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## NEW FACES JOIN FLETCHER AND COMPANY

Fletcher and Company, are pleased to announce the arrival of Jon Williams who has recently joined the Fletcher and Company team after many years at Scargill Mann, Derby.

Jon brings to our busy estate agency business, many years of experience in the local property market and is already a familiar face to many of our local vendors and buyers.

Steve Fletcher, Director and owner since the business started in Duffield in 2006 says "Jon's arrival has given me the opportunity to place



the day to day running of the business in Jon's capable hands, he joins me as Associate Director. Although I remain fully involved in the business, I feel that Jon's fresh

approach and experience will add to the service our team are currently able to offer. Jon enjoys the full support of the team, many of whom he has previously worked with."

The existing Fletcher and Company office comprises Karen Fairholm, previously from Gadsy Nichols, who is an invaluable Senior Negotiator, Mary Johnson-Evans, our highly experienced Residential Lettings Manager and Beverley Hull, who joined the office in January as an experienced Senior Valuer. Many clients will remember Beverley from her Graham Penny and Burchell Edwards days! To anticipate the needs of vendors and buyers, Phil O'Brien has joined Gordon Fletcher as the second ... continued on page 3.



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**SILVER LEAVES**

**13th June:** Good Companions and their singers.  
**27th June:** Jean Gemmell - talk on long lived ladies.  
 All events held at the Methodist Schoolroom, King Street, Duffield 7.30-9.00pm. All welcome.

**DUFFIELD GARDENING CLUB**

10am at the Weston Centre.  
**Saturday, 3rd June**  
 Our Speaker will be Rodney Weston "Composting at home and on the allotment"  
**Saturday, 1st July**  
 Our Speaker will be Jeff Bates "Herbaceous Plants and borders"  
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**DCA CHILDRENS' ART COMPETITION**

OPEN for entries entitled The Beauty of Colour! If you live or go to school in Duffield and are aged 5-14 pick up your entry forms,

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paper and instructions from any of the schools or the Library. Prizes and trophies!  
**Closing date June 23rd**  
 (Any queries contact Di on 07511230320 or www.duffieldartsfestival.com.)

**The Janis Clark SHORT STORY COMPETITION**

**OPEN to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Duffield!** Write/type up to 500 words on 'The Beauty of Colour' (or 300 words if you are 7 or under), attach a cover sheet with your name age and contact details and put it in a FESTIVAL collection box (at the Schools, Duffield Library, Duffield News). Prizes in all age groups! Good Luck!  
**Closing date noon June 23rd**  
 (Full rules available on www.duffieldartsfestival.com)

**DO YOU RUN A SOCIAL OR ACTIVITY GROUP FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN DUFFIELD?**

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**DERWENT SINGERS**

Next concert on **Saturday 1st July** at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, South Church St. Bakewell DE 45 1FD. Tickets £10  
 The programme is:  
 Mozart Requiem and Bach's Singet dem Herrn accompanied by Beata Toyka and Gillian Bithel who will also play music duets by Mozart and Schubert.  
 Further information: secretary@derwentsingers.org.uk

**From the cover...**

Accompanied Viewing Representative, which allows the team to offer sales and lettings viewings at weekends and most evenings.  
 Kay Fletcher has joined as Accounts Administrator and Debbie Cavill works wonders preparing sales/lettings literature and assisting Mary with the lettings side of the business. Jon's wife Annette, who has lots of sales progression/sales negotiating experience, also from Graham Penny completes the team and will share the sales progression role with Karen. Fletcher and Company would be delighted to introduce their new staff to existing and new clients, so if you would like a free sales or rental valuation, advice in relation to getting your home ready for the market or any other property query, please call in to the office on Town Street or give them a call on 01332 843390. www.fletcherandcompany.co.uk

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Sunday lunch now becomes a possibility. The new train services are the 08:03 and 17:14 from Duffield to Matlock and the 09:05 and 18:09 from Duffield to Nottingham. These extra services will be part of a total of 18 trains operating on the Derwent Valley Line on Sundays serving all stations between Derby and Matlock with all but 2 trains running to and from Nottingham. Visit: [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk).

## JOIN DUFFIELD SINGERS CHOIR



The Duffield Singers are looking for new members to join our choir. We are a community choir of all ages who have fun together discovering the joy of music. Led by the very talented and inspirational director Dana de Waal we sing a wide range of music including choral, world, folk, jazz, gospel, songs from the shows and music composed specially for us. They rehearse every Wednesday at St Margaret's

Church from 7.45pm until 9.45pm and perform locally throughout the year. No audition is necessary. Why not go along and sing with them at no cost for 4 weeks to see if you would like to join? See the Duffield Singers perform during Carnival Week on Wednesday 21 June at 7.30pm in St Alkmund's Church. Contact them at [theduffieldsingers@gmail.com](mailto:theduffieldsingers@gmail.com) or find The Duffield Singers on Facebook. [www.duffieldsingers.org](http://www.duffieldsingers.org).



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# TOILET AREA TRAINING YOUR DOG

Having an area which is used solely for your dog to use as a toilet has many benefits

- Prevents urine marks on your lawn
- Prevents leaving remnants of faeces where children may play
- Easier and quicker to keep clean. Not having to search whole garden for dog mess
- Dogs can be taught to toilet on command
- Not having to clean up dog mess on walks

It is best to start training as a puppy, but older dogs can also learn how to toilet on command:

- The bigger the dog the bigger area will be needed
- With puppies, it is best to have the area close to the house
- It does not matter what

surfaces you use, but consider how to keep it clean

**Times to take your dog to the toileting area**

- 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the morning
- After he has been fed, playtime or sleeping
- Before walks

**Commands and rewards**

- Always take dog out on lead to the area. Once your dog knows to go to

toilet here we can than give him/her freedom

- Let the dog sniff area but say nothing
- Once dog starts to relieve itself add in a command word
- Then reward with food treat and freedom to play

**Accidents**

- Accidents will happen at the beginning of training

- Never tell your dog off if he goes somewhere else but take him back inside the house
- If you catch your dog about to go elsewhere in the garden call it excitedly to toilet area or take to the toileting area. Remember to reward if he goes in the correct place
- Remember to be vigilant at the beginning of training to catch the body language of the dog before it goes to the toilet



**Keep the area clean**

- At the beginning of training keep small amount of dog's faeces in the area to encourage your dog to toilet here
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# ART AND CRAFT SHOW FAMILY DOG SHOW

Duffield Evening WI is pleased to announce the return of the Duffield Village Art and Craft Show. After its success in its inaugural year last year, the tradition continues! Once again, you are invited to show off your creative talents – painting, photography, cooking, etc.



The categories are:

Preschool to year 6: Garden on a plate

Preschool to year 10: Portrait of a pet – your own or belonging to someone you know

Adults and Children (no lower or upper age limit!):

- Victoria sponge cake filled with raspberry jam
- Homemade strawberry jam
- A Duffield photograph taken within the last twelve months
- A poster on the Duffield Carnival theme of 'Musicals'
- A comedy vegetable

All exhibits will be displayed in the Main Marquee on 24th June 2017 - Carnival Day.

An independent panel of judges will judge all entries. Entry forms and guidelines are available by emailing: [duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com](mailto:duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com). The entry form can also be downloaded from the Carnival website: [www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk](http://www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk).

**Entry fee for all categories is £1.** This event was well supported and popular with Carnival goers in 2016 and we hope you'll be keen to keep the tradition going and share your skills at this year's Carnival 'Village Art and Craft Show'.

Scarsdale Vets will be holding a Family Dog Show as part of the Duffield Carnival this year on Saturday 24th June at Eyes Meadow.

Entry for the dog show is only £2.00 per entry per class. Registration will be on the day at the Carnival on 24th June by the main arena.

The five categories:

1. Dog with the waggiest tail
2. Best Junior Handler
3. Dog who looks most like their owner
4. Most obedient dog
5. Open class - all welcome

All entrants will get a Scarsdale 'goody bag'. All dogs placed 1 - 6 will receive a rosette. A trophy will be given for 'Best in Show' Entry on the day. Proceeds will be given to charity.

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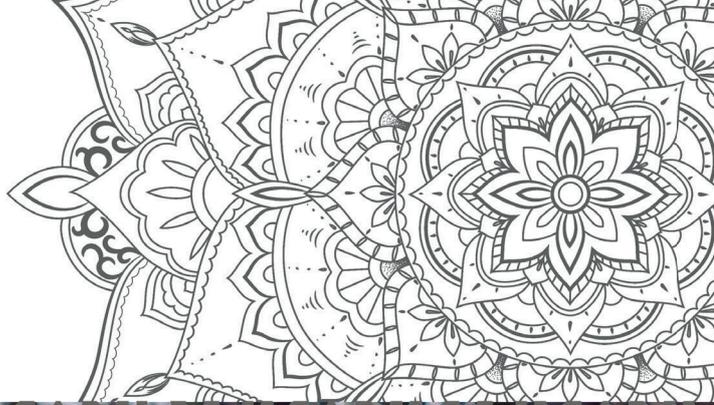
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The last booked passenger service for 23,309 days ran from Wirksworth to Duffield at 6:07pm on Saturday 14th June 1947.

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway are commemorating this sad event and celebrating the railway's rebirth over the weekend of Fri 16th Jun - Sun 18th June with a series of events on each day.

On the Saturday the New Mills Band will be entertaining travellers during the day.

On the Sunday of the closure anniversary weekend, Chesterfield's Pomegranate

Youth Theatre will re-enact events from the life of the railway at both Wirksworth and Duffield stations.

The Ecclesbourne Valley Railway also has the visiting steam LMS 'Jinty' No. 47406 is to help celebrate a long list of anniversaries this summer every weekend until 6th August as well as for the 1950s event on August Bank Holiday Weekend too. Travel back to yesteryear on board our heritage coaches through the beautiful Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, to the sound of a vintage steam locomotive. There are three return trips per day, leaving Wirksworth at 11:15, 13:20 and 15:15 and leaving Duffield at 12:10, 14:10 and 15:10 (timings may be different at some special events).

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# Duffield Carnival & Music Festival

18th – 25th June

Carnival week is 18th - 25th June, with the procession and activities on Eyes Meadow being on **Sat 24th June**. This year's theme is 'Musicals', so with your singing voices ready, get creative - dress up, decorate a buggy / wheelbarrow or join with friends to create your own entry! Meet at Avenue Road at 12.30pm, ready for a 12.45pm start.

**Please note only those in full fancy dress get free admission to Carnival**, so even if you are accompanying children in the parade please buy your ticket in advance; available from Town Street Fish Bar, Duffield News, Meadow Vale Stores and the Pattenmakers Arms, saving £1 per ticket if bought by Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>.

SUN

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## CROWNING OF THE PRINCESS

The first event in the run up to carnival day is the **crowning of the Princess** at **St Alkmunds Church Garden Party** on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 3-5pm. There will also be a BBQ, music, bouncy castle and crafts for children.



## FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

To kick off Carnival week we have the ever-popular family Treasure Hunt on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Bring your dad along to a Father's Day treat and take part in a fun family activity which starts and ends in the Pattenmakers Arms. Arrive between 1.30pm and 2.30pm to start with prizes for the winners kindly donated by Amanda Hamilton Interior Design. Entry £1 per adult, children free.



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## DUFFIELD FIVE

The Duffield Five steeplechase is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a 5 mile cross country run up and over the Chevin and not for the faint hearted! With runners of all ages and ability taking part, this is always a fun and healthy way to start the week! Register at Duffield Meadows Primary School on Park Road from 6.15pm for a 7pm start. Cost for entry is £3.50 for adults and £3.00 for children.



TUE

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## FAMILY BBQ

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> there will be the **Family BBQ** on Eyes Meadow which is very kindly provided free of charge by the 5 churches of our village. Head down there for a 6.30pm start. Take a picnic blanket and enjoy a relaxed evening. **The Organ Grinder** (and his monkey) will be there again to entertain with a bit of light music too.



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## SPORTS SPECTACULAR

The **Sports Spectacular** will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at Duffield Meadows School playing fields. For children from Pre-school to year 6 it's always a fun evening of games and challenges. Registration starts at 5.30pm with awards usually presented at around 7.15pm by the Carnival Princess and her attendants. Price for entry is £1 per child.



## THE DUFFIELD SINGERS

The **Duffield Singers** will be holding a concert on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at St Alkmunds Church. Starting at 7:30pm, it's sure to be an entertaining evening of music.



The Carnival Crew Volunteers look forward to seeing you during the week  
So pop the dates on your calendar! Visit: [www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk](http://www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk).

SAT

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**CARNIVAL DAY**

**Carnival Day** is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> with lots on offer for everyone. Admission on the day: Adults £4, Primary school children FREE, Secondary school (years 7 - 11), and over 65s are £2. Those in full fancy dress in the procession are FREE. The Day will start at 12.45pm with the procession from Avenue Road lead by The **Breaston Highlanders**. This year we will have **Scarsdale Vets Family Dog Show**. Bring your dogs along and register on the day. Categories will be advertised in the carnival programme. We will have a **Circus Skills workshop**, **David Gibb Music Theatre workshop** and the **WI Arts and Crafts show**. There will be a **Hog Roast**, very kindly donated by Anthony Andrew Butchers, and a **BBQ**. The **Cumberhills WI** will be serving hot drinks and cakes in their marquee. We will also be joined by **Barista Italian Coffee**, **Bluebell Dairy**, **Inspired by Vegetables** and **Town and Country Pizzas**. A licenced bar will also be provided by the **Duffield Cricket Club** and supported by **The White Hart**.



**LIVE MUSIC**

**Breakin' Rocks** will begin the evening's entertainment in the main marquee at 5.10pm followed by **Rogue Embers** and **Wam Bam Band**. There will also be musical entertainment for the teenage carnival goers in our small marquee. Both will finish between 9 – 9.30pm.



Breaking Rocks



Rogue Embers



Wam Bam Band

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# The Meadows Hidden Gems – Weevils

Weevils belong to the order Coleoptera which includes all beetles. They are a highly successful group known as the *Curculionidae*. They are characterised by their prominent snout called the rostrum which has the jaws at the tip. This family is represented by over 400 species in Britain. They are easily identified by their elbowed antennae which are located halfway along the rostrum. They are mainly herbivores and lay their eggs inside the host plant where the larvae feed. In developing countries they can become serious pests on grain crops. Attempts to control them with insecticides have often failed as they have evolved resistance to the toxins in these chemicals. The larvae are short and cylindrical and have no legs. They propel themselves by means of thick ridges on the underside of the body. The larvae feed inside the plants, unlike the adults, who generally feed on the outside of the plant. Weevils are unusual in that they use their mouth parts to drill a hole in the host plant into which they lay their eggs.



The first species for this month is the Acorn Weevil (*Curculio glandium*). It grows to between 4 - 8mm, the female being larger than the male with a much longer snout. The photograph shows a female. The adults can be found on Oak trees in the summer and autumn. The female uses this extraordinary snout to drill

into acorns where she then lays her eggs. The hole is sealed and the larvae feed inside the acorn until they eventually bore their way out. They drop to the ground and pupate in the soil. They leave a small hole in the wall of the acorn which is sometimes the only indication that this species is in the area. The photograph, I

am sure, is the only one of this species taken in Derbyshire as I cannot find any other records for the county!

The second species is *Apion fumentarium*. It does not have an official English name but is sometimes called the Red Dock Weevil. This small bright red-orange beetle is usually less than 4.5mm in length. It feeds on the larger species of Dock where, due to its bright colour, it should be easy to spot. Unfortunately, it spends most of its time on the underside of the leaves and is often overlooked. The female drills holes into the leaf stalks and stems of the food plant into which she lays a single egg. These holes are normally too small to accommodate the whole egg so they are covered with a black excretion. The larvae hatch within 7 days and tunnel into the plant stems. Full development from egg to adult takes three to four months. The adults emerge between April and June but hide underground for about four months during the summer before becoming active again in the autumn.



**Mick Ball (The Bugman)**

# A TASTE OF THE KEDLESTON

By Joe Wood, Head Chef



Finally it's summer. The shorts are on, sun tan a nice healthy share of lobster. Ok. Full disclosure here, this gets written a good month before its published. So for anyone looking out of the window at it raining cats and dogs, I apologise. It was wishful thinking. But anyway, weather aside, strawberries are synonymous with British summer time; think summertime, where strawberries and cream are an institution – 28,000kg of strawberries are served each year, and 7000 litres of cream – at £2.50 a pop I'll let you do the maths – I've run out of fingers (they also get through 28000 bottles of champagne and 230000 glasses of Pimms, but who's counting.)

Anyway, back to the strawberries, obviously they are now available all year round. #however, these imported varieties are picked under ripe in order to stop them turning to mush during transportation. However, this does not give the flavour time to develop, and so are vastly inferior to their seasonal British counterparts.

Funky strawberry fact: they are not actually a berry. Berries have seeds on the inside, strawberries the outside. They are however related to the rose. Five strawberries contain more vitamin C than

an orange. Which makes them healthy. Don't hold this against them though, they taste pretty great, raw or cooked, and have been one of our most popular fruits for centuries. The Romans used them for their medicinal qualities, (prescribing them for anything from depression to bad breath, and cultivated in Europe from the 14th century – Charles V of France had 1200 strawberry plants in his garden, and he was known as 'the wise'...

Onto the UK, and during medieval Britain, strawberries were eaten with sour cream and Borage as a breakfast for newly weds, due to its aphrodisiac qualities. As it has just been pointed out this has featured in the past two articles also, I think we should move swiftly on.

The quintessential pairing with cream is credited to Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, who instructed his cooks to serve it at his lavish parties for Henry VIII at Hampton Court.

So this month's recipe is Baked Alaska. Served with a strawberry syrup and berries, it epitomises summer: hot meringue, cold ice cream, it can be made in advance and kept in the freezer, before banging it in the oven – making it perfect for dinner parties so you can impress without breaking a sweat.

## Baked Alaska

**Yield: 10 portions**

### Ingredients:

#### Meringue:

200g egg white  
400g icing sugar

#### Biscuit base:

90g plain flour  
90g ground almonds  
120g icing sugar  
80g honey  
220g beurre noisette  
220g lightly beaten egg white

#### Ice cream:

**10 balls Vanilla Ice Cream**  
(we make our own here at the restaurant, but a shop bought variety will work just as well)

#### Strawberry Syrup:

500g Strawberries,  
50g Sugar,  
Juice 1 lime  
Berries

### Method:

#### Ice cream:

Ball ice cream

#### Meringue:

Whisk egg till starts foaming.  
Add Icing sugar slowly.  
Whisk till stiff.

#### Biscuit base:

mix dry ingredients with honey and butter. Fold in egg white. Bake 180 deg 6 mins approx.

#### Assembly:

Ball ice cream, place on biscuit base. Pipe meringue round sides. Refreeze. Bake in oven 240degrees, 4-5 mins till meringue cooked. Serve in bowl with berries and pour on strawberry soup



Wine Match: Aprils Castello Banfi Rosa Regale Brachetto D'Acqui would work fantastically with this – for anyone who can't guess, I am quite a fan of strawberry flavoured dessert wine. Fizzy wine is always a good bet, but ensure you pick a slightly sweeter wine, a crisp dry wine will taste sour next to the sweetness of the meringue. My recommendation this month is a Monbazillac sweet wine, from the south west of France, close to the town of Bergerac. Similar to sauternes, this month's featured wine is *Chateau Haut-Bernasse Le Clos Monbazillac 2005*, and is made using the same grape varieties as sauternes (Semillon, sauvignon blanc, muscadelle), its more famous (and expensive) cousin. A rich gold colour, and sweet, with honey, apricot and berry notes, it pairs extremely well with the berries in the dish.

# THE TURQUOISE FLASH OF A KINGFISHER

When our children wanted pets we made a decision not have anything with four legs (e.g. cat or dog) as we live on the A6 and the potential for 'flat animals' loomed large as the speeding traffic zoomed past – and still does. We settled for things like stick insects which were kept in upside down plastic sweet jars and who had hundreds of eggs which quickly hatched into tiny versions of their parent – so tiny they escaped one day and were swarming over the kitchen when we returned from holiday and they had to be rescued one by one with the use of tiny dry paint brush. Over the years we kept the obligatory rabbit, a rescued jackdaw, a gerbil, goldfish and bred large exotic silk moths with wingspans of dinner plate diameter.

The ultimate legless pet was my son Dan's Indian rock python called Monty who was very interesting to keep and reached approximately 11.5 feet long before he died from a gastric condition. Monty toured the local schools (sometimes accompanied by

my mother when in her late 70's) and gave most people their first chance to touch a snake – never mind such a big one! He even led the carnival procession one year draped around my neck - much to the consternation of many of those lining the roads in the village - but he was used to being handled and posed no danger! Snakes are something we rarely see in the wild in this country. It has been estimated that more people are hurt trying to run from what they think is an adder (our only poisonous snake) than are ever harmed from being bitten. The snake you might be very lucky to catch sight of down the meadow is a harmless native grass snake. It is testimony to the success of our wetland area that we have a breeding population of these elusive creatures that like to be near water, hibernate in the

undergrowth and eat fish, frogs, insects and occasionally small rodents. The females at nearly 3 feet long are much larger than the males and are dark green/brown in colour with a distinctive yellow collar.

A rare glimpse of a shy animal is one of the pleasures of taking your time walking on the meadow. The next occasion you hear a high-pitched whistle sound, do not assume that it is a dog walker calling their animal. Instead quickly turn to look at the river (the Derwent or the Ecclesbourne) and you might be lucky to see a flash of bright turquoise as a kingfisher flashes by. These little birds are the jewels that adorn our riversides with their fabulous plumage and their clever fishing habits. Common kingfishers (*Alcedo atthis*) feed on aquatic insects such as dragonfly larvae and

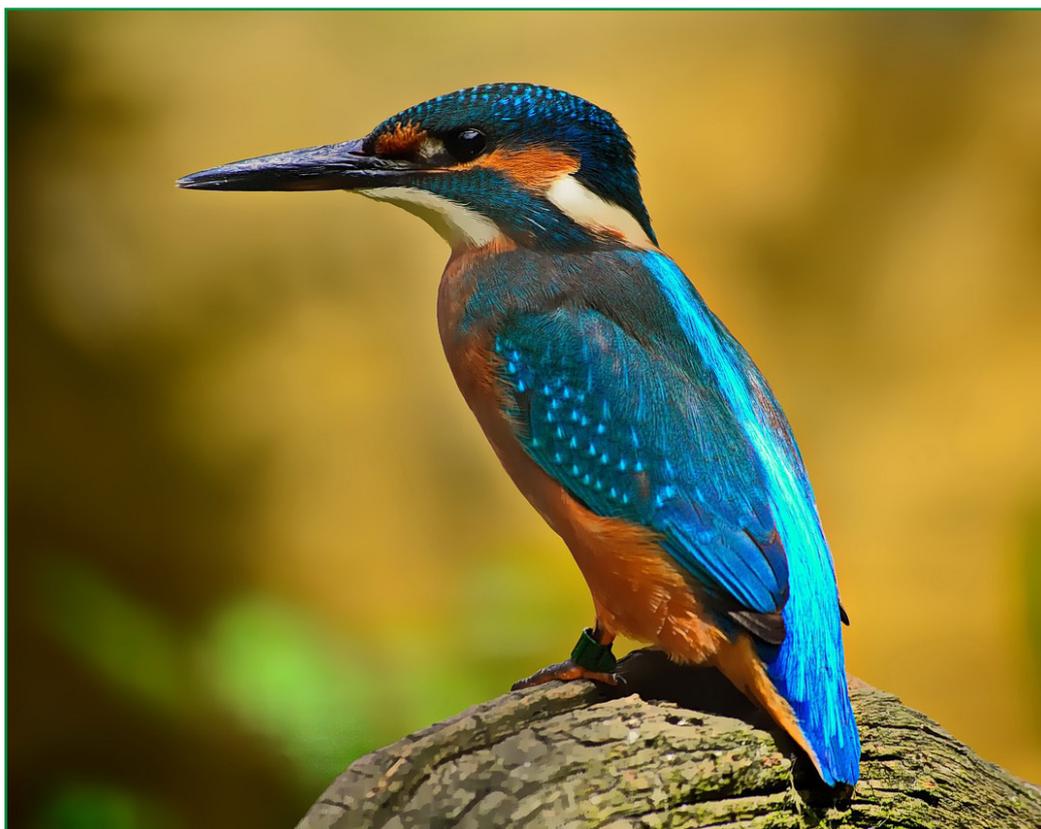
water beetles and small fish ranging from 2.5cm– 12cm long, such as sticklebacks, minnows, small roach and trout; in winter, kingfishers feed up on crustaceans including freshwater shrimps. A kingfisher usually hunts from a perch 1 – 2 metres above the water, on a branch, post or riverbank with its beak pointing downwards as it searches for prey.

When ready, the kingfisher strikes, performing a controlled vertical dive to ensure its dart-like bill is the first thing to enter the water. Though sharp and streamlined, it still generates shockwaves through the water that can startle a fish, so speed is of the essence. The difference between the kingfisher catching its prize or not can come down to a matter of a 50th of a second!

A challenge for any diving bird is the change in refraction between air and water. Like many birds, a kingfisher's eyes have two *foveae* that give it excellent sight (the fovea is the area of the retina containing the greatest density of light receptors). It is able to switch from the main central fovea to the auxiliary fovea when it enters water.

The kingfisher has monocular vision (in which each eye is used separately) in the air and binocular vision (in which both eyes are used together) in water. The underwater vision is not as sharp as in the air but the ability to judge the distance of moving prey is more important than the sharpness of the image.

So whilst russet headed goosanders dive for trout much to the chagrin of fishermen, mallards noisily rear their ducklings on the ponds, swans elegantly glide together feeding on the green, flowing reeds - the kingfishers flit up and down both rivers - flashes of electric blue the sight of which makes one feel privileged.



# SCARECROWS AT DUFFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

As part of this year's Duffield Arts Festival, the Scarecrow Festival will take place throughout the village. Last year we had over 70 amazing creations dotted around the Arts Festival venues, schools, churches, shops and of course villagers' gardens. It was a huge success with many people expressing their enjoyment of walking, scooting and cycling around the scarecrow trail.

The success of last year's festival was due to the enthusiasm and creativity of all of those taking part in making the scarecrows for which we are extremely grateful. This year we are confident that we can create an incredible scarecrow festival

again, but we need you! Get together with your family, friends, club, pub or neighbours and start thinking about making a scarecrow for the festival. This year's theme is "Monumental/Memorable Moments in History" which gives plenty of scope for ideas from an individual local villager to a world affair and everything in between. It can be a serious world changing event to a tongue in cheek poke at celebrity! There are no restrictions on the size of your scarecrow creation, it can be a small single scarecrow or a whole scene.

Scarecrows will need to be displayed from Wednesday 20th to Sunday 24th September inclusive.



Booklets containing a map of the location of all the scarecrows will be available to buy before and during the festival enabling people to follow the trail.

There will be awards for the "Favourite Scarecrow", the "Most Inventive Scarecrow" and the one that "Best Depicts the Historical Moment" split into two categories based on an "Individual/Family" and "Group/Club" entry. Entrants will be asked to think of a question about their scarecrow that those walking the trail will be able to answer. There will be a trophy awarded to a correctly answered quiz entry. All prizes will be awarded at a special Arts Festival Awards Afternoon Tea on Sunday 1st

October. All those entering a scarecrow will be invited to attend.

So put on your Worzel Gummidge thinking heads and register your interest today! Drop an email to Dawn and Gail scarecrows@duffieldartsfestival.com we will get back to you with everything you need to know to take part in the festival. Don't worry if you're not sure on how to go about making a scarecrow we are going to be holding a scarecrow making workshop in the summer - watch this space!

We can't wait for what is set to be another fantastic Scarecrow Festival for the village.

For more information visit: [www.duffieldartsfestival.com](http://www.duffieldartsfestival.com).

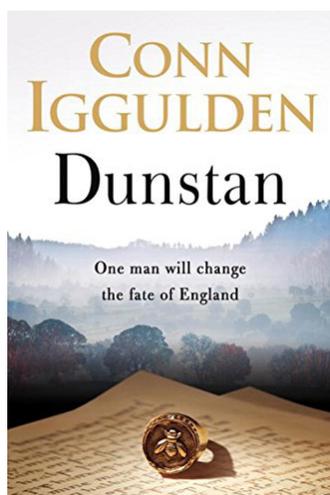
# PLENTY GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY IN JUNE

June continues to be another busy month in the library as we get prepared for the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge.

This year the theme is Animal Agents, a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crimes. With your help this band of furry, slippery and feathered friends can use their skills and natural instincts to solve mysteries – with a huge helping of fun along the way. The fun begins on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

I have recently read Norse Mythology, a dazzling retelling of the great Norse myths from the dawn of the world to the twilight of the gods, by the award-winning, bestselling Neil Gaiman, with thrilling tales of dwarfs, frost giants and Asgard. I really enjoyed this book, even as I did keep picturing Tom Hiddleston and Chris Hemsworth. Definitely recommended.

Our usual **story time** sessions continue on **Fridays** at the usual time of **11am** for half an



hour of stories for pre-school children and their carers. Just call in, no pre-booking is required.

The craft group continue to meet on **Mondays** at 10am for a couple of hours to work on craft projects, so please come along if you are interested. If anyone has any spare craft items, fabric or wool for example they would like to donate to the group then please drop it off at the library. Many thanks.

The library continues to be a donation point for the **Hope for Belper** charity, a local volunteer run food-bank helping our neighbours in Belper and surrounding areas. We have a food crate in the library where non-perishable food can be donated.

The **Chatterbooks** reading group for children aged 7-11 will be meeting on **Wednesday 21 June** from 4.30pm until 5.15pm, if you love reading why not join us? New books in the library include CD format copy of **Game Over** by **Quintin Jardine**, a supermodel is found battered and strangled and former Chief Constable Bob Skinner is called to investigate. In non-fiction, **Neuropolis** by **Robert Newman**, based on a new BBC Radio 4 series Newman explores the scientific breakthroughs that have turned received ideas of brain science upside down. New hardback fiction includes a new novel



by **Conn Iggulden** titled **Dunstan**, a stand-alone story set in tenth-century England. Dunstan of Glastonbury stands at the side of King Æthelstan, as they ready themselves to bring England together.

**Heart Storm** by **Richard Castle**, a story set in New York where characters Nikki Heat and Derrick Storm work together to stop a villain who has the resources and ruthlessness to kill them both.

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# CHEVIN GOLF CLUB TEAM RESULTS

## Chevin Club Team

The club team have played their first match of the season against Matlock.

Their Captain Malc Morley Matlock put out their big hitting Professional, Christian Goodman. We, however, had our secret weapon.

Making their team debuts for 2017 were Pete Rawling, Ian Robinson and young Tom (Allen). Regrettably, despite our best efforts, Chevin went down by 2 matches to 4 with Craig Cunliffe and Colin Yallop winning, as normal. Well done guys. Our other win came from Captain Neil Armstrong playing with our assistant professional, Connor Steels, as Willie stepped aside to let Connor and Christian battle it out for the longest drive trophy (not that there was one). Connor, had a fantastic day at the office, with, amongst other notable holes (he was seven under par for the first 13 holes), birdies on



Tribulation (Chevin 8<sup>th</sup> hole) and Swainsley, (Chevin 12<sup>th</sup> Hole) and an eagle on The Chevin (Chevin 10<sup>th</sup> Hole). Well Done to Connor!!

## Scratch Team

The Scratch Team played their first match against Burton and were victorious, winning 8 – 2. Well done, great result.

## A Team

The A Team have started the year off well by winning their first two matches against Bakewell and Rolls Royce.

Hopefully their next match against Broughton Heath will be the same result.

## Seniors Section

The Seniors Spring Meeting took place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, the weather was good, the course looked lovely and a great day out was had by 28 members.

The winning score with a magnificent 41 points and the winner of the Bob Wrigley Trophy was Ian Shand, shown being presented with his trophy by Seniors Captain Nigel Brooks.

The winning team was Colin Rhodes, Ian Shand and John Foxall

## Chevin Ladies Matches

### Silver Teams

The Red Team had a great win at home to Cavendish 4/1. Amazingly, the rain held off for most of our away match at Chapel en le Frith. This was a course new to most of the

team and although we lost 2/3, the matches were very close. We look forward to the return game at Chevin in July when hopefully it will be dry.

The Blue Team have played away to Chesterfield with a close match but sadly a loss 3/2 but a good win of 3/2 at home to Kedleston.

## Bronze Team

The Bronze Team have played one match against Chesterfield which after a close fought battle lost 3 - 2

## MELISSA REID

Melissa Reid is playing on the LPGA Tour in America and has competed in the Volunteers of America Texas Shootout, where she finished tied 17<sup>th</sup>.

She is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Ladies European Tour Rankings and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the points total for the Solheim Cup standings.

## LADIES 'GET IN TO GOLF' IN JUNE

Have you thought about learning to play golf?

Now the summer is here it is a good time to be getting out in the fresh air and enjoy some exercise.

Chevin Golf Club in Duffield are taking part in the England Golf promotion and holding a FREE TASTER SESSION for ladies on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm followed by a free glass of wine in the clubhouse afterwards. Equipment will be provided.

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Melissa Reid



# Newsletter June 2017

## Anti-social Behaviour

The Parish Council meeting in May discussed the ongoing issues with anti-social behaviour that the village has been experiencing. It was well attended by the Police and local residents. It was agreed at the meeting to form a village working group. This is made up of volunteers who nominated themselves at the meeting. The Working Group will focus on 2 themes - 1) policing and protecting residents and 2) youth activities/ community support for young people.

The Parish Council would once again remind residents who have witnessed or been affected by crime or anti-social behaviour, to call 101 and get an incident number as soon as possible.



## Parish Council Annual General Meeting

At the Parish Council AGM on the 3rd May, Cllr Ken Raynor was elected Chairman of the Council, with Cllr John Rowlands elected Vice Chair. Cllr Nick Storer was elected Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Cllr Steven Evanson was elected Chairman of the Recreational Committee and Cllr Ken Raynor as Chairman of the Council was elected Chairman of the Strategy, Finance and General Purpose Committee.

## Parish Council Volunteers Awarded Certificates

Duffield is very fortunate to have many residents who volunteer their time and expertise to help the village. As a token of appreciation for their time and commitment these voluntary advisors to the Parish Council were given certificates: Luke Heaton (Flood Warden); Chris Johnson, Di Hancock and John Kelly (Recreational Advisors); Jeanette Arnold (Tree Warden); Mark Spilsbury (Traffic Advisor); John Raw, David Crowson and Keith Redfern (Footpath Advisors).



## New Dog Bins on Stiles Walk/Cockpit Lane

A total of four new Dog Bins have been installed by the Parish Council on Stiles Walk and Cockpit Lane (the paths alongside the railway line and Appletree Medical Practice), where residents have told us they are most needed. We hope that dog walkers will find them useful.

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

**The Parish Council's Full Council Meeting** will take place on **7th June 2017** at **7pm**. Meetings are held at the Weston Centre.

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

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**Dates for your diary - Duffield Carnival 24th June • The Eyes Have it Music festival 7-9th July  
Duffield Arts Festival 23-24th September**

# HELLO FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Greetings Duffield, from the wider Neighbourhood Watch support team! This issue sees us heading into summer, and with that brings (hopefully) the warmer weather and ample opportunities for working in the garden, BBQs, and holidays. What's not to like? But with the warmer weather also brings opportunities for an increase in theft and burglaries. With that in mind, we'd like to remind you of the following advice:

- Don't leave valuables on display
- Don't leave open windows unattended
- Don't leave your front door unlocked when you're working in the garden
- Be mindful of leaving car windows open or

doors unlocked while you're not around

Most theft and burglaries are opportunistic, and it only takes a few seconds for somebody to reach in through the window and grab whatever they can see. Items like laptops, mobile phones, tablets and keys are all very easy to take. So what can you do to help? Put your valuables in places that can't be seen easily from the outside, make sure your windows aren't open enough to allow a person to reach in or climb through, and your doors are kept locked. In some areas, Neighbourhood Watch coordinators have performed foot patrols and you would be amazed at how many people leave their car windows down and satnavs or handbags on display. You might think you're only nipping in for a second or two, but it's always worth taking an extra second to consider



locking your valuables away first, because you never know who will come by in the time that you're not there.

It's not all doom and gloom, however. We are aware that Duffield is having some problems with anti-social behaviour, but a recent meeting with Kath Gruber, the Parish Council Clerk, has shown just how much community spirit is around. So many of you have come forward to volunteer your time to help, and this is just wonderful. This is something that Neighbourhood Watch was borne from – community spirit. Our aim is to nurture that and bring people together, encourage you to look out for one another and indeed support the very things that you are probably already doing – things like knowing your neighbours, keeping an eye on their property when you know they're away and vice versa, and reporting suspicious activity. These are all very simple steps that help to build a stronger community. So what can Neighbourhood Watch offer? Well, window stickers and street signs are supplied, which aid in acting as deterrents to criminal activity. We can hold community meetings, help build rapport

with the local policing team (of which, PCSO Bennett is extremely supportive), offer support and advice, and of course we can help you to access things like window and shed alarms, property marking kits, and various other items.

If you'd like to get involved, or find out more about what we can do, there are a couple of ways you can do this. There is a website you can access at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk), or you can contact Joye Dobbs, who is based in Chesterfield, on 0300 122 8526 or [chesterfielddistrictnhw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chesterfielddistrictnhw@hotmail.co.uk).

You can also follow us on Twitter (@DerbysNHW) or Facebook (Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch). We look forward to hearing from you!

## POLICE SURGERIES

### meet PCSO Paula Bennett

PCSO Paula Bennett is again running police surgeries in Duffield and the surrounding areas to meet residents.

Between 9 and 9:30am on the dates below, Paula will be available in Duffield (Ecclesbourne Close) where residents can discuss their concerns.

**Monday 5th June**

**Friday 7th July**

**Tuesday 7th August**



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# DUFFIELD DYNAMOS GIRLS TEAM CELEBRATE



**A Duffield Dynamos girls' team is celebrating a cup final victory over a previously undefeated Derby County side.**

They emerged 2-1 winners in the Derby Girls and Ladies League (DGLL) cup final held at Matlock Town's Causeway Lane ground on Tuesday May 2nd.

Commenting on the team's success, manager Andrew Davidson said: "For a small village side to beat a Derby County team whose players are handpicked at pre-season trials is an amazing achievement and we're so

proud of all the girls."

Although it was only formed a little over a year ago, the Under 11 team – which has players aged nine to 11 - has come on in leaps and bounds, particularly considering the vast majority of the squad had never played football before.

But with two training sessions a week, the girls have developed rapidly into a competent squad, with a fantastic sense of camaraderie and team spirit which has played a major role in them winning the DGLL cup final.

Derby County's coaches congratulated Duffield on

the final whistle and praised their opposite numbers for executing a "tactical masterclass" in the game.

Andrew added: "We entered the Derby Girls and Ladies League at U11 level in September and have achieved a healthy win ratio, although developing their all-round game is more important at this age.

"In the run up to the final we had some tough matches as well, also beating teams by only one goal in the quarter and semi-finals."

The Duffield team have also expressed their gratitude to

their sponsors, the Derby-based restaurant chain Anoki, which provided new kit for the girls at the beginning of the season and hosted a Christmas party.

Naveed Khaliq, owner of Anoki, said: "Everyone is so proud of the efforts of such a great young sports team who have made fantastic progress in such a short period of time.

"We're pleased that we have been part of their journey and would like to take this opportunity to wish them good luck for all of their future games and competitions."

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## ENGLAND SQUASH MASTERS 2017



Lesley Sturgess the coach from Duffield Squash Club joined the England team for the England Squash Masters Home International WO55 at Aberdeen. Played on the 19th and 20th May against teams from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Over the two day event Lesley beat Annette Davies from Wales 3-0: 9-2,9-3,9-3, beat Anne Constelloe from Ireland 3-0: 9-6,9-1,9-1, then beat Eunice Bond from Scotland 3-2: 2-9,9-5,9-7,5-9,9-4. The WO55 team results are shown in the table.

	E	I	S	W	Tot	Pos
E		17	6	9	32	2
I	0		0	0	0	4
S	16	17		17	50	1
W	3	17	1		21	3

Scotland went on to take the WO55 title with the England team coming second.

The Mens teams the MO35 and MO55 won all their matches and the MO75 only dropped one match to win the titles for this year. Full match reports are available at: [www.englandsquashmasters.co.uk](http://www.englandsquashmasters.co.uk).



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