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BEACON LIT ON EYES MEADOW TO CELEBRATE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Duffield residents turned out in their hundreds to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on the 21st April, with a celebratory Birthday Beacon organised by the Parish Council at Eyes Meadow. The bonfire formed part of a nationwide beacon-lighting ceremony which saw over a thousand fires lit, including a principal beacon lit by the Queen at Windsor Castle, and at the four highest peaks in the four countries of the UK.

The beacon was built by members of the Duffield Explorers and Rangers



groups, while hot drinks were provided by the Women's Institute. The Derwent Valley Wind Band were on hand



to provide music, including the playing of the National Anthem and Happy Birthday, as the fire was lit.

Pictured above: Cllr Steven Evanson lighting the Beacon, more images from the event are on page 17.

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May 10th: Outing

May 24th: Jean Gemmel

talk: Hazards of the boards

Events held at Methodist Schoolroom, King Street, Duffield 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Duffield Gardening Club

Next meeting on Saturday, 7th May at 10am at the Weston Centre is the AGM. Please make every effort to come along to support your club.

The Ecclesbourne Trefoil Guild Coffee Morning

Wednesday 18th May from 10am to 12 noon at 11 Oak Close, Duffield. Entrance £2 including coffee. Raffle: Home made provisions: Paperback books. Proceeds in aid of Girl Guiding UK. Gifts of paperback books gratefully received. Come and bring your friends.

Village Jottings

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The Ecclesbourne School Open Evenings

The school looks forward to welcoming parents/carers of current and prospective students [including Year 5], friends of the School and anyone who wishes to learn more about us and what they do. **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May 2016 7.30pm to 9.00pm.**

ST MARGARET'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD

St Margaret's are planning on developing a Community Orchard in the grounds of St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Church, Hall Farm Road.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in being involved, please come along to an information sharing meeting **7.30pm Monday 23rd May at St Margaret's**, refreshments

will be available.

The community orchard is being developed in response to Pope Francis' Encyclical "Care for our Common Home". In this letter the Pope draws attention to the ecological crisis facing the world and urges us to reduce our energy use and live in harmony with the environment.

DERWENT SINGERS SUMMER SERENADE

Join the Derwent Singers and guests for a weekend of music to celebrate the summer season. Both concerts will be directed by Richard Roddis featuring a sunny programme of attractive and melodious music for choir and instruments.

Sunday 18th June, 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Rolleston, DE13 9BE With the Aulos Ensemble,

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Sunday 19th June, 6.30pm. St. John the Baptist Church, Main Road, Smalley, DE7 6DS. Clarinet: Amy Harker Flute: Hannah Ward. Tickets £10.00. For more information please contact tickets@derwentsingers.org.uk or www.derwentsingers.org.uk or telephone 01283 561826.

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Programme

If you would like to find out what Hänsel told Gretel, after meeting Ruslan and Ludmila, then Saint-Saens will tell you, and we will round off the evening's proceedings with some bubbles in a Champagne Toccata. Tonight let the Derby Piano Quartet entertain you!

This concert is in the Main Hall at the Ecclesbourne School, Duffield, Derbyshire, DE56 4GS. The venue is suitable for the disabled and there is a large free car park in the school grounds. Please note that the doors will open at 7.00pm and all seats are unreserved.

Individual tickets: Adult £13, Concession £12, Student £6, available locally from: Duffield News on Town Street, Foulds on Irongate in Derby, John Norreys - 01332 841503, on the door or online at www.musicatduffield.com.



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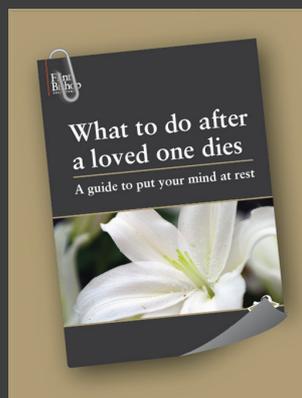
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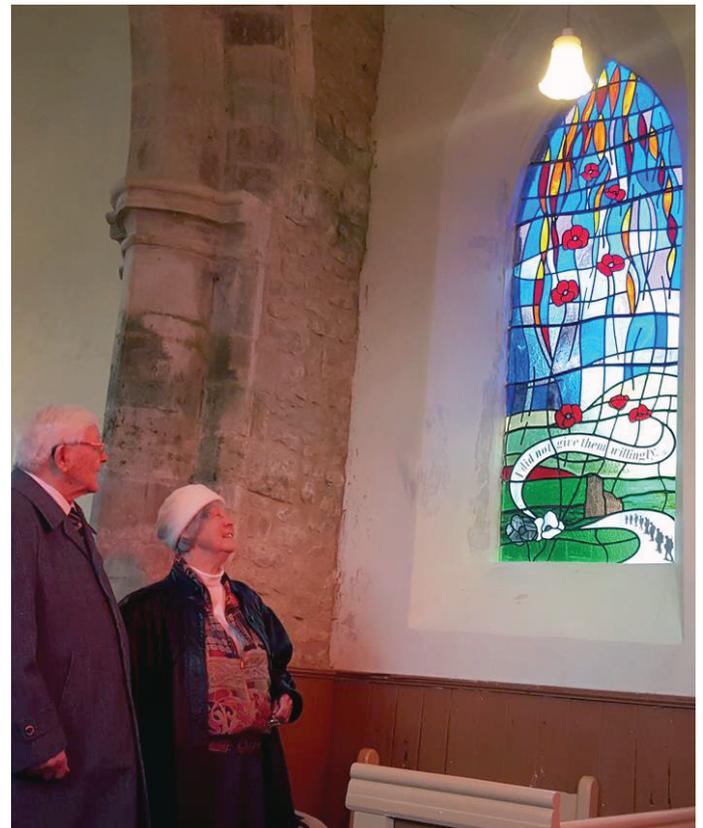
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Duffield Library has been successfully registered with Amber Valley Borough Council by Duffield Parish Council as an “asset of community value”. What this means is that should the owner of the library, Derbyshire County Council, decide to cut the service and sell the building, Duffield Parish Council would be given six months to make an offer to buy the library. Council Chairman Steven Evanson

said: “Registering the library as an asset of community value should help to avoid it closing or falling into private hands should the service ever be cut. This is not something we expect to happen, but if it did then Duffield Parish Council could potentially buy and run this important local service.”

To find out more about assets of community value, visit mycommunityrights.org.uk.



Philip Mucklow and his sister Josephine Warren admiring the stained glass tribute to their uncles at Friesthorpe church - the completion of a long held ambition of theirs. See page 12 of the February 2016 edition for the full story.



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DUFFIELD CARNIVAL 25TH JUNE 2016 - "AROUND THE WORLD"

Duffield Carnival would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 25th June for a street procession followed by lots of fun on Eyes Meadow. This year's theme is "Around the World". Come and enjoy local performers, music, fairground rides, stalls and an evening of live bands.

Procession at the earlier time this year of 12.45pm, through onto Eyes Meadow til 9pm. Our earlier start time is due to the increased popularity of the procession and to be able to get everyone onto the field in time for the acts. We wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

The multi award-winning Gabhru Punjab Dancers will be taking part in the procession and dazzling us with a display in the arena on Carnival Day. Gabhru Panjab De (meaning Youth of the Panjab), are one of the leading Bhangra dance groups in the world and are considered as the ambassadors

of Bhangra with numerous performances across the globe and many accolades to show for their efforts.

The Carnival are very excited to welcome back Bob Hogg's Lamb National. You may remember the chaotic sight that was sheep charging round arena, jumping fences and even racing Rammie!

Bob has toured Britain for many years and has an excellent reputation for professional and highly entertaining displays in which the dogs work sheep, geese and ducks.

The Women's Institute (W I) will again be providing tea, coffee and their superb cakes in the small marquee. There will also be a Hog roast, BBQ, Cafe2U and Bluebell Dairy, for snacks throughout the afternoon. Later in the day there will be Biddulph's Wood Fired Pizza Oven, plus great offerings from

Miss Piggy and the Viceroy.

Around the field will be the very popular Punch and Judy show, a mobile 'High Ropes' course for the adventurous and have a go archery, plus many more. One difference this year is the pre-registration of Tug-o-war teams so get together with your family or friends. Please email to register your interest.

The evening music starts at 5.00pm with littlefield, Harriet! and Hey Beatles. 'littlefield' are a six-piece pop, indie and rock covers band, named from the two Derbyshire villages where the band members reside (no prizes for guessing which two villages!). The band was formed in late 2015 from the remnants of other local bands, and performed their debut gig in early June 2016 in aid of the Child Africa appeal.

'HARRIET!' is a must-see. She is a 20-year-old, singer-

songwriter who has a fresh, unique sound and a genre that's hard to place; but can be described as a cross between 'Modern Country' and 'Acoustic Rock'. She has a very distinctive, characteristic yet innocent voice with rock chick/smoky undertones and her original songs are sure to get your feet tapping!

Hey Beatles have been staggering audiences across the country with their authentic live sound, perfectly capturing the essence of the Fab Four in their hey day. The band's focus is primarily around the 'live era' of The Beatles - when they started playing in The Cavern, Liverpool in 1961 right up to their final shows in Japan in 1966.

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EYES HAVE IT MUSIC FESTIVAL - BUILDING ON LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS

Last year saw the inaugural Eyes Have It Music Festival on Eyes Meadow and local organiser, Simon Clark, is busy with preparations for this year's event which will take place on 15/16/17th July. "Last year went down very well" explained Simon. "We had 18 bands over the weekend and this year there will be 25. I've had fabulous feedback from festival goers and a lot of interest from people who weren't able to go last year, and have heard great things. Now tickets for this year are already going fast!" Simon is urging people hoping to attend to book their tickets early to avoid



Simon Clark

disappointment. The festival caters for all tastes with top rock, pop, blues and this year will see the incredible Itchy Fingers who won the best 'Newcomers' at last year's Great British Folk Festival. "Bands from as far afield as Scotland will also be gracing the stage with a wealth of local talent. The amazing Aynsley Lister will be closing the festival in style on the Sunday" The weekend will also feature an open mic stage for festival goers and a real ale marquee with late licence to keep attendees refreshed. Camping is also available and stall holders are welcome to sell their wares throughout. "The festival is shaping up to be another great success" says Simon "and I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone to the event in July" Tickets are in advance.

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Hidden Gems in The Meadow – Orthoptera

Grasshoppers and Crickets belong to the insect order Orthoptera. Although there are some 24,000 species worldwide only 33 occur in Britain. Of these, only 11 species have been recorded in Derbyshire 8 of which can be found on the Meadow. Members of the Orthoptera are generally medium to large insects ranging in size from 2cm to 5cm. They have large hind legs that are modified for jumping. The enlarged hind legs have a distinctive “herring-bone” pattern of muscles. In most species there is a line of pegs on the hind legs which are rubbed against the hard wing casing to make the distinctive chirping sound that we associate with grasshoppers. This is known as stridulation. Most species that stridulate have a variety of hearing organs normally at the base of the abdomen or on the front legs.

Eggs are laid in late summer in crevices in bark, in plant stems or in the ground. They hatch in late spring the following year. The young are known as nymphs and go through 4 to 7 stages before becoming adults. They are similar to the adults but have no wings. All grasshoppers and crickets have biting and chewing mouth parts and most species are plant feeders.

The first species for this month is the Lesser Marsh Grasshopper (*Chorthippus albomarginatus*). The scientific name “albomarginatus” refers to the white border along the edge of the wings. The adult is about 20-30mm in length and is normally straw-brown or light green in colour. The photo shows the straw-brown form. It has a rather pointed snout and robust antennae. The wings are functional and it readily flies during hot weather. This species of grasshopper prefers damp grassland areas, particularly where it floods in winter, which is why it is normally



found around the ponds area on the Meadow. It also occurs along roadside verges and ditches. The nymphs start hatching in May and the adults appear between mid July and October. The adults feed mainly on grasses. It is quite a common species but most records come from south-eastern England and the midlands. It is a recent colonist of this area and only arrived as late as 1997 but is now the most abundant

species on the Meadow.

The second species I’ve chosen is the Long Winged Cone-head (*Conocephalus fuscus*). This is a small Bush-cricket and is named after the angled shape of it’s head. It is a slender green species with very long antennae. The photo shows an adult female with the distinctive blade-like ovipositor which is used to lay eggs. She first has to bite a hole in a hollow grass stem or reed as the ovipositor isn’t

very strong. This is a wetland species and, is only found around the Meadow’s ponds area. The nymphs emerge in late May to June and the adults can be found between August and early winter. It feeds on grasses and small insects. This species used to be very rare but is now spreading northwards. It was first recorded in this area in 2003.

Mick Ball (The Bugman)



THE THING ABOUT THE PAST IS - IT'S NOT THE PAST

According to the philosopher and poet David Whyte, the Irish say that 'the thing about the past is - it's not the past'. A look in the mirror as we age is confirmation of this as we all turn into versions of our parents – and is further confirmed by our repetition of family phrases we vowed never to say – especially to our children e.g. “You’re not going out dressed like that are you?” and “When I was your age...!” Similarly, we all search for the family resemblance in a newborn – that dimple that stems from great great grandma, that dark/light/red hair, that nose - all facets that are the past being ever present. In nature, this is no less true and the past is sometimes very visible. Evidence of previous existence presents itself in the growth rings of tree trunks where each year is recorded and can be measured; the width of each ring indicates past weather and growing conditions varying from dry, cold slow growing years to wet, mild abundant ones. The

irony is that these are invisible until the tree is cut down but we can admire the increasing girth now, knowing that this secret is locked inside - even though we can't see it. New saplings springing from the fallen seeds and nuts from older relatives will grow into replicas of their parent plants and continue to predict the future as well as reflect the past. An accurate replication of butterflies of the past is created now each time a butterfly lays an egg that develops into another caterpillar, which then pupates and develops into a butterfly that will carry on into the future. Talking of which, peacock butterflies are on the wing as are tortoiseshells, orange tips and the sulphur yellow male brimstones. There is not yet an abundance of flowers for

them to feed on because of the fickle nature of this year's winter and spring and their caterpillar food plants are only just in growth e.g. nettles.

However, spring is progressing –albeit slowly.

On the meadow the native white wild cherry blossom is finally fully out on the eastern side of the far copse and less so on the west – a clear indication of where the warm sun rises. The dark blue scented native bluebells are in flower under the trees trying to prevent themselves from being hybridised with the more common Spanish ones and the leaves of cow parsley, red campion and lady's bedstraw are growing up ready to come into flower later this month and onwards through the summer. Bumblebees are in evidence looking for nectar and on warm days, there are

clouds of smaller midges and flies around the water in the ponds and dancing in and around the trees and shrubs in the shafts of sunlight.

Some trees have already acquired their new leaves and the silver birches no longer have their purple hue as they have been cloaked with the pale green foliage. The crab apple trees have fat blossom buds awaiting the warm sunshine to encourage them to burst open and present their usual fabulous display of pink blossom and the group of flowering cherries near one of the benches are also waiting for the sunshine before blossoming.

A new feature for the Meadow is the interpretation boards. These are already proving a success especially as they are at a height that is easy for young children to reach and look at, as well for any wheelchair users. Everyone with whom I have spoken recently as I walk around has commented favourably on them and we hope they will increase the general levels of enjoyment and knowledge for everyone.

I recently gave an eager young naturalist the task of searching for the “eyes of the Eyes meadow”. I have illustrated them here and challenge you to find them for yourself. The only clues are that you need to find aspen trees (look at the tree board to identify their main features if you are not sure) and they are not far from the edge of one of the paths, easily visible if you know where to look. The ‘eyes’ are caused when a small branch comes off next to the trunk of the tree – a natural feature – and are similar to knots found on the lower trunks of oak trees.

Have fun – if you can't find them, all will be revealed in next month's Scene.



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NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY, STORYTIME & CRAFTS

New books for the library this month include a real mix of reading. A copy of the latest Kovac and Liska thriller by Tami Hoag titled **The Bitter Season**. This gruesome story involves a middle-aged couple hacked to death with a samurai sword which links to another murder of a policeman killed in his back garden. Taut, tense and terrifying. If I Could Tell You by Elizabeth Wilhide is a novel set in Suffolk and London during World War Two, Julia Compton has a perfect life which she loses as a result of a love affair, cast adrift from those she loves, Julia must choose to succumb to her fate or to fight for a new identity in the heat of war. The latest novel by C J Box, titled **Off the Grid** is another featuring Joe Pickett and set in Wyoming's Red Desert, Joe must investigate a rash of crimes and secretive federal activity. At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier is a rich and powerful story set in

Ohio and Goldrush California. James and Sally Goodenough live a harsh life in the Black Swamp, planting apple trees. A family feud resonates over the years and across America as their son must confront the brutal reason he left everything behind.

I have just finished **The Witness** the latest novel from this number one bestselling author Simon Kernick. As usual, a fast paced story with loads of action and thrills. This story starts with a witness to a brutal murder who is sent to a safe house, the killer has discovered where she is and is coming for her. **DI Ray Mason** must prevent an imminent terrorist attack while trying to keep the witness safe. A great read with a few surprises along the way, well worth reading.

Our 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 currently working on a display for the library when we have the Summer Reading Challenge in the summer.

The theme this year will be celebrating the work of Roald Dahl and the craft group are working on a number of different displays for us.

We have had a good response to the possibility of having a book group for 7 - 11 year old children which meets in the library on a monthly basis. There is still time to respond



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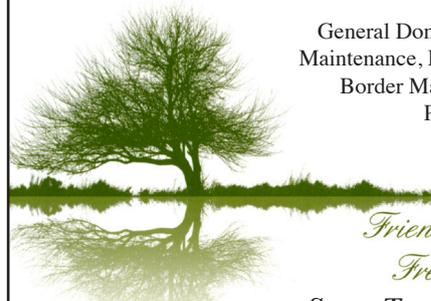
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► **New Bus Shelters Coming on Derby Road**

The Council together with Derbyshire County Council is funding 2 replacement bus shelters - outside the Baptist Chapel, Derby Road (South Bound) and near 1 Church View (North Bound). Derbyshire County Council will be responsible for the work. There may be a delay between the removal of a shelter and the installation of the replacement shelter.



► **Eyes Meadow and Gray Rec**

Look out for new cycle parking on Eyes Meadow and the Gray Rec and more bins on Gray Rec.

► **CCTV - Wirksworth Corner**

Due to repeated vandalism and anti social behaviour the Council has decided to install CCTV. The CCTV will be installed over the next few months.

► **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. If you have a free litter picker please take a photograph of yourself or your group litter picking and send into the Clerk. We'd really like to celebrate the people in the village who help to keep it tidy.



► **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 has completed resurfacing of the footpath.

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 4 May 2016 and Wednesday 8 June 2016** at **7pm** at the Weston Centre. **Strategy Finance and General Purpose Committee** will meet on **18 May 2016** at **7pm** at the Weston Centre.

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

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PUTTING 'WATCH' INTO DUFFIELD'S 'NEIGHBOURHOOD'

The question has been asked "As a Coordinator what do I do?" The answer is "Watch! " But it is much more interesting. Be a good neighbour, listen to people's stories, be alert and pass on your observations to the police '. You may have no executive powers but you will know you are a good citizen.

The 'business' of Neighbourhood Watch is set out in the Incident Report document. It has three parts; (1) to make 'an exact description of what you have seen'; (2) 'to make a description of the people involved' and (3) 'of any vehicle involved'. In addition 'if you see or hear anything suspicious or think a crime is being committed – this kind of information will be useful to the police'. Your reports will be treated in confidence. Incidents seen as 'non-serious' should be treated by calling 111 while those 'serious' on 999.

Becoming a Street Coordinator where you have lived for some time and have an accurate picture of the 'normal' conditions expected of your area, has two-way advantage. You know your neighbours and they know you. Anything 'exceptional' immediately arouses your alertness. My being a Street Coordinator has brought to my family endless and lasting benefits and friendships. Milk bottles not collected; curtains not drawn may have a message for you – and may be an alert.

No volunteers have come forward, surprisingly from an area where there have been reports of recent break-ins and a substantial fire. A couple of weekends ago a 'late evening youthful commotion' at the junction of the A6 and Wirksworth Road alarmed local passing motorists who later returned to clean up a potentially dangerous mess. Residents and shopkeepers were alarmed and the police were called. A Council Officer witnessed the scene at



close hand. The news rapidly spread. But what was that message? Who was it for? Who listened?

It was for everybody because it described a threat to any citizen's freedom of movement to go about their lawful business. So as well as being watchful of potential crimes, Coordinators become aware of issues of safety and security, and can be wholly sure in knowing that the community shares their concerns.

Neighbourhood Watch was set up in Duffield in the late 1980's. It is part of a country-wide organisation with Duffield as part of the Belper and District NHW Support Group. As well as working with the Derbyshire Constabulary Duffield NHW works with the Crime Prevention Officer and our present officer is CSPO Paula Bennett. Sites for and the erection of, NHW signs are chosen by the Derbyshire County Surveyor's staff. The nominal six signs allocated to Duffield are at sites on the main approach roads. That the majority are 'absent' will be followed up, and it is useful to know their cost. Their size as well as their site and fixture, is regulated – 30cm. by 50cm.. If they are seen, can they be

noticed? In 1989 they cost £80 each plus £20 erection charge and a 15% administration cost. With several missing the obvious question has to be asked. They were insured by the County Council and can be taken down or changed only with Council consent. Every pole chosen for mounting needs the owner's permission for use.

Whether Duffield is a safer place 2016 than in 1986 depends on the nature and number of the crimes and on the size of its population. It is certainly a larger settlement by virtue of its recent estates. For Coordinators there is more to watch and more people to meet and greet.

In April/May 2015 warnings came to be watchful for password theft, bogus auction sites, and phishing for information. Spring tempts people to garden at –the- back, giving doorstep-sellers easy access. This month Action Fraud warns about tradesmen claiming payment for property repairs and about claims for an advance fee payment to release winnings from Good Citizen Award. There is plenty of advice available to deal with bogus approaches. Pressure? Pressure! IF IN DOUBT, SAY "GOOD-BYE!"



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ALL ROUND CHANGES AT DUFFIELD CRICKET CLUB AS HOPES SOAR FOR AN EXTRA SPECIAL SEASON

Several changes have been made by Duffield Cricket Club after a season where they narrowly missed out on promotion to the Premier League... a new overseas player, a new first team captain and the signing of some very useful players keen to be part of the Club's progressive ambitions.

A New Zealander for an Aussie - 18 year old Christian MacDonald whose pacy seam/swing bowling and efficiency with the bat has taken him into the top league in his home country - takes the place of departed all-rounder Ben Patterson. If the weather remains dry and there is some bounce in the early season pitches he could make a successful spearhead to the attack with the right arm pace of Joe Wozniczka-Wells. Off-spinner Jono Clare gained a lot of experience and came on

well last season and although family commitments remain for the experienced Adam Short and returning all rounder Ed Sims some of the new arrivals will hopefully see no bowling shortcomings.

Other new players are batsman/off spinner David Jenkins from Belper Meadows, David Whiteley, a batsman/seam bowler from Ambergate and pacy young James Hardwick from Denby. Paul Bakel, successful skipper/batsman for the last few years has handed over the captaincy to wicket-keeper/batsman Tom Roe. Paul reckons he will do a good job and adds: "The signing of these players will raise the level of competition throughout the Club and all the teams will be strengthened accordingly."

Bakel himself, Peter Jenkins, Tom Roe, Tim Williscroft,

younger batsmen like Chris Sheldon and Jack Clarke should see the runs stack up, helped hopefully, with more than occasional help from Derbyshire CCC physio, the explosive James Pipe whose duties curtail his appearances. The weather ruined planned practice matches for the season but that did not dampen the enthusiasm of 2nd XI skipper Russell King who did extremely well to save his side from relegation last season. He should not have any problems selecting a much stronger team this time round.

Spectators are always welcome down at Eyes Meadow and there will no doubt be some attractive cricket to watch from each of the Duffield senior teams and the juniors on the now totally relaid square.

There were mixed fortunes for Duffield cricketers at the season's start. The first XI, at home to Alvaston & Boulton were defeated by eight wickets. Put in by the visitors, Duffield were bowled out for 94 with only opener Chris Sheldon (49 off 56 balls including nine fours) offering resistance.

Thanks to former Derbyshire player, opener Steve Stubbins (43 not out) A&B at 98 for 2 in 31 overs. Won easily needing only 17 overs to get their runs. Duffield 2nd XI won by five wickets at Langley Mill United in Division 4. Put in to bat United managed a reasonable 183 for 8 with Richard Jordan taking a creditable 3 for 28 and L Reed 48 and skipper Roger King with 38 not out took Duffield to 188 for 5 and victory by five wickets with overs to spare.

CHEVIN GOLF CLUB LADIES RAISE £650 FOR CHARITY

April 13th saw the clubhouse full of members enjoying a charity coffee morning organised by ladies Captain, Sue Cullen.

Nearly 100 people attended and enjoyed a very enlightening talk by Julie Hastings who gave us all very helpful advice about style, colour and the way we wear our clothes to make us look our best.

With the help of some volunteers from the audience

she explained how different colours suit different moods as well as helping us make the most of the clothes we wear. Members bought cakes and home made baking to sell, handmade shopping bags and plants were also on sale. A raffle was held and all in all an amazing sum of £650 was raised to be donated to Muscular Sclerosis charity, Sue's chosen charity for her year as Captain.



PREMIER SQUASH LEAGUE 2015/16 - LEAGUE TABLE

Division A	P	W	L	TF	TA	GF	GA	Pts
Everards Leicester	10	8	2	35	15	115	68	155
Benz Bavarian Duffield	10	8	2	32	18	114	79	154
University of Birmingham Lions	10	8	2	34	16	111	68	151
Coolhurst London	10	3	7	18	32	77	110	92
Pontefract	10	2	8	15	35	70	111	80
Air-IT Nottingham	10	1	9	16	34	67	118	72

BENZ BAVARIAN DUFFIELD SECURE PLAY OFF POSITION

Despite the loss of leading players throughout the season, Duffield Benz Bavarian came back strongly in the closing matches of the Premier Squash League (Division A) to earn a place in the play off semi-finals.

The team will travel to Weybridge (Surrey) on May 10th to meet St. George's Hill, the champions of Division B in yet another bid to reach and win the final and become the Champions of England yet again.

Team manager Felix Frixou says if the team continues the initiative and drive they have shown against the odds, particularly late in the season, they could be bringing another trophy back to Duffield.

The team's last League game of the season, the 5-0 thrashing of Pontefract, followed a 4-1

victory away against eventual champions Leicester who hung on to become Division A champions by a single point to get a home semi-final draw.

Benz Bavarian Duffield 5-0 Pontefract

Chris Simpson 3-1 Evan Williams 11-3, 11-8, 10-12, 11-8.

Declan James 3-1 Patrick Rooney 6-11, 11-6, 19-17, 13-11.

Richie Fallows 3-0 Alex Hodgetts 11-7, 12-10, 11-4.

Adam Murrills 3-1 Taminder Gata-Aura 11-8, 11-6, 8-11, 11-2.

Laura Massaro 3-0 Hollie Naughton 11-5, 11-1, 11-6.

Full Division A league table featured on page 23.

The semi-finals will be on May 10th Everards Leicester v Surrey and in a repeat of last year's final - St George's v Duffield. Final, Tue 17th May at St George's Hill.

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