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difficulties in the village. Chris and Carol Nicholson say they have been forced to bring in restrictions because of what they call “the mindless, selfish actions of a comparative few who have spoiled it for the many.” The final straw for them came

when they placed a chain across the rear car park so that workmen carrying out extensions while the White Hart was closed could have free access with their vehicles. “The chain was severed with some steel cutters and the cars parked again causing real problems for the workmen,” said Carol.

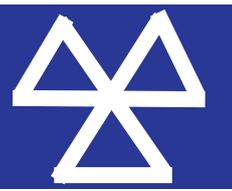
go about their business and so deny our customers parking facilities, it destroys things for everyone.

“We were quite happy to allow villagers some quick, convenient parking while they dropped into the nearby stores and did not want to take away that convenience, but we have been forced to do so.

“When you add that to the cars dumped in the car park, others left for days for no apparent reason and some parking for the day while they

“We are expecting to attract more customers with our extensions and parking is vital for them.”

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YOUNG TALENT IN CONCERT



The Swan Duo (Harriet Adie *harp* and Jessica Burroughs *cello*), performing the Music

at Duffield concert at the Ecclesbourne Centre on Saturday February 3rd (7.30pm), play by courtesy of the Countess of Munster Musical Trust, an organisation that chooses the best of the young talent and sponsors performances at music societies throughout the country.

Harriet's crisp harp sound

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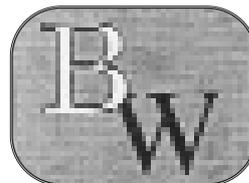


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Parents of Ecclesbourne School students have been asked to enrol in a Gift Aid Scheme (tax relief) in aid of the Midas Project by the Ecclesbourne Foundation.

The money is needed to help fund a variety of projects during the school's 50th year including the covering of the swimming pool with added changing rooms, a Sports Hall, extra music facilities etc. Any businesses / individuals / or sports organisations wishing to support a scheme which will provide further facilities to benefit the village can contact the Business Development Office on 842309.

The Christmas Trees will be taken down on Monday 8th January and stripped of their lights at the Weston Centre from 10.30 am.

This is a change from the day given in the Duffield Community Association's newsletter due to the contractor's workload. Helpers will be appreciated especially those able to carry

Village jottings

trees along Town Street to the Weston Centre.

The large Christmas tree on the Wirksworth Road corner was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe of Devonshire Drive

After an intense search by Gerard Varin and Andy Portlock. Gerard Varin and Roy Hogben delivered the tree to the corner and decorated it. It was the largest tree yet to be erected there and mechanical assistance was brought in. The DCA's thanks go to the anonymous driver of the fork lift hoist who made light work of placing the tree in its socket after several failed attempts using muscle power alone.

It is unfortunate that only the top of the tree can be decorated because a more artistic arrangement resulted in 15 light bulbs being removed and smashed on the first evening and a further five suffered a

similar fate the following evening.

It was only done for a laugh we suspect!!

On each of the first Sundays of February, March and April, Revd Mark Pickles, the Vicar of St Alkmunds, will be organising an address on a topical subject which may be of interest to those with questions about the Christian faith.

The titles are

February 4th Jesus and Political Correctness

March 4th Jesus and Mohammed

April 1st Jesus and Richard Dawkins.

None of these will be confrontational but rather the intention to look at what things they have in common, where they differ and if there is anything distinctive about what Christ would say.

After each talk there is a question and answer session to enable people to come back at the speaker or ask questions/make comments

about what has been said. **Services begin at 10.00am and last no longer than an hour.**

Saturday 30th June is the date of this year's Carnival and it is expected that the regular events of Carnival Week will be held relative to this date.

The Carnival theme has yet to be chosen.

Ashley Franklin, the Milford based broadcaster, journalist and photographer has written an article about Duffield and its personalities in the January 2007 edition of Derbyshire Life and Countryside, now available at Duffield News in Town Street.

The lengthy, well considered piece gives further insight into life in the village.

This follows the success of his 2007 Calendar featuring Duffield month by month.

The Annual General Meeting of Duffield Community Association will be held at the Weston Centre (7.30pm) on Wednesday 21st February.

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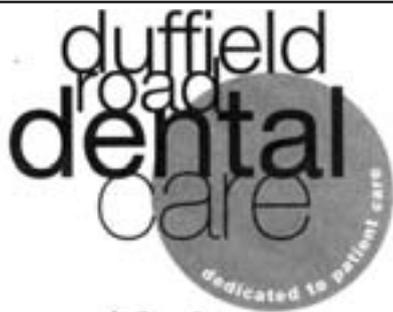
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Chicks and carpets of blue in the Spring

by Colin McGowan

Just two years ago we were still hearing complaints about the Millennium Meadow's wetland looking like a moonscape with nothing growing on it.

Well a lot can happen in 24 months and the wetland area was seriously in danger of becoming overgrown with alder trees that had seeded themselves in the once bare soil.

Many had reached a terrific height and had they been allowed to remain it would not have been too long before they would have taken over the area completely.

And so, on a recent fine weekend (see pic), a small army of volunteers got stuck in with saws, forks, spades, a pick-axe and secateurs to lay siege. One by one the trees were felled to allow other plant species to flourish.

By the end of the session, local volunteers had cleared approximately half of the area



and later that week BTCV volunteers came in to finish off the work.

A patch of trees has been left in situ so that the moor hens that have been breeding here continue to have cover.

Look out for their chicks in the spring.

In addition to clearing trees, the volunteers planted native species, such as foxgloves, donated by Deborah Woodward, in the area.

The local brownies were also magnificent in that they helped to plant a thousand

native bluebells in the meadow's wooded areas so that, come the spring, we should have the beginning of a carpet of blue.

Future years will see them self seed and multiply.

The Millennium Meadow Conservation Trust has employed the services of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and The Groundwork Derbyshire to help produce a five year management plan for the meadow.

In addition to identifying what plant, animal and insect

species are already on the meadow and wetland we will be given ongoing advice as to how we might encourage further species and maintain what we have.

The MMCT is also keen for there to be even greater local knowledge about the meadow and both groups will assist us in reaching people who haven't yet been involved.

It's particularly important that local youngsters know something of their natural environment so that they grow up able to respect it.

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A DUFFIELD TRIATHLON?

by Chris Weeds

The reason behind this wacky idea, seven years ago Rachel (my wife) and I were heavily involved in various fund raising activities for the local school, church and toddler group in a local village called Cricklade in Wilts. Several of my friends decided to see who was the fittest and fastest over 1500m swim, 26 mile cycle and 10,000m run and at the time raised over £6,000.

It started off with the just the nine of us in 2000 and earlier this year, **Gerard Varin**, **Mike Corn** and myself (see pic) competed as a team representing Duffield and won the team event at Cricklade.

In total, over 80 people entered the event which as well as raising the profile for the summer fair, put



Cricklade on the map for triathlons.

Such an event here could complement the already successful Duffield 5 held in the same week

I am interested in finding out if there is sufficient interest from adult men and female athletes from Duffield (maximum of 24).

My thoughts are to start the

event around 12.00pm from the Ecclesbourne pool and finish around 2.30pm in the arena as the final running event on Saturday 30th June 2007.

The event could also help to raise money for the ~Midas project to roof over the pool at Ecclesbourne School.

I've spoken with Derek Cook, secretary of the Duffield

Community Association and he seemed extremely positive about kicking this event off in 2007.

From brief discussions with many friends in the village, both male and female, there seems to be lots of interest.

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Engineer Geoff Mather sets off later this month to try and realise a lifetime ambition and combine it with raising money for charities in memory of his mother.

Geoff (55) of Town Street, Duffield, whose mother died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 69 ten years ago, said she was cared for so well at Derby City General Hospital that he wanted to give something back in gratitude.

Part of the sponsorship money raised will go to the Magic Laser Appeal and some to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund.

Geoff will be joined on the challenging attempt to scale the 5,895 metres of Kilimanjaro by his son-in-law, Ian Pimperton, of Belper, and friends Richard Baker and Emma Theaker, who are



collecting funds for causes that mean something to them personally.

Mr Mather, who has been trekking in the Swiss Alps, and the Yorkshire Dales, as well as the Peak District, said: "It will

be one of the biggest personal challenges of my life "

Mr Mather has already raised more than £500 in sponsorship for his trip.

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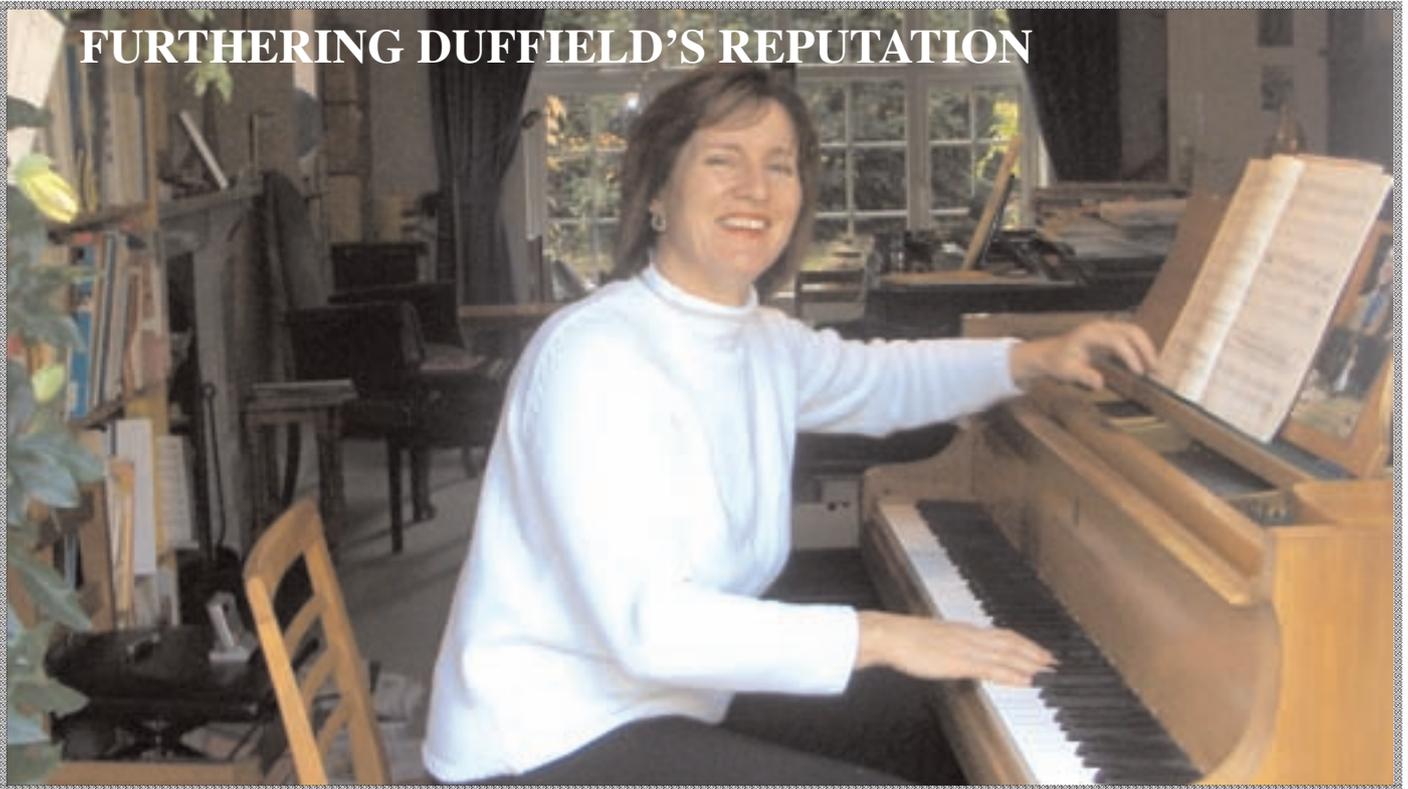
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FURTHERING DUFFIELD'S REPUTATION



• Congratulations to the Duffield Singers and their conductor Beate Wilmhurst (see picture). They are recovering with a break after completing an arduous holiday programme where they helped to raise funds for many charities including the National Trust and the Muzika Charitable Trust.

There's not much time to rest as rehearsals start again this month to freshen up the repertoire. Anyone wishing to join the Duffield Singers should contact Beate on 840517.

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Parking Problems continued from page 1

It's understood that Duffield Parish Council, concerned at the parking difficulties in the village, are likely to seek a meeting with the Nicholsons to discuss the situation. Perhaps there is room for compromise and one possibility is that a parking meter could be installed to provide income between say 8am - 6pm with White Hart customers rebated.

Another possibility is for the

Parish Council to pay an upkeep lease for use before 6pm and defray their costs with a parking meter.

The Parish Council has parking facilities at Eyes Meadow, but the distance away from Town Street is unacceptable to the more elderly motorist.

To avoid an impasse with feelings running high, it's essential that dialogue takes place so that some sort of satisfaction can be found all round.

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Dear Mr Eccleston

As a long standing resident of Duffield I read with interest the letter in the December edition of the Duffield scene, from a concerned resident, regarding parking issues on Meadow Vale and Ferrers Crescent and feel very strongly about their accusations. I would like to say that in the 20 plus years that I have lived in Duffield I have always found my neighbours responsible and considerate when parking and in the unlikely event of there being a problem would only

Readers' letters

have had to knock on the door and have a chat. to resolve the situation.

I find it difficult to understand why someone would have to go to such extremes as to use the Duffield Scene.

I would also like to add that to my knowledge most people with drives park vehicles on them and cannot account for one single resident on Meadow Vale/Ferrers Crescent who chooses to park their four cars, should they have four cars, on the road rather than use their drive.

Where has the community spirit and the art of communication gone?

Name and address supplied.

Hello Barrie

I would like to thank you for the calendar.

It is beautiful. There is only one picture I do not recognise, the one of the Chapel where communion is held.

I thought I knew Hazelwood Road.. obviously I don't.

Did you have a good visit with your daughter in India?

I hope so.

My husband Ken and I wish both you and your wife a very

merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for all you have done with connecting me with my family and friends.

I am looking forward to meeting you when we come over next year.

**Pauline Kretschmer
Elkins Park, PA, USA.**

Editor's note:

The first ever Duffield Calendar proved extremely popular and was sent overseas to friends and relatives of villagers in many different countries.



•A large, tasteful extension to the lounge at the White Hart provides for an extra fifty diners and outdoor seating facilities too. The extended dining area gives a light, airy, spacious look and with alterations also to the front bar and back area has cost some £175,000. "We are extending our range of service to customers and wanted to make it a nicer and more comfortable place to come to whether for a drink or a meal," said Chris Nicholson.

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(January 2007)

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

As the New Year breaks Councillors and staff at the Parish Council send their wishes of happiness and good health to all

NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS

Like many businesses the New Year is a great time for the Parish Council to review its progress over the past twelve months and look to the future year with anticipation.

The Council has been through significant change over the last year.

The appointment of a new Clerk and the change in tenure of the Chairman, were accompanied by the reorganisation of the structure of the Council.

The introduction of new Committees to concentrate on Council Strategy, the Cemetery and Recreational area has led to focused attention on both the Parish assets and its future direction.

THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

At the Cemetery, significant clearance work has made way for two new allotments and an extended seating area in the Garden of Remembrance.

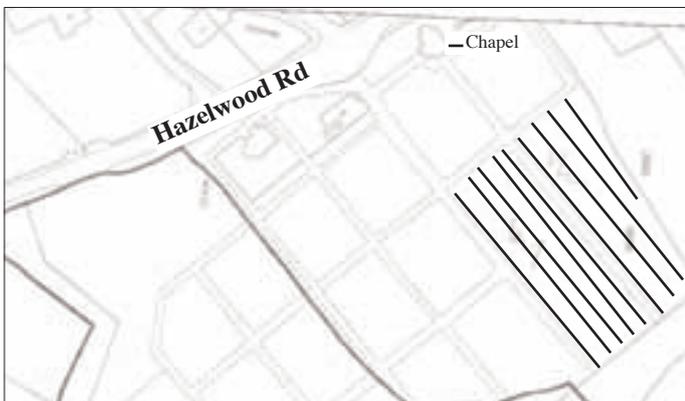
The Committee Room has benefited from a refurbishment and repainting of all the Cemetery Building is now complete.

New paths and improved safety measures around the Cemetery and the adjoining field have also enhanced the area.

The tranquillity and beauty of the area has however been maintained by the loving care given to it by **David** and **Moya Guy** who work tirelessly on the maintenance of the grounds and the stunning flower displays

Looking ahead, the Lodge will soon look gleaming from a fresh coat of paint and electrical work will ensure that all buildings are fully compliant.

Further clearance work around the allotment area will provide additional allotment spaces, however the continuance of thriving wildlife in the area will be ensured by the development of a nature reserve.



• A map showing the site of the trial nature reserve (striped area) at Duffield Cemetery.

Most significantly a data base is to be established to enable memorial testing within the cemetery grounds. This will also give important information to those seeking their genealogy.

THE RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Recreational Committee has also been busy this year with improvement works to the footways on Cockpit lane and Styles walk giving safer access to the ever popular Eyes Meadow.

The resurfacing of Donald Hawley Way has also ensured that this site remains open and accessible to all who wish to use it. The Council was pleased to receive compliments from the Derby in Bloom judges on the maintenance of the Meadow and particularly the condition of football pitches on the site.

The Council now supports seven senior and junior clubs playing at Eyes Meadow offering sport to both girls and boys across the age ranges including adults.

As ever the continuance of village activities on the Meadow is anticipated, with planning for the Vintage Steam Event, Carnival and Firework Display already underway.

Further work on the access ways are planned for the New Year, as are improvements to the Meadow itself with over 170 trees and bushes now ready for planting to create an avenue along the road way.

At Gray Recreational Ground, plans are already afoot to improve the play area, following extensive consultation through the Parish Plan, and this newsletter.

On writing plans for the area have just arrived and more details on how you will be able to view these will follow next month.

THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE

The main focuses of the Strategy Committee this year has been to support projects from the Parish Plan as well as developing public access to the Council.

Earlier in the year the Parish Council gave outline consent for a Youth/ Community development at Eyes Meadow and work continues with this group to develop this important village project.

The opening of the Parish Office at the Weston Centre and the introduction of Councillor surgeries has also given a focus point for the Council with many people now accessing this service.

Looking ahead the development of a Youth Parish Council in conjunction with Ecclesbourne School, and the extension of Councillors surgeries together with work to support ongoing projects will surely keep Councillors, Clerk and Assistant Clerk (to be appointed-see advert next month) busy well into next year.

Special thanks for all their hard work must also go **Meryl Hutchings** (Administrator) **Michael Forkin** (Village Warden) and all advisors who work tirelessly for the Council....here's to 2007.

COUNCILLORS SURGERIES

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

Monday	January 8 th	10.00am
Wednesday	February 7 th	10.00am

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

THE PERILS OF OVERDOING THE BOOZING

When it comes to alcohol - know your limits

One Friday evening a young man in his early 20's decided to go into Derby.

He 'enjoyed' himself by drinking too much and, in the early hours of Saturday morning, went to get a taxi home.

He was taken for a ride, literally, by someone posing as a taxi driver and was propositioned.

The young man was by now terrified but managed to escape from the car.

He then ran down the nearest road and, in order to attract attention, stupidly smashed a house window and screamed for the police to be called. This was about 3am.

The house owner suddenly woken at that time was also terrified but called the police, who responded quickly and caught the young man.

The consequence of this was that the young man had been

terrified, arrested and had to pay an £80 'Fixed Penalty Notice'.

He also now has a police record which means that some jobs may be out of this man's future options (such as Public Sector/Social Services/Emergency Services and possibly Military).

Also, if he ever comes to police notice again, he will almost certainly be charged with any future offence he commits.

The young man has a responsible father who, the next day, took his son to the victim's house to enable his son to apologise and offer to pay for the damage.

By this time the young man had sobered up and was by then embarrassed by his actions, naivety and having to face his victim.

The innocent house owners, who had no more sleep that night, spent two hours clearing up glass, had the

inconvenience of having a window boarded up for a week to await a custom made piece of glass (which added to the expense for the young man) and two pets (who had been asleep in the room at the time) were nervous of re-entering the room for some days.

All highly inconvenient and expensive to all concerned for the sake of a few beers.

NB This is a real incident!

A campaign launched last October reminds young people that alcohol doesn't make you invincible and urges young drinkers to know their limits and to stay within them. The joint Department of Health and Home Office campaign is aimed at 18 to 24 year olds, although it also applies to younger, illegal drinkers and tries to get the message across that too much alcohol actually makes you vulnerable, even while it makes you feel tough.

Recent statistics show that getting drunk can get you hurt - 70% of peak-time Accident



Valerie Thorpe 841945

and Emergency admissions are alcohol-related

Half of all violent crime is alcohol-related

One in three rapes happen when a victim has been drinking

Younger people are more likely to drink heavily - Nearly half of young people drink above the daily recommendations

It is a campaign aimed at encouraging common sense by not trying to demonise alcohol or stop people enjoying themselves but to know their limits.

The campaign also recognises that businesses should do more to stop illegal sales.

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The children at Forget Me Not Childcare Service would like to thank all of their friends, family and neighbours for supporting the successful appeal they organised for CHILDREN IN NEED.

The children decorated and bagged over three hundred biscuits to sell and this raised a staggering £195.00.

They added to this sum by posting leaflets locally requesting unused mobile telephones and were delighted to receive twenty nine units which achieved a further £5.00 each. Without local support this could not have been achieved and we are all delighted to have contributed to the needs of children in the community.

Pictured from left to right :- Emily Warner, Alice Weeds, Robyn Fellows, Tom Weeds, Reece Holmes, Harriet Blackwell, Noah Fellows, Alice Warner and Dominic Blackwell.

Evening Menu Served 6.30pm - 9.30pm For reservations telephone 01332 841141

Starters

- Classic devilled whitebait 5.00
- Roast Onion & tarragon soup with cheese croutons 5.00
- Soused herring & smoked mackerel with beetroot and horseradish 6.50
- Baked goats cheese & onion tart 6.00
- Thai crab cakes & coriander & tomato salsa 6.00
- Smoked haddock & Derbyshire cheese rarebit with relish & olive oil 5.50
- Pan fried prawns with potato, leek, garlic & saffron broth..6.50
- Caesar salad with chargrilled chicken & crispy bacon 5.00
- Merlot mushrooms with blue cheese, onion & thyme jus & garlic soldiers 5.50

Mains

- Chicken, applewood smoked cheese & mushroom pie 10.50
- Tournedos Rossini - fillet steak with pate & Madeira sauce 16.50
- Calves,liver with sage & onion gravy & wholegrained mustard mash 11.00
- Chicken fillet with oyster mushroom & thyme sauce 10.50
- Monkfish tail with creamed spinach & parmesan gnocchi & coriander pesto 13.00
- Swordfish & prawn kebab with lobster sauce & rice 12.75
- Baked lamb tagine & cous cous 12.50
- Layered vegetable lasagne with homemade chips 9.50
- Pork loin with melted cheese & smoked bacon sauce 11.50
- Sirloin steak with homemade chips, mushrooms, vine tomatoes & pepper sauce 14.50
- Chef's curry of the day with rice and naan 9.50

Puddings

All served with either cream, ice cream or custard 5.00

- Crepe suzette - pancake, orange & brandy
- Movenpick ice cream (please ask for flavour selection)
- Creme Brulee
- Cartmel Village shop stick pudding
- Fruit crumble - thickly topped seasonal fruit crumble
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Early deal menu (Mondays to Thursdays only)

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SQUASH CHAMPIONS LEAD THE WAY INTO THE NEW YEAR

The national Squash champions Benz Bavarian Duffield head into 2007 leading their group as they bid to retain their title.

A 4-1 win at home over Esporta Oxford last month gave them a played four won four record with fourteen individual matches won and only six lost which meant a total of 69 points - a healthy 16 points lead over second placed Nottingham.

Tania Bailey, the British National champion, got Duffield to a quick fire start against Oxford by beating Deon Saffery 9-4, 9-4, 9-2 in only 15 minutes.

Bailey, the World number 5, showed no mercy to her young opponent in a solid display of controlled aggression.

The richly talented Laurence Delasaux then gave Duffield supporters a nervous time, before he started translating his promise into points by

edging home in a five setter.

Kristen Johnson gave a spirited display against him, taking the first set 9-5.

Delasaux took the next two games 9-3, 9-1, but a little complacency saw Johnson level things up by taking the fourth game 9-7.

Finally Delasaux won through 9-6 in the fifth, but it was all too close for comfort.

The next match also went to five games with Jonathan Kemp finally nailing Scott Handley 9-2 in the fifth to win a fluctuating match.

Handley, a real battler, took the first and fourth games 12-10, 10-8, sandwiching two 9-5 scores in Kemp's favour in the second and third games.

In yet another five-game battle, Lee Drew lost 9-3, 5-9, 9-4, 7-9, 3-9 to the new World University champion Chris Ryder.

Drew had his moments to take the match but he tired badly in the fifth to give Nottingham

their one success of the night.

To show how easily the match could have gone the other way, there was another five game match in which Nick Matthew finally triumphed over Cameron Pilley.

Matthew was two games down 7-9, 3-9 when his

determination turned the tide.

He took the final three games with identical 9-6 scores to show the character which won him the British Open title.

"If we keep this up then we should make the play-offs!" said cautious manager Brian Hargrave.

CRICKETERS START THEIR PREPARATIONS

Duffield's cricketers started their indoor nets this month and will carry on their 12.15pm Sunday sessions at Mackworth College for the next few months.

Re-elected all rounder skipper Adam Short says anyone interested in joining in the practices or playing for the Club should call him on his mobile..07779 607175.

Another all rounder Ed Sims will again be Adam's vice captain.

Another all rounder Zane Carrezedo will skipper the 2nd XI with batsman Robin Stevenson as his deputy and

Alex Burnham captains the 3rd XI with David Wood as his vice.

The Club is delighted that wicket-keeper batsman Anthony Harris, a New Zealander is returning for a second season at Duffield.

"He is inspiring behind the stumps and his runs were invaluable as we just stayed in Division One last season," said Short.

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