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DUFFIELD ON VERGE OF MASSIVE RESURGENCE

A real boost to the economy of the village will take place soon as Duffield Hall is about to come to life again after lying empty and unused for months and many empty Town Street shops will soon be trading again.

The Hall and surrounding outbuildings are under offer and it is fully expected that agents Colliers International will be announcing the completion of a deal between the buyers and the owners Nationwide Building Society by the end of next month.

The exact details of many of

the deals are not being released yet but are under genuine offers.

There was great interest in the Hall and grounds including enquiries from developers, hoteliers, investors and companies seeking to move their offices into a prestigious site.

The fact that the Hall is listed reduced interest among some would be developers and conversion to a hotel was a non-starter due to the flooding dangers.

Some acreage, including two residential bungalows have already been sold and it seems



clear now for the Hall to be in full use, providing the village stores with many potential customers after some lean months.

IMS, an award winning company, are opening in Town Street on March 25th; Beauty Therapy is moving into the refurbished old

Chinese takeaway at the junction of Town Street and Tamworth Street on April 6th and there is likely to be another delicatessen on Town Street among new owners moving in to main road premises which have been shut down for too long.

• More development news inside



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Duffield Scout Group Jumble Sale 9.30 - 11.30 Sat 9th March Scout HQ - Hall Farm Road. Free Entrance

Contact: Geoff Naylor (843347) for more details.

Schubert Mass in Ab Come and Sing event with the Sitwell Singers, which will take place on Saturday 2nd March 2013, 10am-5pm in Strutt's Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper.

Contact Sheila Spilling on 01332 840574.

Village Jottings

A wine tasting dinner is to be held at Godfreys in Town Street starting at 7.30pm on March 28th.

A four course meal will be served with wines to suit each one. Coist: £30.

The Life & Mission Choir present the Easter musical Time for Jesus at 5pm on Saturday March 23rd at the Central United Reformed Church in Becketwell Lne, Derby, Ad,ission FREE.

A BEER FEST is being held at the Pattenmakers Arms in Crown Street, Duffield from Thursday March 28th until April 1st.

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Special Mothering Sunday lunch being served at Godfreys in Town Street,

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Saturday 9th March Race Night at Strutts Community Centre, Derby Road, Belper

Doors open 7.30pm First race 8pm Licensed bar. Entrance: £6 includes a pea and pie supper!

Wednesday 27th March 7.30pm at Strutt's Community Centre in the Room 10 Talks series Ashley Franklin on My Derbyshire Life.

Entrance £5 (£4.50 for members) including a glass of wine or juice.

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And now Amber Valley Info is offering one lucky Amber Valley business or community group the ultimate opportunity to benefit from the best in local

Competition is open now and the final date for entries will be the 23rd March. Winner will be announced on April 8th.

web expertise with the launch of its 'Win A Website' competition!

Thanks to Amber Valley Info and a number of top local businesses - Social Myna, Greenmouse Designs; Holly Booth Photography and Ross Lowe Copywriting, the winner will get a website of their own, completely free. And that's not all.

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Nadeem, was formerly head chef at Okra and as usual he served up his traditional Indian cuisine which originates from long afternoons spent being taught to cook by his Mother in his home town of Mirpur in Kashmir.

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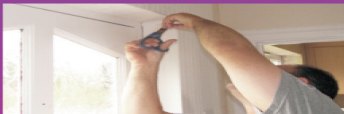
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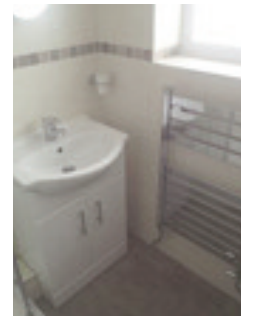


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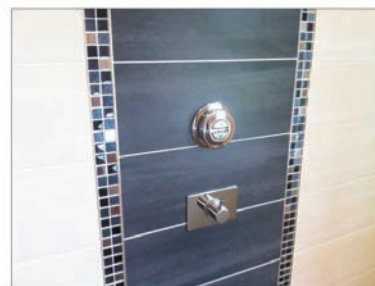
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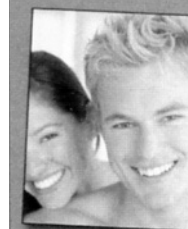
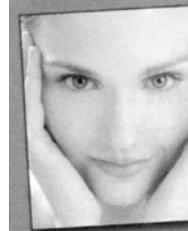
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The Mayor will be present to cut the ribbon at the “IMS Champagne Opening” free for all landlords and guests who wish to attend the celebration. IMS Lettings, Derby's No.1 Award-winning Letting Agent are opening their sixth local office and have chosen the old Derbyshire Building Society and Nationwide offices as the site

A local company begun ten years ago with a first office opened in Borrowash back in May 2003, IMS are in their 10th year.

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The 1st Duffield Scout Group is one of the most active in the Midlands.

The group comprises two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and three Scout Troops. Recently all three Scout Troops attended a memorable weekend at The Peter Watson Camp, known as Gradbach. The site is located on the western edge of the picturesque Peak District National Park, nestled in the upper reaches of the Dane Valley, on the borders of Derbyshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire.

The campsite (see picture) is located close to both Buxton and Leek, but because of the nature of the Peak District

countryside it appears to be in a world of its own!

The first challenge was to arrive in one piece during a heavy snow fall on the Friday evening. The wardens had done a great job of clearing the access roads.

Hiking and orienteering on the Saturday was an adventure in 3 feet high snow drifts.


The sun shone, the scouts coped admirably and made the best of the conditions. Olympic team challenge occupied Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

A series of eight events ensured there was something for everyone including archery; agility; balance; and strength tests.

A big thanks for all those (you know who you are!) who helped make the weekend a success.

For more information on 1st Duffield Scouts please contact Alan Hudson (Group Scout Leader).





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Celebrating Easter in Duffield

Usually, when we read someone's biography or obituary, we are interested in that person's life. We do not expect to find many details about their death. When we read the Bible, however, we find that the writers of the gospels all focus on Jesus' death on the cross. Why? Wouldn't it have made sense for them to concentrate more on his teaching, miracles and example, rather than his shameful execution? And why do Christians continue to call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday'? We'd love you to join us this Easter as we think again about the incredible meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection for us today.

Joint Good Friday Service (29th March)

The 5 churches in the village put on a joint event for Good Friday. We begin with a 'Walk of Witness' leaving from St Alkmund's at 10am, and arriving at Trinity Methodist Church for a service at 10:30am. You are welcome to join us for the walk or turn up directly at the Methodist Church.



You would also be very welcome at any of the churches for our Easter services:



Trinity Methodist Church

Sunday 24th March: 10:30am Palm Sunday Service

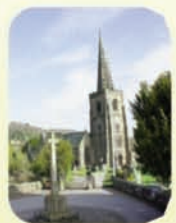
Sunday 31st March: 10:30am Easter Day Communion Service. Led by Rev Sheila Baldock.



Duffield Evangelical Baptist Church

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday Services at 10:45am and 6:30pm.

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day Services at 10:45am and 6:30pm. Led by Rev R Merrifield.



St Alkmund's Church

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday Services at 10am and 6:30pm

Friday 29th March: 2pm Reflections at the Cross

Saturday 30th March: 10am–12pm Easter Eggstravaganza—*songs, games, crafts and exploring the first Easter—for all primary school aged children.*

Sunday 31st March: 10am Easter Day Service (followed by a short service of communion)
6:30pm Easter Celebration



Emmanuel Community Church

Sunday 24th March: 10:30am Palm Sunday celebration for all the family.

Saturday 30th March: 7:30pm Easter Concert. *Music performed by the Wilmshurst and Hooper families. Cheese and wine served. Admission free, with an opportunity to donate to the community Share-a-Bus scheme.*

Sunday 31st March: 10:30am Easter Sunday celebration for all the family.



St Margaret Clitherow Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 24th March: 9am Palm Sunday - Mass

Sunday 31st March: 9am Easter Day - Mass

Details of services at Our Lady's, Belper can be found at www.epbd.com

OLD HELPS NEW TO SUCCEED

Inside a building once used to 'polish' cotton during the industrial heyday of the 19th century, a former Duffield resident has established a stylish studio that's very much an expression of the 21st century.

Photographer Simon Mackney and his wife and business partner Wendy have transformed a key building within the historic Darley Abbey Mills in to a beautiful photography and portrait studio.

Simon, 35, moved to Duffield from Essex when he was ten – a sharp contrast from the 'urban jungle' of the south to the gentle Derbyshire countryside - and he grew up and went to school within the village.

It was his father's role at Lubrizol which inspired Simon to become the rising star of the photography world that he is today, and go full circle from the industry – based work he did under his mentor David Taylor

at Lubrizol, to having his own studio in one of the most iconic examples of industry remaining today.

After college, university and stints of other jobs including a trip to the southern hemisphere, Simon returned to work for Lubrizol until he branched out and set up independently, benefiting from a grant from The Prince's Trust which enabled Simon to buy basic kit and lighting and – eventually – get the premises he and his designer wife Wendy dreamed of.

"After what felt like years of working for nothing or very little, we finally cracked it by getting to know the local market" explains Simon, who even appeared on Channel 4's Location Location Location (see pic below) when he and

Wendy were searching for a place locally in which they could both work and live. "With Wendy's design skills



and artistic knowledge combined with my photography, we are really proud of the work we produce which can range in content from a fantastic family portrait through to a week - long session with a major company" says Simon. Wendy has just been shortlisted for Breakthrough Business of the Year by the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce Business Awards and their success looks set to rise. Mackney Photography moved to The Polishing Shed in the Darley Abbey Mills in January 2012 and they have

never looked back. First time visitors to the studios will be bowled over by the stylish and diverse

interiors, including a gorgeous lounge area with sofa and wood burning stove and a dressing room complete with backstage mirrors and changing units. Compartments within the bright, light building not only form different rooms for styling and relaxing, but also create unique backdrops for shoots, including the impressive back studio with its pure white backdrop and props to rival any film unit. "We are really happy to welcome anyone along to the studio to discuss a shoot, whether simply a picture for a family member through to the full-blown image campaign for a business. "We can do so much in our new studio as well as being so close to Darley Park with its



Fancy yourself as something of a 'green' fingers do you? Good enough to show your skills on television? Well here's your chance. Silver River Productions are producing a new primetime Gardening Programme for BBC2.

The programme will be an exciting and stimulating series which will reveal all the wonderful possibilities that can be unlocked from one patch of earth. From vegetables to fruits and flowers, this programme will illustrate that gardens aren't just for sitting in!

We are looking for pairs of contestants who have the skills and the dedication to compete to be the nation's best kitchen gardener. Someone who can cultivate the perfect carrot, make their green tomatoes into award winning chutney and turn their dahlias and sweet peas into floral arrangements fit for a Queen. We would like to hear from people who believe they have the skills to compete and are interested in featuring in our series. We would be grateful if you could spread the word in newsletters, e-mail outs, social media networks such as Facebook and Twitter, or of course in person to friends and family.

If you have the skills to compete and are interested in featuring in our series, please contact

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for an application form.



The deadline for applications is 9am on the 8th of March 2013.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre is £1,100 better off thanks to the customers and staff of Croots Farm Shop near Duffield.

The charity, which provides holidays in Skegness for disadvantaged youngsters from the county, was supported by Croots during 2012.

Throughout the year, staff staged a number of fund-raising events, and now the proceeds have been handed over to David Harris, fund-raising officer at the charity.

"I'd like to say a really big thank-you to the customers and staff of Croots Farm Shop who have helped us to raise this magnificent sum," said farm shop owner Steve Croot.

Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre needs to raise more than £150,000 every year to fund 450 holiday places for disadvantaged youngsters from the county,

"We hope this contribution will be a good help," said Steve.

The team at Croots raised £600 during a sponsored cycle ride on



GETTING IT TOGETHER TO HELP GIVE DISADVANTAGED YOUNGSTERS A HOLIDAY

exercise bikes to mark the shop's fourth birthday last summer, and collected a further £70 by staging a raffle.

The shop also donated 20% from the sale of its Olympic sausages which were created to

celebrate the 2012 games, and held a range of other fund-raising events at Christmas, which brought the total amount raised to £1,100.

The farm shop, which is based at Farnah House Farm,

Wirksworth Road, will continue its support for Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre during 2013 alongside its other adopted charity, the Shire Horse Society.



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AN INTRODUCTORY HELLO FROM THE NEW BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR

Greetings to the community in Duffield!

It is a privilege to just say a few words by way of introduction.

My wife, Susanna, and I are thrilled to be serving the community through the Baptist Church.

We are looking forward to getting to know the village and many of you in doing so. What a beautiful setting!

My wife and I (see pic)met in Cape Town High School back in the mid-seventies and we became involved in dairy and sheep farming up the coast before coming to England.

I was born in Birmingham and emigrated with my parents in the 60's.

On our return to the UK we

worked on a number of dairy farms mainly in Devon.

We both continue to be passionate about farming and share the concern of many for its future in our country.

We have three sons - an archaeologist, research scientist and a business owner in a specialist field of the motor trade.

We also have two grandchildren who are great fun and we enjoy visiting them.

I left dairy farming to enter Bible College in 1993 and have since been the pastor at three churches. Duffield Baptist being the fourth.

I believe that the message of Jesus is life-changing and his teaching sets the boundaries and goals for the best way to live.



The church is a vital part of discovering who he is and how we can be true followers of Jesus. As a church we are looking forward to buildinon our current work to offer

activities and opportunities across the ages for anyone interested in discovering more about Jesus.

We look forward to meeting you.

SNAKES ALIVE AT TREETOPS NURSERY



Nursery nurse Kemma Bestwick, Adam Rudd aged 3 and Alexia Clewley aged 3



Nursery Deputy Lindsay Higley, Angeline Masiwa aged 3, Alexia Clewley aged 3

Children at Treetops Castle Garden Nursery, Duffield celebrated Chinese New Year by GETTING ALL TOUCHY-FEELY WITH A SNAKE!

The children had been talking about the Chinese New Year of the Snake and developed such a great interest in the reptile, that this week Alexia Clewley aged 3, brought Oscar her Corn Snake in to the

Nursery to meet her friends. Emily Ford (4) said "Wow! Oscar has got a square pattern underneath his tummy and he is trying to curl around Kemma's arm."

The Clever Crocs pre-school children had visited Duffield library to find some books about snakes.

Kemma Bestwick Nursery nurse at Castle Garden for six years said: "The children have

absolutely loved this experience.

They were so excited about meeting a real snake and asked lots of interesting questions"

The activities continued throughout the week as the children drew pictures, talked about patterns and found objects at home starting with the letter 's'.

The whole Nursery enjoyed

a lovely Chinese chicken noodle stir fry and prawn crackers for their lunch, while

Oscar escaped unscathed to return home with Alexei and requests for a visit from a bigger snake, like a boa constrictor , have been turned down, because, it was thought, the carers might find it too frighening!



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Our Storytime sessions will continue on Friday 1 and Friday 15 March at the usual time of 10.30am for half an hour of stories and simple crafts for pre-school children and their carers.

Just call in, no pre-booking is required.

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computer help sessions, informal and one-to-one at a pace to suit you. No experience of computers is necessary and beginners are welcome. If anyone is interested in booking one of these sessions please ring 01332 840324 or call in at the library.

For information, over the Easter break we will be closed on:

Good Friday 29 March and Easter Monday 1 April.

All other days have our normal opening hours.

On Wednesday March 6 at 6pm we are having a Page to Screen event to highlight and promote the work they do. We will be discussing our favourite books and their TV and film adaptations. Please come along to support the young people and see if you agree with our choices. The event is free and refreshments are available.

New fiction in the library this month include a debut novel, *The Last Hundred Days* by Patrick McGuinness. This story, shortlisted for the Desmond Elliott

Prize for fiction 2012, tells the funny and horrifying story of Bucharest in 1989 as ordinary Romanians watch how Europe's most paranoid regime plays out its last days.

In large print format we have a copy of *Queen without a Crown* by Fiona Buckley. The latest in the Ursula Blanchard mystery series set in Queen Elizabeth I's court. *Shadow Woman* by Linda Howard tells the story of Lizette Henry who does not recognise her reflection in the mirror. very intriguing.

New non-fiction titles include *Tasty Trinkets*, *Polymer Clay Food Jewellery* by Charlotte Stowell, *Things Get Better* by Katie Piper and *Twist and Twine*, *18 ideas for Rag Rugs* and *Home Décor* by Bobbie Irwin.

I have recently finished *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. I found it very moving and a thoroughly deserving winner of the 2012 Orange Prize.

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I AM A MOLE AND I LIVE IN A HOLE UNTIL I COME UP FOR AIR

They didn't move. Two or three lines of pigeons were perched at the far end of the field, all facing the same way, devouring the rape seed plants that were struggling to make growth despite being water logged as they have been all the time they have been in the ground.

Ignoring the two scarecrows that were drunkenly leaning, half blown over in the recent winds, the birds seemed to be having a field day and the prospect for the crop did not look promising. Until, that is, when looking to the right by the hedgerow, a small green tent with a rough piece of sacking across the front could be spied.

On second inspection, the pigeons in the field were too still and indeed, were decoys designed to lure down their living cousins who have been devouring these plants regularly and against whom the farmer was practicing this deception, poised as he was inside the tent with his gun, ready to shoot as many as he could once they landed.

It has not been a good year for anyone trying to grow crops. **The wet weather that has plagued us since last May has continued into this New Year and the main beneficiary on the Meadow seems to have been the moles (if the number of molehills is anything to go by)!**

The sudden appearance of these mounds of earth signifies a very healthy mole population and also an abundance of their favourite food – earthworms – most of which live quite near the soil's surface.

When you see a blackbird or a thrush quartering the lawn, the worms they are seeking are not far below them or are even showing through the surface of the ground and they can feel the vibrations and see minute movements.

We have approximately 25

species of earthworm in this country and they range in size from 3 – 12 cm although our biggest –the lobworm –can stretch to 35cm when moving. All earthworms breathe through their skin and have to remain moist in order to do this. However, they also have to come to the surface when it rains or when the ground becomes flooded to prevent them from drowning.

The water table on the Meadow has remained high all year and the worms, of which there can be as many as 20-40 in each square metre of soil, have remained very near the surface all the time and the moles have certainly benefitted.

It has been estimated that on farmland, the weight of the worms underneath the soil can be greater than that of the livestock on the surface! Poor soil may have 250,000/acre whereas rich

farmland can have up to 1,750,000/acre.

Lobworms (common name “night crawlers”) live in vertical burrows that usually go deep into the soil and they can brace themselves against the side of the burrow by broadening their tail. They come to the surface during the night and devour

fallen leaves and rotting vegetation before returning to their burrows where the excreted faeces (worm casts) fertilizes the soil. Worm burrows generally aerate the soil and provide good drainage holes for the rainwater to permeate through.

All our worms are hermaphrodite, which means that they have both male and female reproductive organs. However, they need another worm to mate with and once that has happened each worm separates and the clitellum – the belt like glandular

swelling found about one third of the way down the body of a sexually mature worm and which contains the egg capsule - slides forward collecting sperm as it goes before sliding off the head and sealing itself into a lemon shaped cocoon. The fertilized eggs develop inside this cocoon before fully formed immature worms emerge after 3-6 weeks.

A recent study by a PhD student in Belgium reporting in the journal “Ethology” found that worms do not seem to communicate chemically in any way but do respond to each other's touch. Thus they will follow one another and seem to have a herd instinct, forming defensive balls when required.

Talking of herds –the cattle will have been on the Meadow in the last few weeks of February and the beginning of March and I am thanking responsible dog owners for keeping their dogs on leads during this period. The cattle will have a chance to graze down some of the grass to reduce its vigour ahead of the flower show we expect across the Meadow in May/June. We are late with this activity because one animal needed an operation and the farmer needed a new County Parish Holding Number for the Meadow.

This is an EU and Government requirement for all land that is to be used for agriculture (including grazing) to be registered and if animals are to be moved, allows them to be tracked to stop the spread of diseases. Given the parlous state of the ability to track the sequences in our food chain recently, we should be glad that this regulation is being observed!

By the way, I don't know if the farmer was successful in ridding his field of pigeons but the water logged ground may decide his crop's fate anyway.



by
**Millennium Meadow
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Duffield Parish Council

Newsletter for March 2013

New Clerk for Duffield Parish Council

DPC has appointed a new Parish Clerk, Liz Page.

She has lived in Duffield for five years; her husband Richard, was born here and his parents are still resident in the village.

Liz has worked in Local Government for 10 years and is a practising solicitor.

Liz takes up the post on 25th March but she has already been down to the office in the Weston Centre getting herself familiar with the systems and talking to Chris Carter our Assistant Clerk.

We would like to say thank you to Chris for his work over the last few months filling in until Liz takes up her appointment.

Application for Grant for New Pavilion

A grant application made to Derbyshire County Council for £250,000 has been refused.

Temporary One-Way system – King Street / Hazelwood Road

All comments on the one-way system in place should be directed to Derbyshire County Council: netmanadmin@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Please mark e-mails for the attention of the 'Traffic and Safety team'.

The Parish Council can be copied in at the address below.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings start at 7pm at the Weston Centre, Tamworth Street, Duffield.

6th March 2013 Parish Council

3rd April 2013: Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council Meeting

Contacts:

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Chris Short : Borough Councillor : 01332 843781

Stuart Bradford: Borough and County Councillor: 01773 550828

SCAM TRICKSTERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

There do seem to be several scams circulating at present as I've heard from more Duffield residents.

One concerned an email purporting to be from HM Revenue and Customs stating that the lady was due for a refund of income tax and to 'click on a button' to receive this.

The give-away was that it was addressed to Dear Sir/Madam, they should know who they are addressing!

This particular scam has also been received by other Duffield residents.

Another scam was a telephone call supposedly from the police stating that they were concerned that someone was illegally using a stolen credit card in the lady's name and asking for the credit card

number.

If you ask how to be sure that it is the police, in order to reassure you they ask you to put the phone down and dial 999 when a different person answers who then passes you onto the original caller.

This is achieved by the caller not disconnecting the call and so leading you to believe that the call is genuine.

This particular scam was circulating a while ago but from another 'official' organisation.

Please do be wary.

Car Security:

The police wish to remind motorists to make sure they leave their cars secure as it only takes a couple of seconds for someone to jump in and make off with

their vehicle.

Always make sure it is locked, even when just nipping into a shop or waiting for it to defrost.

The best advice is simply not to leave it unlocked or unattended with the engine running.

Stay with the car at all times and be aware of any suspicious activity.

Motorists are advised to:

- Not leave the keys in the ignition or the engine running whilst unattended
- Always lock the car before leaving it unattended
- Do not leave the keys in an obvious place such as the glove box
- Remove all valuables from the vehicle wherever possible
- Whenever possible leave your car in a secure garage or in a well-lit location

• Consider additional security including alarm, window etching, steering lock, smart water or tracker device.

Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious call Derbyshire police on 101.

Drop-in sessions:

On Monday 25th March PCSO Paula Bennett will be in the Mobile Police Office on Town Street between 10.00am - 11.00am and between 11.15 - 11.45 on Hazelwood Hill, Hazelwood.

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



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are of concern.

Reporting incidents:

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

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

If you have any information on crime or anti-social behaviour please contact Derbyshire police on **101** or call

Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.



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LOCAL COACH SEARCHING FOR PLAYERS



Hi my name is Debbie Knox and I moved to Duffield in 1985 when I was four. My mum and Dad still live in the same house. I went to Ecclesbourne and then Newcastle University to study Medicine. I now work at Royal Derby Hospital and I'm half way through a three year GP

training scheme. **READER'S LETTER** In August I will be doing my final training post at Riversdale Surgery in Belper for a year. Three years ago I volunteered to help set up some girls football teams affiliated to Belper Town. I currently manage the under 13 team (see pic).

I understand that Duffield have an under 12 girls team and an under 15 girls team. However I wonder if I could advertise in the Duffield scene in some way for under 13 players. We have a good group of players but we could do with adding a few more to the squad.

Also: girls have to be in year 7 and 8 this year but the team progresses to year 8 and 9 next year when the team will be an under14 team. Players can play once they have reached the age limit. People can contact me on; **07507585134** or **debbied1981@doctors.org.uk**

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BEATEN BUT STILL TOP OF SQUASH LEAGUE

Benz Bavarian Duffield lost there unbeaten record but remain top of group A in the Premier Squash League.

As it turned out other results meant that the 16 points Duffield collected from the defeat kept them on top.

Those points meant their points lead increased up to 131 - 25 points clear of second placed Oxford.

A number of Duffield's players, especially Laura Massaro and Nick Matthew were showing signs of fatigue, both reaching the final of the British Championships held the previous week.

Massaro lost 3-2 to Allison Waters who Massaro had beaten in the nationals but

Matthew got through however by 3-0 against Allan Clyne. Andy Whipp was taken to 4 games before defeating Declan James but Chris Fuller went down 11-8 in a final game of a thrilling 3-2 match. Joel Hinds followed suit with a 9-11 defeat in a five game match against Eddie Charlton. Manager Felix Frixou was philosophical about the defeat and was full of praise for the players especially those who had been in tough matches in the Nationals.

"Despite the loss we are still in a wonderful position and are virtually assured of a place in the play-offs with a home advantage to start with". Roll on the play-offs!

RESULTS

DUFFIELD 2-3 NOTTINGHAM (9-16)

Nick Matthew 3-1 Chris Simpson 11/6, 11/9, 10/12, 11/8

Andy Whipp 3-1 Shaun Le Roux 7/11, 11/9, 11/5, 11/4

Laurence Delasaux 1-3 Lewis Walters 9/11, 11/8, 12/14, 5/11

Ashley Davies 2-3 Mark Fuller 11/9, 5/11, 11/7, 13/15, 4/11

Laura Hill 0-3 Emma Beddoes 6/11, 5/11, 6/11



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