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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE ON THE WAY... AND SOON

Look out for a number of improvements to the village in 2016 and beyond – that's the message from Duffield Parish Council and local volunteers.

In the six months since the Duffield Action Plan was published, progress has been made behind the scenes, with working groups being formed and meetings taking place to discuss future improvements to the public toilets, parking, communication and local recreational facilities, to name a few of the Plan's priorities.

Current and future developments include:

• Cycle stands to be erected on



by
Jackie Clements

- Town Street;
- Sites being sought out to build a new public toilet;
- A car parking review and traffic report are to be undertaken;
- Litter bins have been purchased for Gray Rec and Hazelwood Road;

- A plan for new recreational facilities for young people will be made, with the involvement of pupils from Ecclesbourne School;
- Duffield Community Association to re-publish the Village Guide and map;
- Duffield Parish Council

website has been updated with details of local facilities to hire, "what's on" in the village and links to Facebook and Twitter accounts to keep local people up-to-date;

- Improvements to facilities for elderly people, including streamlining communications and outreach work.

The Duffield Action Plan was published in June 2015 after close consultation with local people. It sets out the priorities for services and amenities in the village for the next five years. The Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website: www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Village Jottings

The next Parent Information Evening will be held in the Main Hall, Ecclesbourne School at 7.00 pm on Monday 25th January 2016.

This year the School will be offering again advice on safe and responsible use of the internet and safeguarding.

An increasing number of Duffield residents have joined Le Cercle Français de Derby (Derby French Circle) whose next full meeting takes place on Friday 22nd January 2016 at 7.15pm at Fraser Hall, The Leylands Retail Estate, Broadway, Darley Abbey, DE22 1AY. When a Cheese and Wine Evening will be presented by guest speaker, Rosie Bainbridge.

The evening will cost £7.50. Please contact us www.derbyfrenchcircle.org.uk before that date if you are

interested in attending. The aim of the Derby French Circle is to foster and develop the use of the French language and to spread a knowledge of the literature, arts, history and institutions of France. The circle meets fortnightly, Visitors £7 per session. Full membership £35 per year. Students £2 per session.

There will be no meeting of the Gardening Club in January 2016.

Silver Leaves
January 5: Fish & Chips supper (£2.75)

Jan 19th: Rolls Royce Choir
Events held at Methodist Schoolroom, King Street, Duffield 7.30 - 9pm.

Pink Punch Fitness
Ladies only fitness classes at Ecclesbourne School:
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2016 Dates for Your Diary!

There's even more to look forward to in 2016 thanks to Duffield Parish Council and the Duffield Community Association. Don't miss out - add these dates to your diaries and calendars now and check future issues of the Duffield Scene for the latest news on these upcoming events.

19/20 March: Spring Solstice Art Exhibition with Billy Bye A new outdoor art exhibition, planned for Eyes Meadow / Millennium Meadow.

Carnival Week: Sun 19th - Sat 25th June (Carnival day)
As usual the DCA will be organising a whole raft of activities for Carnival week culminating in the carnival itself on Saturday 25th June.
www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk

The Eyes Have It Music Festival - 15/16/17 July
After the success of last year's festival this event will run again in 2016. Check the website for the latest line-up and more information: www.theeyeshaveit.moonfruit.com.

Eyes Meadow Fireworks and Bonfire - during the evening of Friday 4th November.

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They came on a fact finding visit to see what is regarded as an outstanding faculty at work and discuss teaching methodology at GCSE and A Level.

Ecclesbourne School has a long history of welcoming international visitors and has strong exchange links with Scandinavian schools in Denmark and Sweden.

International Learning links provide teachers with opportunities to discuss and compare teaching practices which stimulate ideas for support teaching and learning.

The Swedish visitors were "delighted with our productive visit which will enrich our curriculum enhancement."

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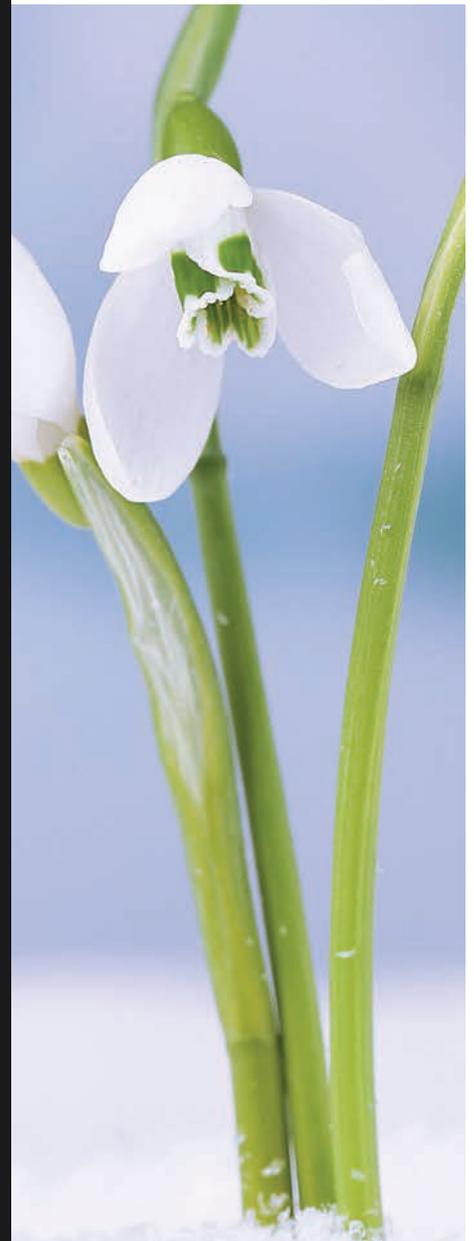
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Regularly playing squash gives excellent all-round health benefits, particularly for the heart and lungs. Squash can help build strong muscles in the legs and buttocks with muscle tone being improved by the quick movement and lunges prominent in the game. Chasing and striking a moving ball also helps strengthen the back and shape the tummy, as well as improving hand eye coordination and reaction times.

Squash can be played just for fun and is an excellent way to improve your fitness. Care should be taken to avoid over exertion, especially if you

haven’t done any sport for a long time, and, as with any sport, your game can be improved by adopting a healthy lifestyle and participation in a broad range of physical activity.

Any cardiovascular exercise will help improve how quick you are on court. Walking, running or jogging, cycling and rowing are all good for building up your leg muscles and improving general fitness. If you’re new to the sport consider starting with racketball, which can be played at a more leisurely pace than squash.

Duffield Squash Club runs a varied program incorporating Squash, Racketball, fitness and social events for a wide range of ages and abilities.

Lesley Sturgess, Duffield Squash Club’s coach, has been at the club for nearly 20 years, helping aspiring players, young and old, to achieve



individual success and gain maximum enjoyment from what can be both a sociable and demanding sport.

Lesley is the current Derbyshire Ladies champion, represents England in the senior Squash Home Internationals and has held both Squash and Racketball National titles. This wealth of experience, backed up by a wide range of professional coaching qualifications enables Lesley to identify and

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A year ago today I held my first Sunday afternoon tea party in Duffield, for the new guests of Contact The Elderly, the charity that offers a lifeline of friendship to elderly people who are alone or lonely. I volunteered to help out with the charity after seeing an article written in the Duffield Scene last November. I met with other volunteers and within a few weeks the Belper, Contact The Elderly Tea Party group was born. Olive, Mary, Grace, John, Margaret, Keith, Gerry, Ann and Mary joined us as guests, coming from all over the Belper region. Initially they were a little quiet and slightly shy, but literally as the tea was poured and the first slice of cake cut they started to share their life stories with us and each other. The 2 hour tea party passed by so fast and when it was time to go home, it felt as if we had all known each other for years. 12 tea parties on, the conversation is still going strong and, in fact, it starts long before the tea is even poured. The parties are a firm date in all of our elderly guests'

calendars and they all look forward to getting out to see their friends. This for me is the most rewarding part of volunteering for the charity and being involved in the tea parties – I can see and feel that I am making a real difference to the lives of my guests, even though it takes so little of my time. A year on, due to the success of the Belper group, and an increased need in the community, we are looking to expand so we can bring twice as many guests out to tea. We would like to start a Duffield group and we need your help. Whether you host a small tea party once or twice a year or drive and join our guests once a month, you'll hear plenty of lovely life stories too – and make a real difference. Give a lifeline of friendship with Contact The Elderly and volunteer with us today. **For more information on volunteering or even joining our group as a guest please give me a call on: 07715 562 801 Jackie Lowery Changing lives by volunteering**



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When I was little I used to help my father with his bees. He was what I call an old school beekeeper, he never wore any protective clothing except a hat with a fine veil full of holes that he tucked into his shirt collar. No gloves, he used to say the best way to reassure the bees was for them to feel his ‘stillness’ as he called it.

When I work my hives, I wear a full protective suit and gloves. I don’t have the same confidence – the same stillness - my father had. However, I always have that same feeling of excitement, of trepidation, when I look down into the hive to see how the bees are. Like my father I talk to the bees about things that are happening in my life and

the wider world as I work through each frame, checking to see if the bees are healthy. If there are eggs and larvae as I would expect depending on the time of year, and if they have enough food. There are times when it’s necessary to feed the bees with a solution of sugar and water- and that’s not just in the autumn to build up their food stocks for winter, it can be at any time of year. The impact of weather and its relationship to the amount of

forage available to the bees is critical. The bees can be presented with a very short collection window which often isn’t sufficient to build up a good enough store of honey and pollen for their own needs, let alone the beekeepers.

Beekeeping is about balance. Most years I can remove enough honey to keep my family and friends supplied, but if the bees need their supplies more than us, I buy

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Members of the Kings Head Duffield Racing Partnership (KHDRP) celebrate Uncle Tone's first victory at Worcester Racecourse on 15th July 2015

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Uncle Tone is currently enjoying a well-earned holiday, having won his first race at Worcester and another at Ludlow, and notching up a creditable second place also at Worcester.

He ended a hard season with a gutsy run at Cheltenham in mid-November, but was outdone by the fresher, winter season specialists.

The Partnership was formed initially among Noel's friends and patrons of the King's Head as a low cost method of enjoying some of the privileges of the horseracing world on a friendly and informal basis.

It began by subscribing towards all items associated with Uncle Tone's training fees and ancillary costs but with a longer term aim of acquiring further horses under the KHRDP's ownership or support.

All income generated by successes on the racecourse by any horse owned or supported by the Partnership is paid

directly into the KHDRS general fund, and in October 2015 this policy allowed the Partnership to purchase its own racehorse named CALL OUT LOUD, a bay colt foaled in 2012.

The Partnership is still expanding and has the capacity to admit a few more suitable members, who are required to enter into a renewable 12 month contract to pay a fixed monthly subscription.

There are two grades of Membership, the Preference Member grade being that of a full Partner, and the Club Member grade being that of a

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It is emphasised that Membership is intended for amusement only: it is definitely not to be considered as a short-term investment, and cannot be utilised for any commercial purpose.

Should anyone wish to consider taking up either type of membership, they should contact Noel Berrisford in person or by phone 07730 263 315 or by E-mail: noelberrisford@aol.com



District Girlguiding donate Christmas gifts
Girls from Duffield and Holbrook Girlguiding groups entertained parents and friends at a Christmas Concert last month at St Alkmunds church.

During the service, gifts were donated to the Children First charity in Derby, which works with children and families in the local community.

Annual Art Competition 2015

From the sixty seven who entered, here are the winners of the Annual Childrens' Art Competition held in October 2015 on the theme "Autumn".

An audience of forty five proud parents, siblings and relatives watched as the children were presented with cups and prizes. The standard was very high and congratulations go to **Wilf Smeath** who was presented with the overall winner's cup

by last year's winner, Evania Livingston.

Unfortunately we were not able to display the pictures in the village this year as planned because the shop windows were already decorated for Xmas. This event is supported by the DCA and the competition organizer is looking for themes for future competitions.

Please send suggestions to di.2013.hancock@gmail.com



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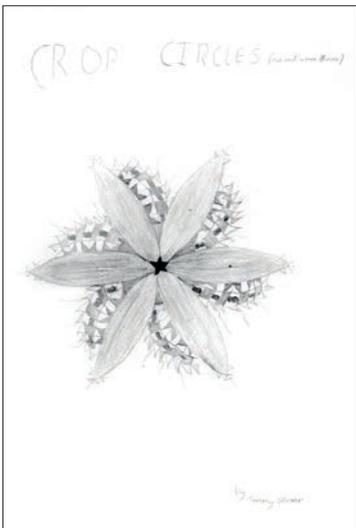
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- 3rd Otto Hancock
- (Runner up) Eleanor Leach

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- 3rd Harriet Blackwell
- (Runner up) Daniel Tomlinson

Key Stage 3

- 1st Emily Warner
- 2nd Beatriz Quarmby
- 3rd Ellie Marshall
- (Runner up) Maddie Vaughan

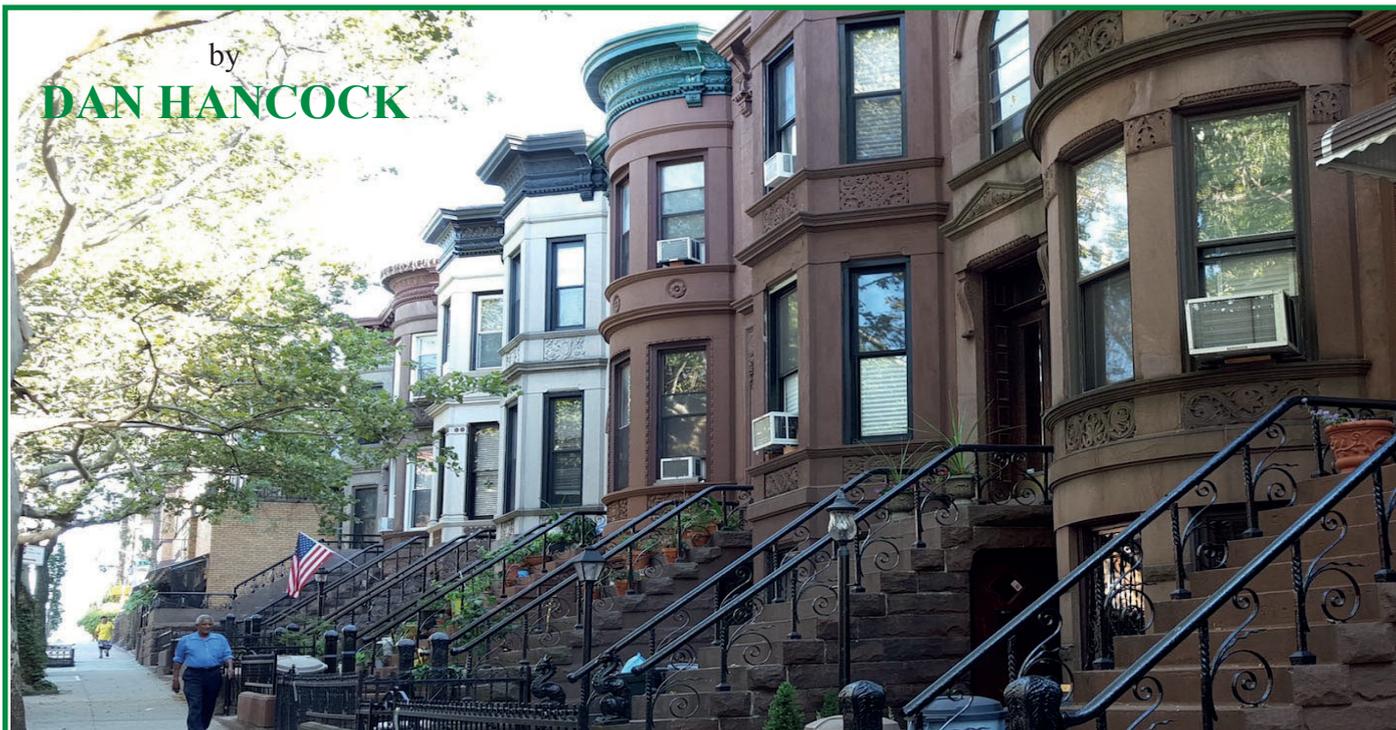


“Autumn”



'Serene in Sunset Park, New York'

by
DAN HANCOCK

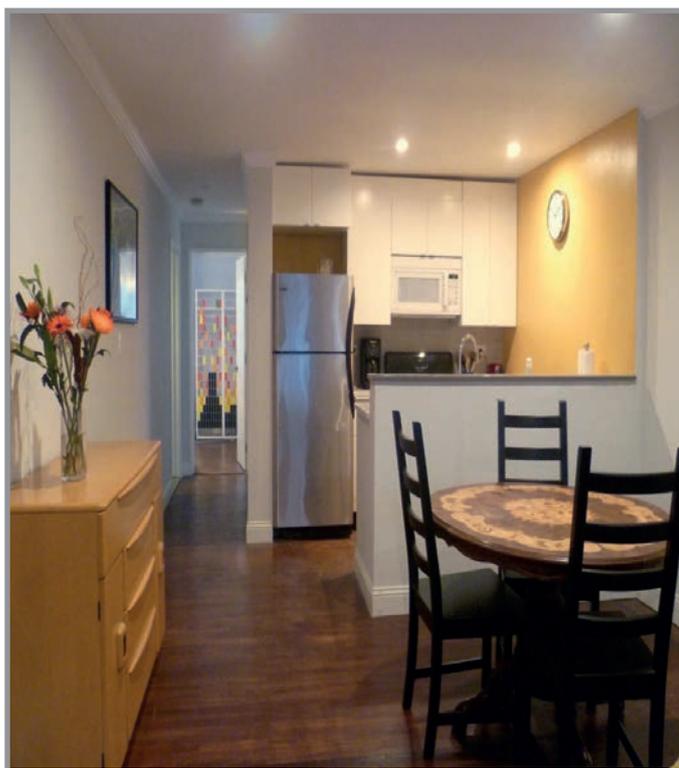


In 1982 at Ecclesbourne I was a 2nd year in Mr Martin's metalwork class learning how to use a tap and die set to cut screw threads. I remember enjoying the project but certainly could not have imagined how useful that skill would prove to be.

Fast forward 30+ years and 3400 miles to a cellar in Brooklyn USA: I recently said a quiet "thank you" to Mr. Martin as I attached newly threaded piping to the original cast iron radiators in my home – a three storey Brooklyn Brownstone built in 1904 – just in time for this year's cold weather.

Born and bred in Duffield, for the last 20 years I've lived in New York after chasing Elise (my now wife) there in the mid '90s. And just over a year ago Elise, our two kids and I moved into our first house in Sunset Park, Brooklyn.

After lots (and lots!) of work we recently completed renovating the ground floor apartment. Instead of letting it out long term we've decided to list it on AirBnB.com in the hopes that it'll become a



home-from-home for our friends, family and new acquaintances when visiting New York.

The apartment is a lovely space, tastefully furnished with oak floors, a full kitchen, family bathroom, sitting and dining areas and two quiet bedrooms, each with very comfortable double beds. Through one of the bedrooms

you can access the back garden – nice at the beginning or end of a day in the city to catch a breath of fresh air and relax with a decent cuppa or a glass of wine.

Sunset Park itself is a couple of blocks away and sits on the highest hill in Brooklyn commanding terrific views across all of New York Harbor. It's aptly named as it faces due west – as the sun

sets you can take in spectacular views of the towers of lower Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and watch the yellow Staten Island Ferries ply back and forth.

Even better - from our home, it's quick and easy to get into Manhattan (the subways run 24hours) and the nearest station is a short six-seven minute walk down the hill.

If you're thinking of visiting New York in the future Elise and I hope you'll consider staying with us. As well as saving a considerable amount on hotel costs without sacrificing comfort, you'll have the peace of mind that your host is a local lad born and bred in Duffield who'll be available to answer your questions, recommend places to visit and give you information you can trust. We'd love to host visitors from the U.K. and especially from Derbyshire!

Here's a shortcut to our listing on AirBnB.com - <http://tinyurl.com/danbrooklyn>

HEADMASTER SEEKS PARENTAL HELP OVER MISUSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The headmaster of Ecclesbourne School James McNamara (see pic) and his deputy Margaret Williams are seeking the support of parents in tackling an issue which, they say, “is becoming sadly more prevalent for young people today.”

A letter to parents points out: “We are speaking of the potential for social media to be used in ways that are harmful and hurtful.

We have had cause to speak to students in assembly following our discovery that some students in Upper School and Sixth Form had used social media and specifically Twitter to speak about others in an inappropriate way. This behaviour is happening out of school hours but it has been reported to our Pastoral teams and we wish to do all we can to make it an opportunity for us to work together to help our students understand their responsibilities to each other.

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However, we have made it very clear to students that the school will take very seriously any intent to upset or harm the reputation of others by misuse of social media. We have also made clear that this sort of behaviour, in the adult world,

could amount to defamation of character and would have significant consequences.

As a school, we work very hard to educate students about their responsibilities to each other and the wider world. Ecclesbournians leave our school not simply with outstanding academic achievements but as well? rounded, confident young adults ready to face the challenges of life beyond the school gate and contribute to the society in which they live.

We will continue, to do everything in our power to educate our students about the dangers and also the wonderful positive potential of this new technology.

We know we have most impact when we work together as parents, carers and teachers and so we are asking that you take the opportunity afforded by this letter to discuss safe and responsible use of the internet with your child. As parents ourselves we know how difficult it can be to strike the right balance in this area but feel sure that if we all reiterate the core message that we should not write, say or do anything online that we wouldn’t be entirely comfortable sharing face to face then we are likely to do some good.

This year we will be offering again our Parent Information Evening on safe and responsible use of the internet and safeguarding. I would like to extend a warm invitation to any parents who would find this useful. Our next information evening will be held in the Main Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 25th January 2016.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us here at school if you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter.”

DERBYSHIRE POLICE SEND WARNING TO ALL SCHOOLS

The growing popularity of young people “sexting” each other is pointed out by Alan Charles, Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire.

“We have serious concerns at the prevalence of this kind of activity among teenagers across social media platforms, mobile phone apps and traditional text messages. Many, if not all, of the young people concerned have little idea that choosing to share explicit images of themselves, or others, can have long-lasting ramifications, and could also technically constitute a criminal offence that could have lifelong implications

for career opportunities.

This year we are approaching every school in Derbyshire to ensure pupils across the county recognise the risks associated with ‘sexting’ and have developed the attached poster to assist with this.

We are asking for your help to remind pupils and students that what they do with their new mobile phones or tablets could put them at risk. A ‘sext’ can last much longer than a relationship. In fact, once a photograph has been uploaded to the internet, it is virtually impossible to remove it, jeopardising the reputation of the individual



for the rest of their life. Once ‘sent’ or ‘forwarded’ the message is completely out of their control and the

image could end up literally anywhere.”

For more information visit: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

The Meadows Hidden Gems – Shieldbugs



In many places the word ‘bug’ is used to describe almost any insect.

Shieldbugs belong to the insect order Hemiptera, which are known as the “True Bugs”. Over 1,700 species of Hemiptera have been recorded in the British Isles, 33 of which are shieldbugs. This order of insects also includes squash bugs, hoppers, aphids and even bed bugs!

The first species for this month is the Forest Bug (*Pentatoma rufipes*). The alternative name is the Red-legged Shieldbug for obvious reasons.

This is the largest British species reaching up to 14mm in length. It is easily recognised because of the red/orange legs. It also has an orange or yellow tip to the scutellum (the triangular shape between the wings). This species prefers Oak woods and Alder where the nymphs feed on the sap. It is also quite common in

orchards, especially cherry. Occasionally it will feed on other insects.

As you can see from the photo I have been very lucky. Not only did I find a mating pair, which is rare as they are normally high up in trees, but one of them is feeding on a moth caterpillar!

What is also unusual is that these were at ground level on a Dock leaf.

The adults can normally be found between June and November but have occasionally been found as early as April. This is one of

the few species that over-winters as a nymph and these can be found between August and July.

The second species is the Parent Bug (*Elasmucha grisea*). The female of this bug actually broods the eggs and young, hence the name.

This is very unusual for an insect. The Parent Bug is medium sized (7-9mm), is reddish brown in colour and over-winters as an adult.

It emerges in the spring to mate and the male dies shortly afterwards.

The female lays her eggs on

the underside of a leaf, normally Silver Birch but occasionally on Alder. This is known as the brood leaf. When the nymphs hatch they eat their egg cases and are then herded onto the catkins to feed.

The adult female controls her young with her antennae. It is quite common for more than one adult and their young to form larger groups.

This improves the survival rate as more than one adult is more effective at seeing off predators.

When the nymphs reach their third stage they disperse, the female leaves and normally dies.

The nymphs emerge as adults from August onwards.

In the photograph you can see a parasitic fly that has just laid eggs on the bugs.

You can see the eggs on the shoulder of the adult and some of the nymphs. The fly (*Subclytia rotundiventris*) is very rare.

It is in the Red Data Book which lists vulnerable and threatened species in Britain. It is the first time this has been recorded in Derbyshire and is rarely photographed in the wild.

Once again I have been very lucky and have been informed that this may be the only photograph in Britain showing this activity.



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DO YOU SUFFER FROM SUPERMARKET SYNDROME?

Perhaps you love shopping and maybe the thought of playing human pinball with ten thousand others on a Saturday morning excites you but for many, the prospect of the weekly shop is, at the least, stressful. Recently, doctors have reported a growing number of people arriving at their surgeries with such bizarre symptoms that a new condition has become recognised, known as 'Supermarket Syndrome' or simply SS.

What are the symptoms of SS? How do I know if I am suffering?

The vast majority of people diagnosed with the condition complain of a feeling of detachment, a certain light-headed bewilderment as they commence their shopping trip. It usually begins in the supermarket car-park. Sufferers may imagine that the parking spaces are conspiring to elude them and that they will be trapped in a state of gridlock for eternity. Once inside the store it may feel as though the shopping aisles have turned in to a maze where all the exits are blocked off by deaf trolley pushers.

Eye contact with others can become painful. One may pretend not to notice friends, acquaintances and in-laws (although research shows that this group is frequently avoided by apparently normal shoppers).

Pleasant conversation becomes a faint memory. Shop shop! Chop chop!

Paying for ones shopping is likely to present a perplexing dilemma. Is it better to head for the short queue with the dopey looking lad with spiky hair, or would one be better off taking the long queue with the nice sensible looking lady cashier? What about the queues with the boy scouts helping with the packing (you'd think they'd know not to put the tinned tomatoes on the eggs)? Is the self-service check-out going to have it in for you like it did the last time - "Please remove the last item from your bag, call the sales assistant (and sort your pathetic life out). Thank you for shopping at Morrison's." Some sufferers have been reported trying to engage the auto-till in conversation.

Assuming that one gets lucky with the fastest queue, further paranoia is likely. A possible scenario could be; "Hello", says the cashier with the sweetest of smiles. "Would you like a hand with your packing?"

"No," you reply (I'm not senile yet).

"Right-ho then", says she and then proceeds to bury you alive under your own shopping in what would appear to be her favourite game of 'I can scan faster than you can pack.'

What can I do if I am suffering from 'Supermarket Syndrome'?

Unfortunately, there is very little that one can do to alleviate the symptoms of this debilitating condition. It is a consequence of living in

modern Britain and we are unlikely to change our attitudes enough to make a significant difference.

One radical solution could be to invite a family of asylum seekers to come and live with you on the understanding that they would take responsibility for turning your entire garden into an allotment. Whole neighbourhoods could coordinate which houses would grow each particular type of crop or keep the cows, pigs, chickens etc. Perhaps a snappy slogan like "Dig For Sanity" would encourage participation.

In reality, we are much more likely to manage the problem via a 'bolt-on' approach to what is already in place. One source close to the prime minister has candidly revealed that there are already plans to introduce ticket pay machines into supermarket car-parks, 'clock-in' cards that customers will use to log the amount of time they spend in the store (goods will become dearer the longer you take to buy them).

There will be new 'quantity tax' brackets (10+ items = 2%, 20+ items = 5% etc) whereby, you would pay more if you had more items to pay for at the check-out (this runs in parallel with plans to phase out the 10 items or less fast check-out lane). We will see the introduction of one-way aisles, roundabouts and traffic lights. Supermarket police and trolley traffic wardens will be employed to enforce fluid movement and prevent needless dithering in front of the meat or breakfast cereals. There would be a compulsory 'packing badge' for Scouts and Guides.

For now the best advise that can be offered to SS sufferers is, try to be positive and remember that for all things that deteriorate with time, the shopping trip that you are about to take is likely to be a lot more fun than the one after.

Report by
The Duffield Informant



Once again local anglers have kindly donated their match fees in memory of Les Rees. A cheque for £200 was presented to Edie Green the chairman, Duffield RNL I and the treasurer by Brenda Rees at the Bridge Inn, Duffield.



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STORYTELLING, NEW BOOKS AND LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

In the New Year our usual storytime sessions will 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.

The craft group continue to meet on Monday mornings at 10am for a couple of hours to work on craft projects, so please come along if you are interested. This is a very relaxed session with members working on a number of different crafts.

We are a donation point for the Hope for Belper charity, a local volunteer run food-bank helping our local neighbours. We have a food crate placed in the library where non-perishable food can be donated.

New books in the library for the New Year include a copy of Christopher Fowler's latest

novel in the Bryant and May mystery series, London's Glory, the Peculiar Crimes Unit solve a series of dark crimes involving a sinister circus ringmaster and a femme fatale, Playing with Fire by Tess Gerritsen is a haunting new thriller featuring Julie who is in danger from her daughter Lily, the action takes place in Venice as Julie searches for the answer to why her daughter wants her dead, Rosie Goodwin's latest novel Dilly's Lass, the sequel to Dilly's Sacrifice, the story moves on at the end of World War One, when Dilly must face new challenges and hardship, Nora Roberts' latest novel Stars of Fortune is set in Corfu, the first in the Guardians Trilogy. As she searches for the jewel known as the Fire Star, Sasha Riggs finds love and magic are sparked into life when she meets Irish magician Brian Killian.

We also have a copy of

Alexander McCall Smith's latest collection of short stories titled Chance Developments, taking inspiration from old photographs the author imagines the stories behind them, each character finds love and realises that is ultimately what matters.

I have just finished After You by Jojo Moyes, the long awaited sequel to Me before You. The story continues after Will's death; Lou is lonely, depressed and struggling in a low paid job with no prospects, she opens a door and risks everything as she chaotically tries to keep her promise to Will to live. This is a tender, funny and hopeful look at love, grief and life and a very pleasant and enjoyable read.



Advance notice of an event in February - Local author, John Martin is giving a talk about crime fiction and referencing his latest book, Crime Scene Britain and Ireland. The event is free but places must be booked, please ring the library on 01332 840324 if you would like to secure your ticket.

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND NOT A DROP TO DRINK

It seemed more than ironic when last month's climate change conference in Paris was illustrated by unprecedented rainfall in the north west of Britain as yet another trail of storms tracked across the Atlantic. The "worst since records began" has become a common phrase and even the most resolute sceptics must be realizing that we are in a warming climate phase – irrespective of the arguments about the root cause.

Watching those terrifying pictures of the floods in Cumbria just a few weeks before Xmas reminded me once again of how lucky we are to live in a relatively safe area where previous work on the two rivers (Derwent and Ecclesbourne) has meant that severe village flood events are now a rare event.

Children can no longer earn money pushing stranded cars out of the water in Town Street; the people in the cottages on Tamworth Street no longer have to take the chickens and the family pig upstairs (a frequent event according to Bertha Fowkes who was born in 1885 and with whom I had many conversations about her early life in Duffield); after the big snow of 1963/4 the melt water filled the Derwent and

Ecclesbourne rivers which flooded across Eyes meadow and Parsons Meadow and swirled over the top of the wall onto the main road; the platforms of the station are no longer threatened as when the water lapped over them; the field wall along Moscow straight on the A6 remains knocked down from the force of the flood water and when I was a pupil, I can remember paddling through ankle deep water around the Ecclesbourne School which, despite being raised, suffered from being built on the flood plain of the Ecclesbourne.

On the Meadow, the levels in the ponds rise and fall with the water table so there was never any need to line them with clay to retain water, as they will never truly be dry. However, in times of exceptional rainfall or sudden winter thaws of excessive snowfall, both of the adjoining rivers can rise alarmingly and both can potentially flood across the Eyes Meadow. Management of the rivers in recent decades has reduced the flood risk to the village centre

and the Derwent's flow has been regulated with sluice gates and the removal of weirs like at Peckwash Mill. This helps to minimize flood risk along its length but especially in areas of population upstream like Matlock Bath. The basin of the wetland on the Reserve fills with water when the Ecclesbourne backs up and overflows because it cannot flow into the swollen Derwent; this also now helps to minimize the amount of water that floods across the meadow and the into the copses.

This has only happened twice in the 15 years of the reserve's existence and the maturing trees are now reducing the saturation of the ground so that water does not "sit" for long on the surface. Even oak trees have only relatively short roots and tend to spread most out radially for a long distance in their need to absorb up to 50 gallons each per day when fully grown and in full leaf. In winter this reduces as transpiration form the leaves no longer takes place and there is not much growth going on.

The thick layers of river silt in the Derwent/Ecclesbourne valley that has built up over hundreds of years from regular flooding events forms rich soil and is laid over the top of ancient river gravels. When the wetland was dug out, these gravels formed part of the hardcore for the houses that were built on the old Hawley's Colour Works site – we had the work done for free in return for the builders having the spoil!

The worms move up into the top layers of the soil as the water levels rise underground and the moles react accordingly as they follow their preferred foodstuff– the largest molehill so far measured 70.6 cm (30 inches) across. If the meadow floods some worms will survive by being in air pockets trapped underground and some will drown but water would have to be there for a significant period of time to affect the overall numbers in any great measure.

In December last year there were flowers still evident – single specimens of dame's violet, dandelion, buttercup and campion. The beautiful silver, furry soft buds on the willow and the hazel catkins were well advanced. To have temperatures of 14/15C as we approached Xmas is not usual and may well have consequences for populations such as ladybirds – one or two were found vainly looking for flowers instead of hibernating. Queen wasps have not decided whether it is winter yet either – they usually hibernate before emerging as the temperatures and light levels increase to start new colonies but are being fooled by this unseasonal warmth.

BUT – thank goodness we are now moving towards the light and longer days. Spring is only around the corner – and if global warming is real – it might be quicker than you think!



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Newsletter January 2016

▸ Grants to local charities

The Council has made the following grants: DCA - £450; Massive - £500

▸ New Fees and Charges

The Council has agreed its Fees and Charges for 2016/17 for the use of Eyes Meadow and the new changing rooms and the Cemetery. The new schedule of fees and charges can be viewed at www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

▸ 2016/17 Budget and Precept

The Council has approved the budget for 2016/17.

This can be viewed on line at www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Budget provides for the running of the Council, maintenance of Eyes Meadow, the Gray Rec and the Cemetery. It also provides for the provision of a new bus shelter, CCTV on Wirksworth Corner and Footpath resurfacing in the village and at the Cemetery. The budget also provides a sum for Duffield Action Plan initiatives. The Council agreed the Precept for 2016/17. The Precept will be £125,000. This is an increase of £10,000 from 2015/16 and means that a Band E Council Tax bill will increase by £5.61 per annum.

▸ Litter Pickers

The Council has a number of litter pickers for residents who regularly litter pick in the Parish. Pop in and collect a free litter picker.



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▸ Flooding

Keep yourself up to date by signing up to the Flood Alerts by calling 0345 9881188 or by registering on line at www.environment-agency.gov.uk

▸ Chestnut Close to Derby Road Footpath

The Council is appointing a contractor to stone the surface of the footpath. Look out for it being closed temporarily for the work to be completed.

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.

Full Council Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 13 January 2016** and **Wednesday 3 February 2016** at **7pm** at the Weston Centre. **Cemetery Committee** will meet at **7pm** on **6 Wednesday January 2016** at the Cemetery Meeting Room.

Agendas, Committee Reports and Minutes can be viewed on line at www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Eyes Have It Music Festival 2016 - 15 to 17 July / Parish Council Firework Display - Friday 4 November

BEWARE: FRAUDSTERS POSING AS POLICE OFFICERS

This month's article contains items I've recently received from Action Fraud.

There has been a recent series of incidents whereby fraudsters either phone or attend the home address of elderly members of the public, claiming to be police officers. The fake officer/s will claim that they are investigating a fraud which they believe the elderly person to be a victim of.

The fake officer/s will then request the bank cards and personal identification numbers (PIN) of the victim and claim these are needed for investigation purposes. If the first contact was made by a phone call, the fake officer/s will tell the victim that someone will be over to collect the evidence.

In one case the victim was instructed to attend their local bank and withdraw all of the money from their account. The suspect was left alone in the victim's house whilst the victim carried out the instructions.

Ways to protect yourself include:

- Before letting anyone into your home who claims to be from any law enforcement agency, ask to see their identity card and check it by calling 101
- Ask if they can attend at a pre-arranged time when a family member or friend can also be present
- If you receive a phone call from a police officer, ask for their name and force and tell them you will call them back. Wait a few minutes and then use 101 to call them back through their force's switchboard and verify their identity
- The Police will never ask for your PIN or passwords. Do not give this information to anyone
- The Police will never request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them

Fraudsters have set up a high specification website template advertising various electrical goods and domestic appliances.

These goods are below market value and do not exist. The fraudsters will request your card details via the

website; however the purchaser will then receive an email stating the payment failed and they must pay via bank transfer.

They entice the purchaser and reassure them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. The fraudsters are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Ways to protect yourself include:

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- Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities
- Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published.

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Valerie Thorpe

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- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you have not received the item.

Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product

- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

Reporting incidents: Please 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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DUFFIELD DYNAMO INTO EUROPE

A team of young footballers from Duffield pitted themselves against two Dutch sides during a recent tour of the Netherlands.

Duffield Dynamo Under 18 Tigers also enjoyed a visit to the Amsterdam Arena - the home of Ajax - the country's most successful club.

A total of 16 lads, aged 17 and 18, along with six brave dads, headed to Holland to enjoy some football and a bit of culture.

After a tour of the Dutch capital on a canal cruise, the

Tigers faced their first opponents AVV Swift, who boast a new £3m home.

Dynamos team manager Stewart Russell said: "Unfortunately, despite advising our relative footballing level, we had the misfortune to be pitched against their Academy first team.

"The half-time score saw Duffield trailing 1-0, which was extremely creditable, but the final result of 6-0 was a fair reflection of the gap in respective quality."

Cultural highlights of the trip included the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, as well the tour of the AFC Ajax stadium.

It was a fitting preparation for the Tigers' second competitive game, although three wrong-turns by the coach driver saw the lads arrive more than an hour late for the match at Aalsmeer.

Stewart added: "Again, it was another fantastic club with great facilities. And this time the sides were more evenly matched and Duffield won 2-1! Afterwards, the players and

officials were able to meet and mingle - and play some table football. There was a great team spirit."

The team then headed into Amsterdam for a final night 'on the town' - with all returning safe and sound within curfew time.

Duffield Dynamo FC, which is one of the largest participation amateur football clubs in the country, is hoping the links established by this tour could be used by other year-groups in the future.

INTERCOUNTY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP AT DUFFIELD

Duffield Squash Club hosted stage one of the mens Inter County Championship consisting of teams from Derbyshire 2, Cumbria, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire 2.

Three Duffield players were involved for Derbyshire, John Slater, Kyle McBride and Sam Yallop although McBride failed a late fitness test before the event started. Derbyshire narrowly took 2nd place to make the play offs, Yorkshire comfortable finished top with Cumbria and Lincolnshire finishing 3rd and 4th respectively.

Derbyshire were soon put back down to earth with a 5-0 drumming by Yorkshire. This left Derbyshire needing to



Back row: Mitchell Cook, Kyle McBride, Tom Gregory. Front row: John Slater, Sam Brown, Sam Yallop.

beat Cumbria in their last game to make the play offs. Things were looking rosy for Derbyshire as they took a 2-0 lead with Sam Yallop and Mitchell Cook winning 3-0. That was when Lincolnshire's fightback began, as Paul Bell and James Worsick levelled their matches. The crucial match took place on the show court in what turned out to be a fiercely contested and often controversial affair.

Derbyshire's Tom Gregory held sway in the decider taking it 11-7, 10-12, 12-10, 12-10 after 69 minutes to put Derbyshire in the play offs!

After getting off to a flyer beating Lincolnshire 3-2,

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DUFFIELD STAGE SQUASH PREMIER LEAGUE RECOVERY

Champions Duffield bounced back from a devastating home 4-1 defeat by Leicester to win 3-2 at Pontefract despite being without their top players **Nick Matthew and Laura Massaro**.

Millie Tomlinson and Richie Fallows won for Duffield to cancel out Pontefract victories for Patrick Rooney and LJ Anjema.

In the top match decider Duffield's Chris Simpson came from a game down to beat James Willstrop, putting Duffield just ahead of Birmingham on 75 points and one point behind leaders Leicester.

Pontefract 2-3 Benz Bavarian Duffield

James Willstrop 1-3 **Chris Simpson** 11-9, 6-11, 9-11, 7-11

Laurens Jan Anjema 3-2 **Declan James** 11-5, 5-11, 11-3, 4-11, 11-8

Simon Parke 0-3 **Richie Fallows** 5-11, 4-11, 6-11

Patrick Rooney 3-1 **Ashley**

Davies 13-15, 11-9, 15-13, 11-5
Fiona Moverley 0-3 **Millie Tomlinson** 6-11, 5-11, 14-16.

Group A leaders Benz Bavarian Duffield, strengthened by the availability Nick Matthew on his return from the World Champs in Bellevue, took the lead as Laura Massaro beat Emily Whitlock, but visitors Everards Leicester took the next three men's matches to inflict Duffield's first defeat. Daryl Selbe was leading 2-0 in the final match when Matthew retired injured,

Benz Bavarian Duffield 1-4 Everards Leicester

Nick Matthew 0-3 Daryl Selby 7-11, 3-11, rtd

Declan James 1-3 Nafizwan Adnan 11-8, 8-11, 10-12, 5-11

Richie Fallows 2-3 Shaun Le Roux 9-11, 14-16, 11-8, 11-6, 7-11

Danny Hockburn 0-3 Ben Coleman 6-11, 7-11, 6-11

Laura Massaro 3-0 Emily Whitlock 11-6, 11-2, 11-5

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