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Over the last 18 months or so, a group of individuals have been targeting homes with sporadic attacks.

These incidents rarely fall into the category of criminal damage, indeed you'd be right in calling these childish, cowardice pranks, that is UNTIL they happen to you, without provocation or excuse and habitually.

Recurring incidents including

Banging / kicking of your door / windows / objects thrown at your property / groups causing a disturbance outside your home?

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You might think these incidents are isolated - they are NOT.

In some cases it can be very distressing or, at the least, downright annoying.

Only if everyone affected reports every incident can the police justify giving this the attention and action it needs.

So next time this happens to you please telephone 101 you'll be put straight through to a member of Derbyshire Police.

A concerned local resident

Flier being circulated to households in Duffield

the banging/kicking of windows and doors, missiles thrown at property, trespass onto gardens, verbal abuse

and group intimidation can leave the affected household feeling victimised, defenceless and often scared

or even angry.

There are occasions where the householders have put themselves considerable risk by taking matters into their own hands and chasing after the thugs.

It may shock you to know that some of the culprits do not even live in the village.

This anti social behaviour are the acts of a small number of individuals, but is having a negative impact on many residents, putting all of our teenage community under scrutiny and is harming the reputation of the village.

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Wednesday February 20th at 7.30pm in the Weston Centre, Tamworth Street, Duffield is the time and place for the annual general meeting of the Duffield Community Association.

New officials for the Association are likely to be announced at the meeting including the successor(s) to the late secretary Derek Cook.

A Joules Clearance Sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing, Wellies & Accessories is being held by William Gilbert PTA on Wed 6 Feb 6.30-8.30pm in the Ecclesbourne School Concert Hall. Entry £4. Hundreds of bargains!

Duffield Scout Group Jumble Sale 9.30 - 11.30 Sat 9th March Scout HQ - Hall Farm Road. Free Entrance Contact: Geoff Naylor (843347) for more details.

Schubert Mass in Ab Come and Sing event with the Sitwell Singers, which will

Village Jottings

take place on Saturday 2nd March 2013, 10am-5pm in Strutt's Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper.

Contact Sheila Spilling on 01332 840574.

Wed 6th Feb, Launch of Share-A-Bus, 7:30pm, at Emmanuel Community Church.

This new not-for-profit community resource, which replaces the previous Belper Community Minibus, will be available for bookings from this date.

Come along to the launch evening to hear how the scheme works, see the bus, ask questions, register as a user, enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles.

RSVP to 840805 or call Lynda 840821.

The website should be live shortly: www.shareabus.co.uk

Tues 19th 7:00pm Showing of the Martin Scorsese film "Hugo" at Emmanuel Community church. No charge.

Set in 1930s Paris, an orphan who lives in the walls of Paris train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father. The film won 5 Oscars and 2 BAFTAS.

On Saturday 2nd February the speaker at the Duffield Gardening Club will be Ann Bird who will give a talk entitled "A Gardener's Journey".

The Gardening Club meet at 10 am at the Weston Centre, Tamworth Street. Entrance for non-members £1.50p including coffee/tea. All are welcome.

Come and enjoy the delightful Ecclesbourne Valley this February 2013. Trains are running on Saturdays 2nd, 9th and 16th

between Wirksworth and Duffield and for these dates only kids can go free!

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Half term February 19th, 20th and 21st 9.25am - 12.30pm "HOLIDAY CLUB" King of the Castle at Emmanuel Community Church, Chapel Street, Duffield for Primary School aged children.

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Amber Valley Borough Council will soon be sending forms to 3,500 postal voters asking them to update their signature if they want to vote again in the same way.

Anyone who has a postal, proxy or postal proxy vote that is five years old or more will need to update their signatures if they want to vote by post or by proxy again.

Signatures that are over five years old have to be updated every five years to prevent fraudulent practices relating to postal voting.

New forms will be sent to households at the end of January and voters need to return them in a prepaid envelope as soon as possible.

The Council's Electoral Registration Officer John

Grady said: "Anyone who votes by post or proxy needs to look out for this form on their doormat. It's imperative they fill it in and sign it so they can vote in the same way again at the next election. We'll send out reminders but we'd rather get returns after the first one as it will cost the taxpayer more to process. If the council doesn't receive

signed forms by 13 March 2013, anyone with an existing absent voter status will have to be cancelled and they will have to vote in person at their polling station."

**For further information please contact Sue Hewkin sue.hewkin@ambervall ey.gov.uk. |
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MUSIC AT DUFFIELD

ARTESIAN STRING QUARTET SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH 2013 MAIN HALL 7.30pm

Formed in 2009, all four members of the Artesian String Quartet are fourth year undergraduate scholars studying at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Their career thus far, nurtured by the wonderful professors at Academy and the support of institutions such as the London String Quartet Foundation, has caused them to travel across Europe to give concerts.

They have performed at the Wigmore Hall, and their performance at the 2011 BBC Proms was broadcast on Radio 3.

The Artesian String Quartet appears by kind permission of the RAM.

Programme To include

Mozart **Divertimento in F**
Shostakovich **Quartet no. 10 in A flat**

HEARTFELT THANKS

Since the article published in the December edition, Charlotte's Healing Horses (CHH) would like to thank a number of unexpected and generous donations that have been made to the charity.

These total almost £1,600, which will be used to pay for a pilot scheme that aims to gather evidence with a view secure future funding.

Reader's letter

At this early stage, CHH relies on the kindness of local donations and fundraising events, so would like to give thanks to the congregation of St Alkmund's Church and in particular Mark Pickles who organised the Christmas Eve collection.

In addition thanks to the local couple who quietly donated a cheque just before Christmas.

CHH continues to move forward with fundraising events with many booked for 2013; the



first of which is on the 9th June at Blackbrook House.

This event will not only be used to commemorate Charlotte's birthday but we hope will also launch CHH as a registered charity.

The day will be a family afternoon tea party where children can 'meet the animals' and enjoy playing old fashioned games - so why not come along and support this local charity. More information to follow in future Duffield Scene articles (thanks Barrie).

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Underwood Vincombe solicitors is a local firm comprising of four, local, partners with a long history of links to the county.

Stuart Underwood, a former captain of both Quarndon and Duffield Cricket Clubs partnered with colleague Mark Vincombe five years ago to form Underwood Vincombe LLP, which is based in Little Eaton.

Today, they together with Adrian Crowther and Dan Furness make up the four partners of the twelve strong legal firm which offers great depth of knowledge in both property and personal legal matters.

Property law is Underwood Vincombe’s speciality, and with rents for residential properties in the region hitting all-time highs coupled with lower house prices and increased availability of

mortgage deals, ‘buy-to-let’ properties are again of interest.

However, Mark Vincombe warns first time investors need to proceed with caution: “Fully researching the proposed investment, both physically and legally, is critical. Unexpected costs could arise from repairs and refurbishments or work required to bring the property up to regulatory requirements. Some properties may even have restrictions within their title preventing them being used as rental properties without the consent of a third party, which may be expensive, or even impossible, to obtain. Employing agents will further impact on any potential yield” Mark concludes.

When purchasing any property, Stuart Underwood, head of the private client department at Underwood Vincombe LLP, advises that careful consideration needs to be given to whether the property is to be bought in individual or joint names or be held in trust.



The of Underwood Vincombe (left to right): Mark Vincombe, Dan Furness, Adrian Crowther and Stuart Underwood,

However the property is held, Stuart recommends that the owner should always have a current will: “It is staggering how many people have not made a will.

A will remains a vital part of financial planning to ensure that your family is properly looked after in the event of

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A vineyard was planted at Renishaw Hall in 1972 under the instruction of the late Sir Reresby Sitwell whose family has owned the hall for almost 400 years.

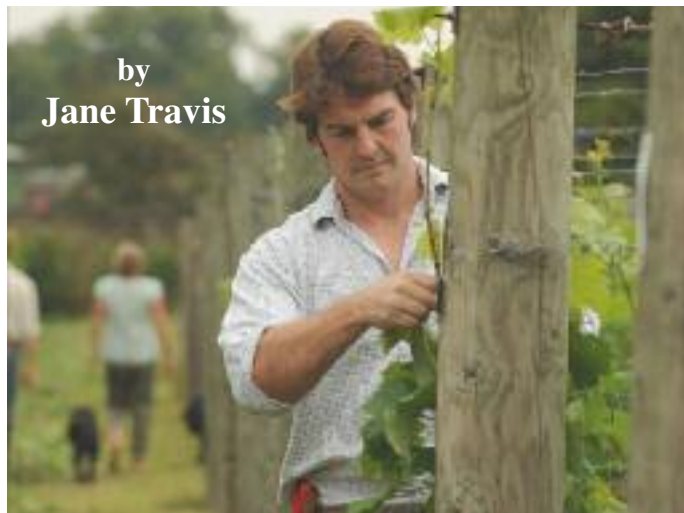
Today, Kieron Atkinson, a former Army captain in The Light Dragoons, who turns out to bat for friends at Duffield Cricket Club from time to time, produces Renishaw Hall's sparkling and still white wine, which last year won a national award.

Kieron took over the management of the vineyard in 2011 when the current

owner Alexandra Sitwell was looking for someone to oversee the vineyard.

"I chose this career path a couple of years ago after my honeymoon spent in southern France and a chance visit to a vineyard out there" Kieron explains. "I'd made a decision to leave the Army after nine years' service and wanted to do something I'd find rewarding, which meant I could still work outdoors, but which also gave me a new skill, as well as reflecting my and my wife Jane's passion for travel and the cultures of different countries."

In December 2011, Kieron set up The English Wine Project, a consultancy - based website which supports the English wine industry and offers people skills in all areas of English wine, from vineyard establishment or wine education for catering



by Jane Travis

establishments, to simply knowing what to look for on the shelves of the supermarket.

"English wine isn't only for the select few or people with plenty of time - and money - to spare" says Kieron. "I want everyone who wants to, to be able to enjoy English wine, from simply knowing what to look out for when you are buying or tasting wine, to

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"Derbyshire is a great county from which to champion English wine and all it has to offer. Come and visit me in the vineyard at Renishaw Hall and see how it's done"

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The Derwent Valley Wind Band, as the community wind band for the area, provides a means for parents and children to enjoy learning and playing music together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Rehearsals are held each Monday evening (1845 – 2015hrs) at Ecclesbourne School, taken by David Curtiss who is a professional musician and teacher of many years experience.

There has always been strong involvement of children and teenagers; parents have been playing throughout, and in some cases are still going long after their children have left for university and careers.

A good range of music is played; nothing too heavily formal, but a range from film themes, current and recent musicals, salsa/rock and light classics.

The pieces themselves vary in length from 3 to 10 minutes or so when played through, although these are played on sections at rehearsal so that adjustments and corrections can be made where required. Several concerts are played during the year.

Some are large events, usually in support of a charity; others (mainly during the summer) are generally smaller for fetes, open days and carnivals (including Duffield).

In recent years larger events

have been covered, including Derbyshire County Show, Chatsworth House and Kedleston Hall.

The main concert of the year is given in Duffield just before Christmas, to give opportunity for members of the local community to hear what has been worked on and presented during the year.

It is always a lively affair with plenty of festive spirit and some audience participation.

There is need to reinstate a small Training Band (Mondays 1800 – 1830, at `Ecclesbourne) to cater for very beginners (parents as well as children), which was discontinued due to lack of candidates.

This is the base from which future players come, and so is essential for the band's future wellbeing; any potential starters should contact me (**Tel:840849**) in the first instance.

The Training Band can then be re-started if there is sufficient interest.

Anyone wishing to join the band (all ages and abilities) is welcome to come along to any Monday evening rehearsal starting at 1845, where a warm welcome awaits.

It is worth remembering that playing in the Band could lead to higher things; several who started as children have now made music their career.

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Duffield based Customer Plus have been named among the finalists in the Customer Experience category of the 2013 Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) Excellence Awards, which celebrate the best of the marketing achievements in the UK during the past year. The company was nominated for its ground-breaking work in delivering its Moments of Truth customer service excellence programme to Ford Retail's 70 dealerships and 3,300 staff across the UK. Richard Beevers, (see picture) director of Customer Plus, said: "To be nominated again for the same campaign is hugely exciting. It represents a ringing endorsement for the on-going success of our programme delivery with the Ford Retail centres.



"The fact that it has been sustained at such a high level

for more than three years is thanks to some excellent work by the team at Customer Plus

combined with the refreshing and positive reception it has received from staff of all

levels at Ford Retail." Customer Plus is up against seven other finalists hoping to be announced as the winner at a prestigious awards dinner hosted in London at the Grosvenor House Hotel on March 6, 2013.

The CIM Marketing Excellence Awards are designed to recognise the best of the best throughout the UK across various industries, with awards categories for individuals as well as marketing teams.

Ford Retail has also reported "a substantial profit increase" since implementing the Moments of Truth programme in 2009, despite the challenging economic conditions.

Moments of Truth was designed to raise Ford Retail's standards of customer service and create a consistently excellent customer experience.

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This is unacceptable. The police encourage you to ring and report every incident, but the reality is that most feel it will not make any difference. The few that do contact the police see no immediate response, so in the end just give up calling incidents in. It's time for the residents to take action – **THIS NEEDS TO BE STOPPED NOW!** A plea goes out to all those affected to join forces and be counted. If you are the victim of this anti-social behaviour ring it in! **Telephone 101**, you will be put through to the local police who will take details of the offence. Only if everyone affected calls every time for every incident can the police start to understand true scale of the problem. If you or your household are disabled or it is these incidents are having an

impact on illness, please ensure this is mentioned. **Let's get the problem heard and sorted out: Ring 101.** **Editor's Note: The above article was written by a group of villagers who want to remain anonymous for obvious reasons. The facts in the piece have been verified.**

HELPING THE OLD FOLK This short letter is to say a big "thank you" to **Judy Clough, the newsagent in Duffield, for putting a box in her shop to put prescriptions in - Lloyds Pharmacy on Town Street closed on Saturday December 8th and relocated at the doctors' surgery.** Elderly people cannot walk to the Surgery, and if you phone they keep you waiting and you also have to pay. So, on behalf of most older people "THANK YOU JUDY." **Mrs W Elms, 29 Ecclesbourne Close, Duffield.**

CHASE AWAY WINTER BLUES...DO A BIT OF JOGGING

Anyone wanting to get fit and join a group of friendly, like-minded people of all backgrounds and abilities in 2013 need look no further than the jogging group on their doorstep!

Whether it's an urge to turn over a new leaf and get fit, or to take part in a charity run or a 5k, 10k or even marathon race, reaching your goal is much easier when you're with a Jog Derbyshire group.

Jog Duffield is led by trained Jog Leader, Julie, who said now was the perfect time to make a habit out of jogging.

"We all make promises to ourselves about keeping healthy New Year's Resolutions. But when it's cold and wet outside, it's sometimes very easy to chuck the trainers in the cupboard and shut the front door!"

"It's much easier to stay motivated when you join a group of other joggers. It's

also safer and much more fun! So come and join our jogging group – we're a friendly bunch and we'll do all we can to help you achieve your goals."

The group is supported by Jog Derbyshire, the county's run-away success scheme to get Derbyshire's residents moving.

Set up in 2008, Jog Derbyshire's network of jogging groups now extends from High Peak to South Derbyshire and all across the county.

Thousands of joggers have benefited from the scheme and a few have shared their truly inspirational stories.

Joe, a solicitor from Amber Valley, joined his local Jog Derbyshire group while on a health and fitness drive. Having slimmed down by



more than 8 stone, Joe now takes part in triathlons in his spare time!

Then there's Tanya, a single mum from Bolsover, who said jogging helped her cope with depression.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Wednesdays at 6pm at Eyes Meadow.

The cost is just £2 per

session.

For more information contact **Jog Leader, Julie** by telephoning **07934494121** or email:

mandjcorne@gmail.com.

Jog Derbyshire is always looking for enthusiastic, committed people to train up as Jog Leaders. Email **info@jogderbyshire.co.uk** or ring **01773 571231** for details.



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WINE TASTING AND THE VOICES OF THE SITWELL SINGERS IN CONCERT.



Duffield Christian Aid Committee invite you to join them at St Alkmund's Church on Friday 22nd March from 7.30pm for a Fairtrade Winetasting evening with entertainment provided by the Sitwell Singers.

One of the foremost chamber

choirs in the area, the Sitwell Singers and their inspirational conductor Malcolm Goldring perform a wide range of music from the Renaissance to the present day; they are equally at home with the quirky and original or emotional and intense, and not afraid to let their hair down with the odd bit

of jazz when occasion demands.

Their programme for the evening features an eclectic mix of pieces from Parry to Lennon and McCartney: in fact, wine and song to suit every palate!

Tickets for the evening inclusive of wine-tasting (over 18s only, booking required) are

priced at £15 and for the concert alone, which will commence at 8pm, at £8 with accompanied under-16s free. **Advance tickets can be purchased from Duffield Co-Op and Foulds Music Shop Derby or reserved by telephone on 01332 662519 / 840510. Concert tickets will also be available at the door.**

GENEROSITY OF VILLAGERS IS HELPING TO KEEP YOUTH CLUB RUNNING

A Massive Thank You!

Over the last couple of months Massive delivered letters to nearly every household in Duffield (we still have a few streets still to deliver to) asking for financial support to help keep the Massive Youth Project running.

So far Massive has received nearly £1,000 in one off donations and £500 has been pledged annually through standing orders.

On behalf of everyone involved at Massive, thank you so much to those who have given!

This, alongside the securing of a couple of grants from the Parish Council and The Community Leadership Scheme, has given us a good

start to the year, but we still have some way to go to secure the finances for the 2013 budget.

Massive will continue to apply to grant-giving organisations, but there is still time for local residents to donate to Massive in a number of ways including:

- Sending in cash or a cheque made payable to 'Emmanuel Community Projects Ltd - Massive'

- Sending in a one off donation or setting up a standing order through direct debit (sort code: 40-10-07 and account number: 21504827)

- Or texting GAVE12 £10 (or your chosen amount) to 70070

by
Tom Wyke

Please note that a gift aid form is also available on request

Massive continues to open Fridays 4-6pm for ages 11-14 and 7-10pm for ages 14-18. In the past couple of months Massive has been active in the local community through stewarding at the Duffield Bonfire night, and has also hosted a special sumo wrestling event for the young people.

In the coming months Massive will host a number of special events including a DJ workshop and an Art workshop, having secured a Youth Action Grant.

Massive continues to need more volunteers to help out on Friday nights, especially

between 7-10pm.

This can be in a variety of roles including: monitoring the various spaces, managing the tuck shop or preparing food in the kitchen.

We are looking for additional volunteers because we want to release one of the youth workers and a volunteer for a couple of hours each Friday night, to be able to do some detached youth work, engaging with groups of young people on the streets and park areas of Duffield in the evenings.

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This event is free but booking is essential. Places are limited so please contact the library to book your place.

Storytime will continue on Friday 1 and Friday 15 February at the usual time of 10.30am for half an hour of stories and simple crafts for pre-school children and their carers. Just call in, no pre-booking is required.

Saturday 9 February is National Libraries Day and we would like to invite everyone to come in from the cold and help us celebrate this. We will be holding another coffee morning from 10am until 12. So, if you are a regular library user pop along to have a coffee with us while browsing or if you are new to the library then call in, see what we have to offer and

have a coffee too. Either way we would love to see you!

I have recently finished *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton which I thought was a dream of a book which moves at a gentle pace leading to a shocking but poignant climax. As her mother is dying, well-known actress, Laurel Nicholson returns home and begins to unravel a mystery which has haunted her for fifty years. Aged 16, Laurel witnessed her mother, Dorothy, commit a brutal crime. In an attempt to understand what she saw Laurel is drawn back into her mother's wartime experiences during the Blitz. Although Dorothy Nicholson is the main secret keeper of the title, there are other characters keeping secrets all of which are revealed as the story moves in a complete circle.

New books this month include *Mind over Matter* in the *Unleashed* series of novels by Ali Sparkes. This story, by the

winner of the Blue Peter Book of the Year 2010 and aimed at young adults, continues the story of a group of very special teenagers, each with an incredible power. They live together protected by the government but two of the group, Gideon and Luke, are about to become the target of a stalker. They are trying to spend some time together as brothers but problems arise when they use their telekinetic powers to help a young girl. *The Heresy of Dr. Dee* is the latest novel in the *Dr John Dee* series by Phil Rickman. In this story, Dr Dee and Lord Robert Dudley travel to Wales in pursuit of the *Wigmore Shewstone*, a crystal credited with supernatural powers. We also have a new copy of *Herbs; Simple Steps to Success* by Dorling Kindersley and a new copy of *Denis Judd's biography of*



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TAKE TIME OUT TO WONDER AT THE BEAUTY SURROUNDING YOU

There are many things that can cause you to pause and catch your breath because they are beautiful or astonishing.

Maybe hearing the cry of a newborn baby, the beauty of a rose, the blueness of a sunlit winter sky, the perfect song of a thrush, the comfort of a glowing fire, the scent from sun-warmed hay, the melodiousness of your favourite singer, the colour of tulips, the taste of strawberries, the sadness of autumn, an embrace or a kiss and the hope of Spring.

When in a natural environment – your own back garden or on the Meadow - it pays to slow down and look. We often rush, our minds engaged in wondering what's for tea, whether there is time to go shopping, get to work, pick up the children, get home before it rains, afford to mend the car, make that phone call, go to the doctor, read the paper, mourn our lost youth, finish that painting, visit that friend, do the washing, afford that holiday, send that text or weed the path. We are propelled through our lives whilst all around us there are life and death struggles, survival stories and shows of exquisite beauty going unnoticed.

Take Springtails (Collembola) for instance.

They are the most abundant creatures on the earth, inhabit mostly damp environments and are found from pole to pole. Their remains have been found trapped in amber dated from 20 to 100 million years ago and in any cubic metre of soil there might be as many as 100,000 and up to 20 – 30 different species. Others are spread vertically from a tree's canopy, to the ground vegetation and plant litter.

They often spend their lives dealing with decaying matter and are the prime bio-agents responsible for the control and dissemination of soil micro

organisms. The average size is 1mm (0.04 inches) and they have the capacity to spring into the air up to 100mm (4 inches). Resembling small insects, they actually belong to a group called Cryptozoa – the collective name for creatures as yet identified by science and often microscopic in size.

You may, at this point, be finding this mildly interesting but are wondering why this would make you pause.

On the Meadow on a warm winter day, if you look closely at the patches of snow under the trees, you might see the Springtail *Hypogastrura inivicola*, more commonly known as the “Snow Flea”. It is dark blue and survives the cold because its body contains a sort of anti freeze that contains high concentrations of glycine. Researchers are trying hard to produce this protein synthetically as it could be used for storing transplant organs; it prevents ice crystals forming in tissues and would increase the lifespan of an organ once outside of the body.

Whilst you are searching for this elusive tiny creature, you

might be lucky enough to see the smallest bird in Britain – the Goldcrest (*Regulus regulus*). These tiny birds can be seen at this time of year in the copses (I saw two yesterday) as they rush about, up and down the trees and hanging from the ends of branches. They are looking for food hidden in the bark of the birch trees, in the pine needle litter or amongst the leaves of the oak trees - moth eggs, aphids, spiders and Springtails. The birds are very pretty with olive green upper parts, buff/cream underparts, black striped heads with a golden crest stripe down the middle (female) or an orange stripe (male).

They only weigh about 6 gms (¼ oz) and measure 9 cm (3 inches); if they are deprived or prevented from feeding, they can lose up to third of their body weight in twenty minutes and be dead within the hour. They have to find warm places to roost overnight.

These little beauties are known as the “King of the birds” in European folklore because of their golden crest stripe and although

permanently resident here, often come over from Scandinavia in great numbers. One was recorded migrating in 1993 and being so hungry, it engaged with the biggest flying meal it came across, a dragonfly, and was towed along before letting go!

So next time you are out on the Meadow, pause, look, listen, examine what is at your feet, in the air, on the trunks of the trees; look at the fat buds on the ends of the branches all waiting for the winter to be over, the catkins hanging from the hazel branches already and the tiny crimson flowers waiting for their pollen. Listen to high pitched twittering of the long tailed tits, the “zi zi-zi” of the Goldcrests, the cat like mewing of the buzzards, the insistent two note call of the Great Tit that sounds as though it is trying to blow up a pneumatic tyre with a squeaky pump and if you are lucky, the high pitched whistle of the Kingfisher as it flashes up the river.

If there is nothing that momentarily takes your breath away, gives you pause for thought or astonishes you with its beauty – go and wash the car, go to Morrisons, do the housework or better still – come and do mine!

There was a poet who said something about this wasn't there? “What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare....” (William H. Davies)



Duffield Parish Council Newsletter February 2012

Resignation of the Parish Clerk

Sally Bygraves has resigned her post as Parish Clerk as from 17th January.

Duffield Parish Council would like to thank Sally all her work during her many years at the Council both as assistant Clerk and Clerk. She was responsible for relocating the Parish Office to the Weston Centre and also for the introduction of iPads for each councillor which has reduced the workload for the Clerk and made it easier for Councillors to follow council meetings.

We wish her well for the future.

The Council has been holding interviews and details of the new Parish Clerk will be given in the March Newsletter.

Section 137 Grants

The annual s137 grants were awarded By Duffield Parish Council to the following groups to help support their activities with the community:

- Massive Youth Club
- Amber Valley Access
- Duffield Cricket Club

If you think your Club or society might benefit from a community grant from the Parish Council, details can be found on the Parish Council website in the document library.

Notice of Temporary One-Way System (Northbound Only), King Street & Hazlewood Road, Duffield

WHEN: From 04 February 2013 to 29 March 2013.

WHERE: Temporarily prohibit traffic from travelling in a southerly direction along Hazelwood Road, Duffield from its junction with Avenue Road to its junction with King Street, and along King Street from its junction with Hazelwood Road to its junction with Crown Street

REASON: Gas main replacement works.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: Avenue Road and A6 Milford Road.

The restriction will be in force for the time stated or until the work is finished.

This may be earlier than advertised.

Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place.

Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058.



WATCH OUT! THERE ARE ROGUE TRADERS ABOUT

Following the item about scam telephone calls in last month's Duffield Scene, I had a call from a Duffield resident about a scam call she had just received.

It was an 'urgent pension' call for which she would receive a payment of £1000 and to 'press 5'.

The lady rang the national specialist action fraud line and was told that if you do respond to the scam a higher rate call charge will be levied and the caller will then have your details for further fraud. **Please do be aware.**

Drop-in sessions:
On Tuesday 5th February PCSO Paula Bennett will be in the Mobile Police Station

on Town Street between 10.00am - 11.00am and between 11.15 - 11.45 on Hazelwood Hill, Hazelwood.

These sessions are for residents to visit with queries or problems or to obtain advice on things such as security or other issues that are of concern.

Rogue Traders: The police are warning people to beware of rogue traders following recent reports in the Derbyshire area.

A man offered to carry out repairs with some left over tarmac and £60 was agreed for the work but the man returned later and demanded a much higher sum of more than £5000.

In a similar incident a man claiming to be from the council offered to

patch holes with left over tarmac and carried out some work but later demanded £900.

There have also been reports of four men calling at homes to offer roofing and guttering repairs.

The police advice is don't accept work from strangers calling unannounced at your home or workplace.

They may convince you to have work done that might not always be needed or you could end up paying high prices for low quality repairs.

If you need work doing we would advise people to ask friends or neighbours for recommendations or to check a local trade directory, and ask for the names of people they have completed work for,

so you can find out about the quality and cost of the work.

Doorstep traders should legally provide a written form setting out a seven day cancellation period for goods or services over £35 bought as the result of an uninvited visit.

A trader commits a criminal offence if they fail to provide the written cancellation notice or if they make false claims about who they are or work for.

For further information and advice about rogue traders contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06.



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Reporting incidents: Please do report non-serious crimes and incidents to the police on the non-emergency number 101.

For emergencies, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened, 999 should be used.

If you have any information on crime or anti-social behaviour please contact Derbyshire police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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'SHARKS' REPORTED IN THE SOUTH OF NORWAY



Søk fra England: Ungdommene i Duffield Dynamo Sharks er på besøk i Mandal og hos jevnaldrende ungdommer i K. Her har de akkurat truffet hverandre for første gang i idrettsparken.

A team from Duffield Dynamo FC recently enjoyed a tour to Norway – thanks to a link with a Derby County professional player.

The younger brother of Rams goalkeeper Mats Morch, Klaus Morch, played for Duffield while his family were staying in the village. So the Dynamos U15

Saturday team – the Sharks – organised a trip to Scandinavia to sample a taste of the lifestyle over there.

The 13 boys and six adults from Duffield travelled to Mandal, a small town of about 15,000 people on the southern tip of Norway.

As well as playing football against local sides, the Dynamos youngsters also

spent time with host families. DDFC coach Mark Huckle said: “We were featured in the local paper over there before, during and after the tour (see caption above).

“It’s hoped that the teams from Mandal will come here to Derbyshire this October so we can reciprocate their hospitality.

“The Norwegian hosts were

really great and went out of their way to be accommodating.”

The cost of the trip was covered by fund-raising in advance, which included a successful Race Night and Raffle.

During the five-day trip the group also visited the Lindesnes lighthouse and local firm Umoe Mandal, which makes boats.



Back Row(l to r) Jack Clarke, Paul Bullock, Kevin Stewart, Richard Sickler, Dan Harvey, James Llyod, Pat Connelly
Front Row: Jason Kavanagh, Adam Terry(captain), Philip Jordan, Chris Dodsley, Andy Wright, Joel Hawkins. **Missing:** Richard Jordan, Adam Short, Tom Burgess.

They should be in great shape for the coming cricket season...yes Duffield Rangers have a large number of Duffield Cricket Club players in their side. Player manager for the last three years, Philip Jordan, says: “We have finished mid-table in the last few years Like many Sunday teams we have plenty of ups and downs, but we won promotion into the top league in 2007 and we have been in four semi-finals in the cups but no finals unfortunately, “

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