fun, games, crafts, stories,  
learning about the bible in an exciting way.

**MON-FRI**

**Coffee Morning**  
10.00am - 12noon  
The Weston Centre.  
Coffee, tea and biscuits 50p, (refill 20p).  
Volunteers will ensure you are made  
welcome.

\*term time only

## MONTHLY CALENDAR DECEMBER

**2** | **Duffield Gardening Club**  
10am, non-members £2.  
The Weston Centre  
All welcome, Our Speaker will be Andrew  
Firth "Christmas in the Dales".

**4** | **Songs of Praise**  
2.00pm.  
St Alkmund's Church Hall  
Come along for festive fun, carol singing and  
tea, cake and chat afterwards.

**10** | **Christingle**  
5.00pm (with a tea beforehand at 4.00pm)  
St Alkmund's Church.  
Kick start the advent season with fellowship  
and fun, as we look into how an orange and  
some sweets can point us to Jesus. You get  
your own orange and sweets!!

**12** | **Silver Leaves**  
7.30-9.00pm - All welcome.  
Christmas Mince pies with carol  
singers Methodist Schoolroom, King Street.

**14** | **Community Lunch**  
12.30pm, no charge  
Emmanuel Church - All welcome.  
Lynda Greaves 840821, 07814 066381

**15** | **Police Surgery**  
900-9.45am  
PCSO Bennett is in Oak Close

**17** | **Nativity Service**  
10.00am - St Alkmund's Church.  
Children are more than welcome to come along  
dressed as their favourite Nativity character.  
Traditional carols and a reenactment of the  
age-old story, that remains relevant today.

**Christmas Carols**  
6.30pm - St Alkmund's & Emmanuel Church.  
Why not joins us for carols at Christmas for  
more carols and readings. Followed by mulled  
wine and mince pies.

**24** | **Christmas Service**  
No 10am service at St Alkmunds Church.  
3.00pm William Gilbert CRIB Service  
4.30pm Meadows CRIB Service  
6.30pm Carol Service with traditional hymns,  
readings and performances from the singers  
of St Alkmund's Church.

**Carols, Cakes and Snow**  
4.00pm Emmanuel Community Church.

**25** | **Christmas Day Service**  
10.00am - St Alkmund's Church  
Family Celebration and short service of Holy  
Communion (8am will be at All Saints Chapel).

## JANUARY

**6** | **Duffield Gardening Club**  
10am, non-members £2.  
The Weston Centre - All welcome.  
Our Speaker will be David Charlton "Mats,  
Carpets and cushions in Svalbard and New Zealand".

# THE CHANGING SEASONS ON THE MEADOW

The eerie mist wreaths the tops of the skeleton flower heads and drapes them in jewelled droplets as the rising sun slowly thaws the frozen ground. A mewling buzzard soars in the blue sky, looking in vain through the thin veil whilst a stately heron stands patiently staring into the dark pond water waiting for a fish to venture past. A small group of chattering goldfinches land in amongst the teasel heads and proceed to investigate each one for seeds whilst, in the nearby copse, a magpie starts its daily staccato argument with the world in a series of raucous “chackings”.

Nearby in the red-berried holly bush, a very loud insistent call with a characteristic trill in the middle announces a wren, one of the 17 million which inhabit our island. The call changes to a strident, angry sounding warning of surprising volume considering it comes from one of our smallest birds. Despite being our most numerous, we rarely see them but often hear them as, ounce for ounce, they are our loudest bird.

A little icy breeze shakes the burnished leaves of the beech trees and rustles amongst the oak trees’ brown, shriveled remnants sending some spiralling to the ground to join the acorn remains. The white cup heads of Yarrow flowers glisten in the damp

air, the last of the remaining pale mauve Mallows bows down under their weight of cold, a lone ragwort flower shelters near the pond edge defying the season whilst the hazel trees proudly sport next year’s green catkins ready for next spring.

Leaves and moss are tossed into the air by a blackbird looking for worms and insects. It moves to the margins of one of the brash piles and using its beautiful orange beak, tugs and pulls at the lower edge finding tidbits to eat. It walks through the carpet of leaves in the copse floor – every now and then thrusting its beak in amongst the leaf litter to seek for prey – leaves being flung in all directions.

The dark green yew bushes are still decorated with their pinky red berries waiting for the late feeders such as the blackbird, mistle thrush, song thrush and fieldfare to enjoy their bounty. They will eat the fleshy, non poisonous fruit (aril) from around the highly poisonous seeds which are then dispersed by having passed through their guts unscathed. Small mammals like dormice and squirrels enjoy them in a similar

manner.

The poisonous taxol found in all other parts of the yew tree has been turned into an effective chemotherapy (paclitaxel) used in the treatment of cancer and

has been traced to the fungi found throughout the plant. Yew is highly toxic to most animals – although deer are very fond of it – and animals are usually not grazed where there is yew growing.

Most will avoid eating it anyway but as it only needs a relatively small amount to prove fatal, it is usually not risked.

There are a lot of ancient yew trees in this country many of which are found in churchyards and over 500 trees have been identified which predate the churches built near to them. It was thought that yew tree roots were good because they would grow through the eye sockets of the dead and prevent them seeing their way back above ground.

A sudden movement catches my eye and in amongst the dark yew leaves a tiny goldcrest is searching for insects; it hops onto a silver birch trunk and starts to search the bark, inserting

its tiny, sharp beak into the crevices looking for food.

Near the wetland the hovering kestrel is oblivious to all this and intent on catching any small mammal visible now the mist has cleared; it will soon be the shortest day and hunting will be hard.

The warming sun has helped the small flies that fly around my head and which irritate the ears and eyes of the grazing sheep. The Derbyshire Gritstone is one of the hardy British Hill Breeds and originated on the hills of the Dale of Goyt (now better known as the Goyt Valley) around the year 1770. These ten are eating the excess grass and the seeds heads of the dead plants so that the new wild flowers will flourish in the spring. As I approach, they all look up - their black faces in a line and their polka dot spotted legs defiantly stiff in unison. The older ewe steps forward and her strange eyes gaze in my direction before she puts down her head to nibble the cold green grass at her feet. They will spend a few weeks with us before returning to their farm.

In case I don’t see you walking – or standing still and observing the wildlife on the Meadow - please have a Happy Xmas and a peaceful New Year!

by **Di Hancock**  
Millenium Meadow Chair  
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# DUFFIELD LIBRARY EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

## Christmas Opening Times are:

Monday 18 December  
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Tuesday 19 December  
Closed  
Wednesday 20 December  
2.00-7.00  
Thursday 21 December  
Closed  
Friday 22 December  
9.30-1.00 & 2.00-6.00  
Saturday 23 December  
9.30-1.00  
Monday 25 December  
Closed  
Tuesday 26 December  
Closed  
Wednesday 27 December  
2.00-7.00  
Thursday 28 December  
Closed  
Friday 29 December  
9.30-1.00 & 2.00-6.00  
Saturday 30 December  
9.30-1.00  
Monday 1 January  
Closed  
Tuesday 2 January  
Closed  
Wednesday 3 January  
2.00-7.00.

Our children's craft sessions continue on **Saturday 2 December** at **10.30am**. This month we will be making decorations to decorate the library. There is no need to book, just call in if your or your child is interested.

Our usual **storytime** sessions continue on **Fridays** at the usual time of **11am** for half an hour of stories and simple crafts for pre-school children and their carers. Just call in, no pre-booking is required.

**Chatterbooks** will not meet in December. However we will be relaunching with a new look in January. We will meet at a slightly earlier time and read books and have crafts or games on a theme. The new look **Chatterbooks** reading group for primary aged children will be meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 4.15pm until 5pm, if you love reading, crafts and games why not join us? The library continues to be a donation point for the **Hope for Belper** charity, a local volunteer run food-bank helping our neighbours in Belper and surrounding areas. We have a food crate in the library where non-perishable food can be donated. We have recently had a fabulous donation from children at Anthony Gell School in Wirksworth which the charity is very thankful for.

The craft group continue to meet on **Mondays** at 10am for a couple of hours to work on craft projects, so please come

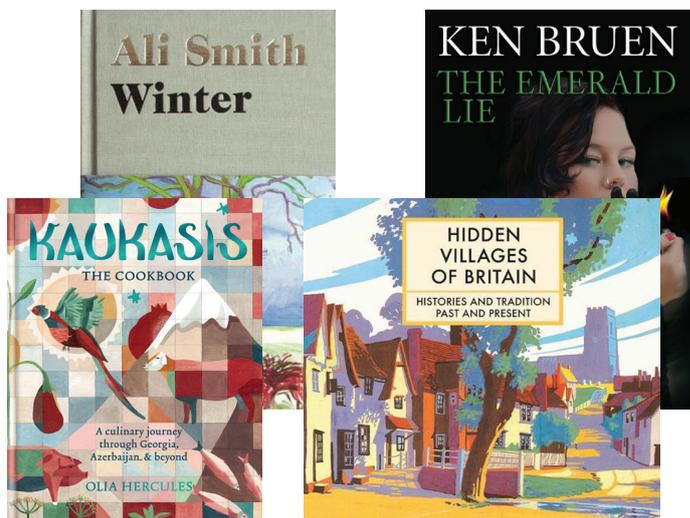
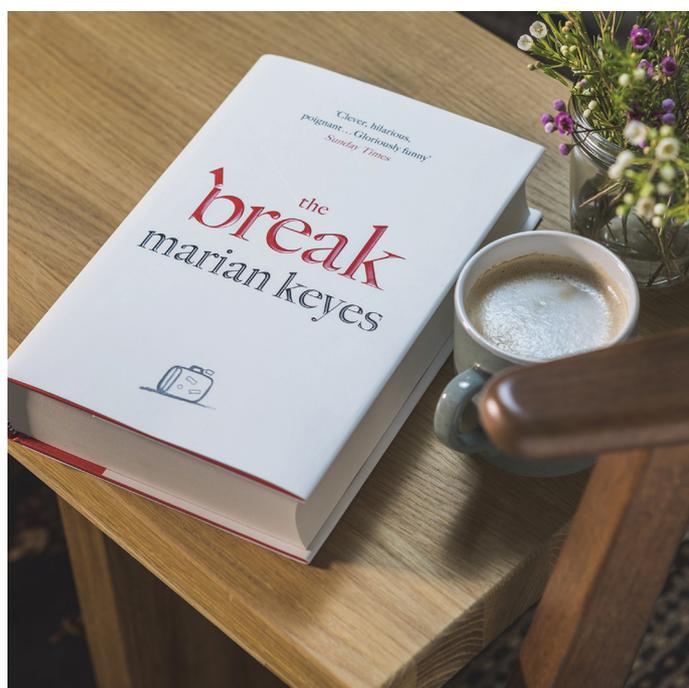


along if you are interested. At present, the group is working on creating a knitted Nativity scene for our Christmas display.

I have recently read **The Break** by **Marian Keyes**. A hilarious story, very funny, **The Break** is a story about the choices we make and how those choices help to make us. Amy's husband Hugh has run away to *'find himself'*. But will he ever come back? Hugh says he isn't leaving her. He still loves her, he's just taking a break - from their marriage, their children and, most of all, from their life together. Classic Keyes with a very amusing take on modern life. Recommended. New books in the library include **Winter** by **Ali Smith**, the second novel in the Seasonal cycle. Four people converge on a house in Cornwall for Christmas, things become more visible during winter.

Another classic by this Booker shortlisted author. In large print format we have received a copy of Ken Bruen's latest novel, **The Emerald Lie**, as a Cambridge graduate becomes murderous over any sign of bad grammar the search is on to apprehend the serial killer known as the Grammarian, New non-fiction includes **Hidden Villages of Britain: Histories and Tradition Past and Present** published by Batsford, a lovely book with fabulous stories and pictures. **Kaukasis the Cookbook** by **Olia Hercules** highlights a culinary journey through Georgia and Azerbaijan containing recipes celebrating the food and flavours of the Caucasus.

Many thanks for all your support throughout the year  
**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
Carole-Ann and the team



# The Meadows Hidden Gems - Caddisflies

Caddisflies, also known as Sedge-flies, belong to the insect order **Trichoptera**. The name is derived from the Greek *trichos* (hair) and *pteron* (wing), hence “hairy winged”. The two pairs of wings are covered in fine bristles, unlike their very close relatives, moths and butterflies, whose wings are covered with scales. They have aquatic larvae and terrestrial adults. The larvae of many species use silk to construct protective cases to which they attach sand, gravel, twigs, bitten-off pieces of plants and other debris. A French artist, Hubert Duprat, has used this habit by introducing small grains of gold and precious stones to the larvae who use them to construct decorative cases! The larvae can be split into two groups, the first of which construct portable cases which allow them to move around looking for food. The second group construct a permanent retreat in which they wait for the food to come to them. They can be found in various habitats such as rivers, streams, lakes, ponds or even temporary pools and display various feeding strategies.



some are predators, some leaf shredders and others graze the algae from aquatic plants. They are sensitive to water pollution and are very useful as bioindicators. After five to seven larval stages, depending on the species, they spin a pupal cocoon from silk which often has other materials attached. This is sealed at both ends. When ready to emerge the pupa bites its way out of the cocoon and floats to

the surface where it moults and then flies off. The adults only live for a short period, two to three weeks, and do not normally feed but have been seen sipping nectar from bankside plants. After mating the female will lay a gelatinous mass of eggs onto or in the water and then die. The male also dies shortly after mating. There are roughly 190 species in the British Isles with only twenty species recorded on the

Meadow. The adults are rarely seen as they are nocturnal. Fossils of adults are rarely found as they disintegrate quickly but fossils of the toughened larval cases have been found dating back to the Triassic some 230 million years ago.

The first species for this month is known as the Longhorned Caddis (*Athripsodes albifrons*) because of its long antennae. The adults can be seen between June and September but are not often recorded in Derbyshire. The larval case is slender and tapered with a covering of sand grains. Because of its lightness it allows the larva to move quite quickly with the aid of long fringes of hair on the elongated hind legs.

The second species is the Cinnamon Sedge (*Limnephilus lunatus*). The latin *lunatus* indicates the pale half moon on the outer margin of the wing. The larval case is constructed of overlapping pieces of leaf adorned with sand, small stones and, sometimes, snail shells. The adults can be seen any time between May and November.



**Mick Ball (The Bugman)**



## Duffield Parish Council

# Newsletter December 2017

### Anti-social Behaviour

The Parish Council is very concerned that, despite the hard work of the Parish Council, police, local residents, youth services, community safety team and Ecclesbourne School, the anti-social behaviour of a few continues to ruin the enjoyment of our public spaces for others. We are now in discussions with the Community Safety Partnership about the feasibility of introducing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), which are designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area. PSPOs can impose restrictions on the use of certain areas to ensure that the law-abiding majority can enjoy our public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour.

### Duffield Arts Festival

Duffield Parish Council & Derbyshire County Councillor Chris Short have written to Ecclesbourne School asking them to continue to support the village arts festival.

### Damaged Bridge, Donald Hawley Way/Eyes Meadow Entrance

Network Rail are consulting with the Parish Council regarding plans to repair the damaged bridge on Donald Hawley Way. The Council are advising Network Rail (NR) on the implications to the village as the work is likely to last approx. 6-8 weeks and will disrupt activities on Eyes Meadow. We have held meetings with the Chairmen of the sports clubs (who use Eyes Meadow) and Millennium Meadow to agree a scheduled date for the works to keep the impacts to a minimum. Four contractors have been approached by NR to tender for the works and once the contract is awarded, more detail will be known and shared with residents. Of utmost priority to the Council is ensuring the Carnival and Music Festival are not compromised. It is anticipated that the works will start on 12 March 2018 and as soon as more information is available we will let residents know.



### Damaged Bridge, Donald Hawley Way/Eyes Meadow Entrance

A Duffield group working to improve the lives of the over-50s in the village has produced a very helpful source of information aimed specifically at this age group called the Good Neighbours' Wheel. The leaflet draws together contact details for all the various service providers including the Weston Centre, Amber Valley CVS and church-run groups, and includes contacts for groups that can help with health and wellbeing, getting out and about, emergency contacts, financial assistance, leisure activities and household advice. The leaflet is now available for download on the Parish Council's website at: [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-neighbours-wheel.htm](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-neighbours-wheel.htm).

Parish Council meetings are open to the public to attend to listen or address the Council on any Parish issues. Correspondence from Parishioners is also reported to the meetings.

**The Parish Council's Full Council Meeting will take place on the 6th December at the Weston Centre.**

Agendas, Committee Reports and Minutes can be viewed on line at  
**[www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

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## SCOUTS STAMP AND DELIVER

The Duffield Scout Group is participating in the Derbyshire Scouts Stamp and Deliver scheme 2017. The scheme delivers Christmas cards in the greater Derby/Belper area at a very reasonable cost – 30 pence per stamp.

Full details of the delivery area are available from the participating sale points or the scheme website [www.stampanddeliver.com/DeliveryArea.aspx](http://www.stampanddeliver.com/DeliveryArea.aspx).

The profit from the scheme is shared between nominated charities and the participating Scout Groups. For every stamp the Group sells it retains about 18 pence making this a very important fundraising event for the Group. The money raised helps maintain facilities and equipment for use by members of the 7 very active sections in the Group of over 170 young people.

The sale of stamps starts on Monday 20th November and the last collection is at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 19th December. All cards will be delivered before Christmas Day.

The following places in the village sell stamps and act as post boxes: Duffield News, Duffield Service Station, Croots Farm Shop, Meadow Vale Stores, Pas's Plaice in Meadow Vale, Katie Weeds Hair Studio and at Idridge Hay Stores.

Why not take advantage of this excellent scheme, save yourself money compared to using the Royal Mail for your Christmas cards to the delivery area concerned and at the same time support local charities and the 1<sup>st</sup> Duffield Scout Group?

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# CHEVIN GOLF CLUB NEWS & RESULTS

**Derbyshire Scratch League**  
The Scratch League is an inter-club county team competition that runs through the summer season across three divisions. Chevin is one of seven teams in the top division which means that each team plays six matches – three at home and three away. Each individual match involves a five man team from both clubs who play individual singles matches against each other with no handicap allowance between them. With two points for a win and 1 point for a halved match, there are potentially 10 points up for grabs in every match.

After a 6-4 victory in the final match of the season against Breadsall, Chevin ended up in a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the league. This put them only two points behind Kedleston in 2<sup>nd</sup> place but both teams were some way behind Horsley Lodge who were the season's runaway winners. During the season the following eight

players represented the club in one or more matches - Paul Tatlow, Bill Steel, Luca Tentorio, Paul Akers, James Russell, Sam Hallam, Steve Butt and last but not least, team captain Ben Small

## Chevin & Kedleston Ladies Annual Friendly "Turnaround"

Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year after starting in 2011, the "Turnaround" is a 4 player team "Am Am" competition where half the teams play 9 holes at Chevin and the other half play 9 holes at Kedleston before all meeting up at one of the clubs for lunch. The competition was well supported this year with 72 ladies taking part and nine teams playing at each of the two courses. The winning teams were Jackie Niven, Sue Hill, Heather McBain & Judith Thomson with 42 points at Kedleston and Gerry Cunningham, Judy Harris, Yuko White and Karen Butcher with 45 points at Chevin which included a very

impressive 5 points by Judy on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

## Ladies & Junior Am Am

The end of season Ladies and Juniors Am Am team competition saw several of our juniors playing on the course for the first time. With a great score of 43 points the winners on the day were juniors Claudia Weeks and Daniel Espinosa who played with Margaret Allan and Lady Captain Janet Thomas. For the teams that didn't score so well, there was the consolation prize of pizza, chips and cake in the clubhouse after the game.

Thanks to the coaching efforts of Assistant Professional Connor Steels over the last couple of years it is pleasing to see a number of promising young players who are keen to continue their coaching and hopefully get a playing handicap in the near future. At Chevin we are always keen to encourage more juniors (and their parents) to take up the

game, so please feel free to contact the club to see what we can offer if you are interested in having a go.

## "Fantastic year" for Lady Captain

As this month's article goes to press, Janet Thomas the current Lady Captain will be coming the end of her year in office. When looking back over her year, Janet said: "My year as Lady Captain has been just fantastic and I have enjoyed supporting the Ladies Section and all the other events that have taken place at Chevin throughout the year. We are a very friendly Club and are keen to welcome any new members either as golfers or social members. Through various events this year, I am really pleased to say that the Ladies have helped to raise some £3,200 for The Brain Tumour Charity. Further donations are still being raised by the Club and so the final figure will not be known until the New Year."

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## VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES



The DCA would like to say a huge thank you to our helpers who braved the cold, and occasional rain, to decorate the village Christmas trees with lights. Many hands make light work, and the task was soon completed thanks to the organisation and co-ordination of our volunteers. This really is the start of the run up to Christmas and it was lovely to see our young helpers lending

a hand. We provide these trees with our fundraising during the year and hope you will enjoy them throughout the festive season. If you fancy helping to remove the lights, we will be meeting at the Weston Centre on Sat 6 January at about 9.30 am. Please bring gardening gloves and cable cutters. In the meantime, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.



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