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HAS DUFFIELD NOW REACHED A CRISIS POINT?

Easter break saw more problems for our village as antisocial behaviour escalates to criminal damage and arson.

Over Easter the Parish Council has received reports of crime in Duffield including:

- A large fire in the Millennium Meadow nature reserve
- A break-in at the cricket pavilion at Eyes Meadow, with a safe stolen containing £250 and benches broken and thrown off the balcony
- A large amount of smashed glass leading to a dog being injured
- Bins set on fire and overturned / vandalised

• More Complaints from residents of antisocial behaviour from gangs of youths in the village including smashing glass, drinking, smoking and noise at Wirksworth Road corner, New Zealand Lane and other areas.

Parish Council Clerk Kath Gruber said: "Over the Easter break I have received many reports of crime and antisocial behaviour in Duffield, both from local residents and from the community groups at the cricket club and Millennium Meadow, and I have no doubt there will be more to come. "At the Council meeting in

April, Duffield's PCSO, Paula Bennett, attended and she told us there are approximately 40 young people, the majority of whom live in Duffield, aged between 12 and 17, responsible for ASB around the village. While we are not saying that this is the same group responsible for the cricket club break-in and arson at Eyes Meadow, it would be irresponsible to assume that those causing the problems are all 'outsiders', as some have suggested.

"This is a serious issue for Duffield and it could compromise so much of the village life we hold dear if this

is allowed to continue.

"I would ask local residents, especially parents of teenagers, and teenagers themselves, for practical suggestions to make a difference. I would also like to repeat the message to residents that the Police should always be their first port of call if they witness any vandalism or anti-social behaviour – call 999 if you witness criminal behaviour occurring, or call 101 if you have any information that might help the police in their investigations."

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16th May: Helen Monk - "The Titanic" talk.
30th May: John North sings.
 All events held at the Methodist Schoolroom, King Street, Duffield 7-9pm.
 All welcome.

DUFFIELD GARDENING CLUB
 10am at the Weston Centre.
Saturday, 6th May
 We will have a short talk by Bob McCracken followed by our AGM. Members only for this meeting.

Saturday, 3rd June
 Our Speaker will be Rodney Weston "Composting at home and on the allotment" - All welcome, non-members £2.

ECCLESCOURNE VALLEY RAILWAYS MULTIPLE MEMORIES
 Weekend 13th - 14th May
 See page 5.
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Village Jottings

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.

Tuesday 2nd May
Monday 5th June
Friday 7th July
Tuesday 7th August

ECCLESBOURNE TREFOIL GUILD
 Coffee morning on **Wednesday 24th May** 10am-12noon at 11 Oak Close, home of Jane Salmon. Homemade provisions, paperback books, coffee. Entrance and raffle ticket £3. Proceeds to Girl Guiding. All welcome and bring your friends!

The Derbyshire Singers with The Derbyshire Sinfonia, Lucy Hall (Soprano), Margaret McDonald (Mezzo), Adam Temple-Smith (Tenor), Marcus Farnsworth (Baritone) 'Mass in B Minor' by J.S. Bach.

Sat 20th May - 7.00 pm Derby Cathedral.
 Tickets £16 (Concessions £14), with students and under-16s free with ticket (if accompanied by a paying adult) from Foulds 39-40 Irongate Derby (01629-344842), Robert Young Florists in Matlock, Natural Choice in Ashbourne (01335-346096), online via the website, or at the door. Further details on the Derbyshire Singers website www.derbyshiresingers.org.



SPOTTED COW UPDATE



A Holbrook Community Society has succeeded in buying The Spotted Cow in the village, news that will delight the dozens of people who bought shares, a number of them from Duffield, to raise money to keep the pub from being knocked down to make way for developers. "We are all proud owners of the Spotted Cow - this has actually happened! "Well done everyone for their incredible support over these past few months, it would not have been possible without you," said an official of the Holbrook Community Society.

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Compare the first generation railcars with their 1980s counterpart with the very special Class 153 visitor courtesy of East Midlands Trains.

The Saturday Evening Special is an evening journey between Wirksworth and Duffield

at 18:15 as all of the first generation DMU cars are coupled together to form a 9-car spectacle. Fish and chips will be served at Duffield from the local fish and chip shop, Town Street Fish Bar and watch the main line trains whizz past for a while. The special is priced at just £6.00!

- The Railcars
- Set 1: Class 101's E50170/ E59303/E50253 ex-101692
 - Set 2: Class 108 E53599 and Class 119 W51073
 - Set 3: Class 101's E51505 and M51188
 - Set 4: Class 122 W55006 and Derby Lightweight M79900 'Iris'



Class 153: Very special Class 153 visitor courtesy of East Midlands Trains

Currently under restoration are Derby Lightweight cars M79018 and M79612. These vehicles will be on display at Wirksworth during the weekend.

The East Midlands Trains Class 153 second generation railcar is also visiting for the weekend! This will be the first visit of a Class 153 to the railway and also the first visit of an active train in main line service. There will be a naming ceremony on Saturday

morning as the unit is named to celebrate 150 years of the line to Wirksworth, before it operates passenger services through the weekend!

The weekend will provide a special opportunity to see East Midlands Trains rolling stock on both sides of the fence at Duffield as well as a chance to compare the Class 153 with the original Class 122 which they replaced. Single car Derby Lightweight 'Iris' will also be in action allowing visitors to ride on three single car DMUs during the weekend!
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- Messy eating: Feeding kibble in the garden or on kitchen floor.
- Treat balls/Kongs: Serve your dog's meal in a treat ball/Kong.
- Puzzle Bowls: Bowls with grooves or odd shapes cut into them.
- Get creative: Hide food in cardboard boxes/egg boxes or put kibble in a baking tray and cover with balls/toys.

Remember that food used should come out of your dog's daily allowance to help



prevent weight gain from using high calorie treats.

Sandpit / Earthpit:

If your dog likes digging holes in the garden then try building him/her their very own sandpit. This can be filled with dirt or sand. You can bury some of their toys to encourage them to dig in this area and not your flowerbed!

Exercise:

Exercise is really important for you dog. This should be altered to suit your pet's age and any health conditions they may have.

Things to Try:

- Dogs with lots of energy will benefit from plenty of off lead exercise if safe to do so.
- Play with their favourite toys on walks.
- Training: Practicing commands (sit, paw, lay down, leave etc) will help keep their brain busy
- Attend obedience/ agility classes

by Charlotte Turpie RVN

As part of the Parish Council's ongoing awareness campaign to keep Duffield's streets clear of dog waste, here are some handy tips for dog walkers from the Dogs Trust:

- Remember to always carry a poo bag with you. Tie one to your lead so you always have a spare.
- Dispose of dog mess in a designated poo bin or any public litter bin.
- Don't discard your used poo bags for someone else to pick up!
- It's important to keep sight of your dog at all times when in a public space so that you can see when and where they poo.
- If you see someone in need of a poo bag offer them one of yours!
- Remember to wash your hands after your walk. Dog faeces may contain worms that can be a threat to human health. For advice about treating your dog against worms, contact your vet.



- Also remember that if anyone else walks your dog – such as your teenage children – the above applies to them too. Make sure they understand the importance of picking up after their pet.

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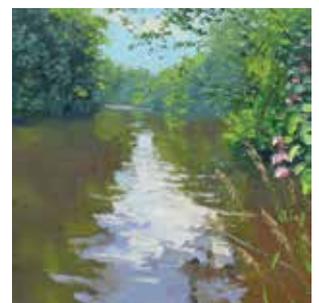
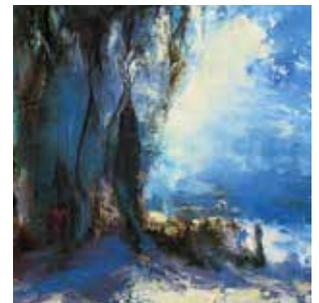
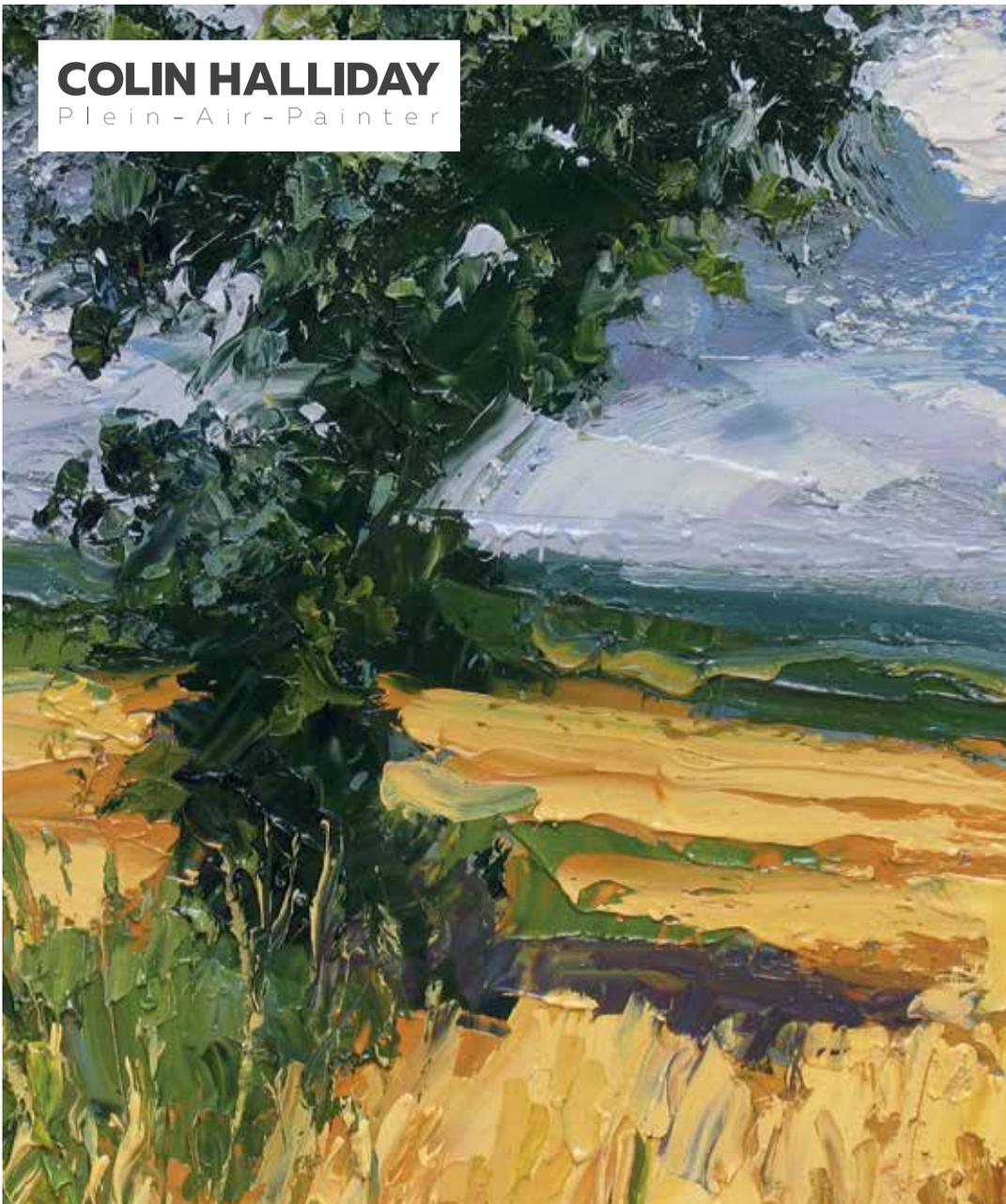
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COLIN HALLIDAY

Plein-Air-Painter



Born and brought up in rural Cumbria has influenced Artist Colin Halliday's work to be very much about the landscape.

After graduating from Exeter in 1992 with BA Honours Fine Art degree he went on to live in London. Whilst teaching Art he found himself having more shows and selling more work so became a full time Artist in 2000.

In 2005 he and his family moved from London to Duffield. It was at this stage that Colin was able to fully immerse himself in Landscape painting, studio work led to working outdoors plein-air directly from nature. He also continues his studio based work from his family home on Cumberhills Road.

After many successful solo London shows he opens another one person show at the GX Gallery in London on 2nd May which runs for a month, however you don't need to go that far because as part of this year's Derbyshire Open Arts event he will be opening his studio and along with a large Gazebo in the garden will be displaying a large amount of work with many works painted around the village and local area.

He and his family offer a warm welcome with refreshments served. This year he will have open studios between 10am - 5pm on each of these days...

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Colin has a website where you can see many examples of his work and a blog spot and order prints directly from the website. He has many original works for sale and offers a warm welcome to his home and studio at any time of the year by appointment. He also has a Facebook page where you can keep up to date with his latest projects.

All the images in this article are available as prints from his website
www.colinhallidayart.co.uk

THE SUMMER SEASON CONTINUES AT CHEVIN GOLF CLUB

Friday 31st March saw the Derbyshire Schools' Golf Championship return to Chevin Golf Club. Year on year, this event proves to be one of the best attended Derbyshire junior events.

New Mills School won the team prize, one point ahead of Derby College. Alex Hodson from Derby College (Performance Golf Academy) won the overall nett prize, with Dan Hoof, also from Derby College, winning best gross. Henry Hayward of Chellaston School came away with both the Will Sheppard Memorial Trophy and the Don Lamb Cup. Well done to all who competed and conducted themselves with such credit on the day. Chevin Golf Club was complemented on how fantastic the condition of the course was for so early in the season.

Chevin Golf Club is also proud to be hosting an event in the 2017 Derbyshire Golf Futures Tour. The Futures Tour is a series of 9-hole events for beginner and improver junior

golfers in Derbyshire, under the age of thirteen. 70 aspiring young golfers took part in the Chevin leg of the tour last year.

For more information about junior golf opportunities in Derbyshire please contact Alice Lowe: alice.lowe@derbyshiregolf.org.

Summer Matches Start

Club Team Match results so far this year;

Mickleover v Chevin (Away) - halved 3 - 3

Chesterfield v Chevin (Away) - lost 1 - 5

At Chevin we share out the places on the team.

Besides the Captain, Professional and Vice-Captain who play each time, various members play in the matches who may have not played much match play golf in the past. They have expressed a desire to play and this is one reason we do not worry too much about the result. A good game, nice meal and meeting new friends is the Chevin team's priority.

The Ladies Team Matches

The match season has started this week for both Silver and Bronze teams and with more matches following on very quickly.

Silver Division

Chevin Red v Breadsall (Away) lost 3 - 2.

Chevin Blue v Erewash (Home) Won 4 - 1.

Chevin Bronze v Chatsworth (Home) 3 1/2 - 1 1/2.

All matches were very close and thanks to all the ladies who played.

Open Days

Another Open Day is on Monday May 8th from 4pm to 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the club that afternoon to see what Chevin Golf Club has to offer. Both experienced and beginners are welcome to come along, as well as those who may have played golf in the past but for one reason or another given it up, and who is interested in starting to play again. Please come to meet us, you will be most welcome. www.chevingolf.co.uk

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The Festival competitions are up and running with something for everyone – young and old!

Full rules and how to enter are available on the Festival website.

Entry forms / rules and Festival competition boxes to collect your entries will also be at the schools, Library, Meadow Vale Stores and Duffield News. Open to all who live, work or go to school in Duffield!

The theme / title is:

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The Janis Clark **SHORT STORY** competition

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The Duffield Community Association **CHILDREN'S ART** COMPETITION

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DUFFIELD CARNIVAL 24TH JUNE - "MUSICALS"



Duffield Carnival would like to invite you to join us on Saturday 24th June for a street procession followed by lots of fun on Eyes Meadow. This year's theme is "Musicals" so 'Guys and Dolls', get your 'Amazing Technicolour Dream Coats' out, listen out for 'The Sound of Music' and let's hope this year we're not 'Singing in the Rain'! Come and enjoy local performers, music, fairground rides, stalls and an evening of live bands. Procession at 12.45pm from Avenue Road, through onto Eyes Meadow til 9pm.

One of the oldest bands of its type in the country, The Breaston Highlanders, will be joining our procession this year. A sight to behold in their full Scottish Uniform of Hunting Stewart Tartan.

This year the Carnival are very excited to welcome Scarsdale Vets who will be hosting our very own dog show! There will be many different classes for you to enter your pooch into. So, make sure you bring your tail-wagger along

on carnival day. Entries to be made on the day at the Scarsdale Vet stand.

We will also be welcoming David Gibb – 'songwriter, story teller and tallest man in Derbyshire who is on a mission to create great music for children and families'. He has recently been nominated for a BBC2 Folk Award and has won the highly-commended prize at the young story teller of the year competition 2011. David has played on BBC Radio 1,2,3,4 and 6 as well as performing at Glastonbury Festival.

The Women's Institute (WI) will again be providing tea, coffee and their superb cakes in the small marquee. There will also be a Hog roast, BBQ, Inspired by Vegetables, Cafe2U and Bluebell Dairy, for snacks throughout the afternoon. Later in the day there will be Town and Country Pizza with their wood fired Pizza oven.

Around the field, we will have some inflatable activities provided by Big Bounce. These will include a Gladiator

Duel, Dash and Grab and a Rodeo Bull. There will be Donkey rides for the little ones, a Circus Skills workshop, plus many more. This year we will be using the same format of pre-registration for Tug-of-war teams so get together with your family or friends. Please email to register your interest. There will also be the ever-popular Egg Throw.

The evening music starts at 5.00pm with Breakin' Rocks, The Rogue Embers and Wam Bam Band.



Breaking Rocks are a five piece covers band with music from 60's pop, 70's punk to 90's rock and indie and more recent classics. These 5 guys will entertain you with music from The Clash to the Kaiser Chiefs, from The Rolling Stones to The Stereophonics, and from The Jam to Mumford and Sons.

There really is something for everyone!



The Rogue Embers are a 'foot stomping. Hand clapping, country and blues band' who play a range of covers with their own twist. Over the last few years they have grown from a duo to a five-piece band earlier this year. They are currently working on their first EP due to be released this summer.

The Wam Bam Band are a 12-piece band playing Rhythm and Blues, Rock and Soul. The group are mainly from Wirksworth and the surrounding areas of Derbyshire. With four horns, four singers and a four-piece rhythm section they are sure to have you dancing all night! Further info online at www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk, duffieldcarnival@gmail.com.



DUFFIELD CARNIVAL 'VILLAGE ART AND CRAFT 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, we would like to invite you 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

The entry form can also be downloaded from the Carnival website: 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'.

A TASTE OF THE KEDLESTON

By Joe Wood, Head Chef

Spring is here. Love Spring. The hedgerows green and rejuvenated after the harsh greys of winter. The first rays of sunshine, the promise of warmer days to come. The first leisurely afternoon in a beer garden, (in case you were wondering, here at the Kedleston we have a fantastic garden, complete with patio furniture for all your outdoor dining requirements...). And most importantly, Asparagus. As soon as the veg man rings to say the first of the British Asparagus is now in, we know spring is here in earnest.

The use of Asparagus dates back to 3000BC, used by the Egyptians, but it was the Romans who truly embraced it as a culinary ingredient, freezing it in the Alps to eat at the Feast of Epicurus. So popular was it, Emperor Augustus commissioned the 'Asparagus Fleet', a fleet of boats specifically for the purpose of importing the

vegetable. After the demise of the Romans, Asparagus lost its popularity, throughout the Middle Ages, up to the 15th century, when mentioned favourably in 'The Perfumed Garden of Sensual Delight' as containing aphrodisiac qualities. Opinion is split as to why this should be the case, whether due to phosphorous compound contained within, which counteracts fatigue, or because of its phallic appearance. From a personal perspective, I would suggest we go with the former, as anyone considering something bright green and pointy 'phallic' should seek urgent medical attention, hopefully for their eyesight...

So. Onto the elephant in the room. The big debate. Why is it that asparagus makes urine smell? Why is it that this is not the case for everyone? A recent scientific study showed that only 22% of people can smell it. At this point, I got a little sidetracked

into wondering exactly how this study was conducted, and then slightly more sidetracked wondering why... So. Honest answer. Not the foggiest. I don't know. Sorry guys. I'll try harder next month, promise.

The simplest method for cooking asparagus – lots of boiling salted water. Just blanch it for a minute, toss it in butter, possibly a bit of chopped mint if you want to be all fancy, and just eat it like that. Best snack in the world. This month's recipe is Asparagus, Sheep's cheese mousse and hazelnut. Whilst it looks kind of flash, it is really very simple, can all be prepared ahead of time, and is sure to impress anyone coming round for dinner. Alternatively, pop in here, and I'll cook it for you... The cheese used here is called Wigmore, however this could easily be substituted for a good quality ricotta, or a goats cheese.



Asparagus, Sheep's cheese mousse and hazelnut

Serves 5

Sheep's Milk Pannacotta:

300g Sheep's Cheese (Wigmore or Ricotta)

200g Yoghurt

200g Cream

4 leaves Gelatin

Sheep's Cheese Bonbon: cut and shape cheese into 20g balls, Breadcrumb and deep fry

Pannacotta:

Blitz sheep's milk and yoghurt till smooth. Boil cream, dissolve in gelatine. Add to cheese mix. Set and slice into neat rectangle.

Asparagus tips: Blanch in boiling salted water 3 mins approx. till just cooked. Refresh in ice water. Season.

Asparagus Puree:

10 asparagus spears

25g cream

30g beurre noisette

5g spinach

5g truffle/truffle oil

Asparagus puree: Blanch asparagus spears' until soft, blitz, add cream and beurre noisette. Pass and season.

Asparagus shavings: Simply peel strips off using a vegetable peeler, then dress with olive oil, salt and lemon juice

Wild Garlic: Dip briefly in boiling salted water, season with salt and olive oil

Hazelnut: Chop roughly and toast



Wine Match: This month sees us celebrate English Wine week, so to go with the Asparagus, I have selected Chapel Down Bachus Reserve 2015. Chapel Down are based in Kent, and produce several award winning wines, are an official supplier to 10 Downing Street. Yes, I did Google it. But most importantly, their wine tastes great. It has a crisp acidity, which cuts nicely through the creaminess of the cheese, with grassy and granny smith apple flavours coming through, complimenting the asparagus and hazelnut.



50 YEARS OF DUFFIELD CUMBERHILLS WI

There was a Night to Remember party at Ecclesbourne Sixth Form Centre on Tuesday, 4th April.

Duffield Cumberhills WI was celebrating its 50th birthday - the foundation meeting having been held on exactly the same date in 1967. The minutes from that meeting were read causing great amusement at the cost of an annual membership - five shillings (25p!)

There were more than seventy guests. Mainly members of our own WI, but with visitors from the National Federation, Derbyshire Federation and the two other Duffield WIs. Most of our remaining founder members were there but, sadly, Mavis Bennett our first president and, Sheila Armstrong who has done so much for our WI were unable to attend due to poor health. Other founder members



travelled from far and wide to be with us.

The cake was baked by James Reid of Little Eaton (we decided to give our members a break from baking!) and depicted the activities we regularly undertake - walking, craft, home economics, visits to the cinema, litter picking and lunch dates.

All current members have embroidered their names on a pennant which make up new bunting to be seen in our tea marquee at the Carnival in June. Please come along and join us!

Ken Whinfrey, the husband of one of our ex-presidents took the photographs and entertainment was provided

by Andy Smith who sang songs from the sixties as well as some of his own compositions. There was even a little dancing! Beautiful flower posies were presented to the founder members. These, along with spectacular table decorations were created by Diana Rogers and her team of helpers.

We toasted our WI in prosecco, remembering old friends in the process. There is more to come in the rest of the year. The WI is planting the flower bed at Wirksworth Road corner for the summer and is producing a book of its history which will bring back memories for many Duffield residents.

The committee worked really hard to ensure a happy, memorable evening and we would like to thank the school for supporting us on the night. **Adele Abbott, president of Duffield Cumberhills WI.**



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Guests from Derbyshire Federation of WIs and the National Federation of WIs



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VILLAGERS SEEK HELP TO SAVE TREES



The two beautiful trees on Cumberhills Road

Dear Mr Pearson

Thank you for your advice earlier this week, in your capacity as Tree Officer for Amber Valley Council.

We wish to apply for tree preservation orders to be applied to two beautiful trees on Cumberhills Road, Duffield where we live.

Both trees stand at the point where Cumberhills Road joins Broadway.

They stand on a wide grass verge by the road which we

Reader's letter

think is land owned by the local authority.

The trees are enjoyed by everyone who lives in this street and many children play beneath them - and even in them - during the summer. Both of our daughters climbed them when they were children and made swings from their lower branches.

As you turn into Cumberhills Road from Broadway the

trees are on your immediate right. They add so much to the quality of the environment in which we live.

We would like to protect them from future damage or threats so that they will be enjoyed by those who come after us and live in Cumberhills Road.

The two trees are a pleasure for everyone of all ages in all seasons but are especially beautiful in the autumn.

Please let me know if we need to do more at this stage. Let

me know if a photograph would help.

I've copied this letter to those neighbours whose emails I have.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Curley CBE
and Penny Curley
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Contact the Curleys if you wish to help save the trees

GET INVOLVED WITH QUARNDON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Quarndon Amateur Dramatic Society has been putting on productions in the local area since 1941. We perform a wide range of plays; comedy, farce, murder mysteries, serious dramas, period dramas... you name it!

In the last few years the society has found it increasingly difficult to stage a production due to dwindling membership. That's why we are actively embarking on a recruitment drive to boost numbers!

We would like to invite you to join us at an event on Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm at Quarndon Church Hall, (122 Church Road,

Quarndon DE22 5JA) where you can enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles, meet the members and explore opportunities to participate in producing, directing, acting, costume, props... whatever might take your fancy!

You will get chance to chat to members, view our stage and displays of previous productions and there will be entertainment in the form of a selection of unrehearsed play readings which you can join in if you wish! The evening will be relaxed and informal and we'd love hear about what you'd like to do with us to use your skills, develop new ones

and have fun. Whether you've had experience before or you are a complete novice we will be delighted to meet you - all we really need is enthusiasm and the willingness to get stuck in!

If you would like to attend, just drop an email to our Secretary, Sharon Hawkins on info@quarndonquads.co.uk

For more details please visit www.quarndonquads.co.uk.



The Society's play staged in May 2016, Enchanted April, featuring Sharon Hawkins, Clare Snape, Marilyn Pendlebury & Alex Wrampling

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when it's due each year. Did you know that your unvented cylinder should be checked and serviced annually too? All Pride Plumbing Services Ltd engineers are qualified to work on unvented units, so why not arrange a boiler and cylinder service together.

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The Meadows Hidden Gems – Craneflies

Craneflies are part of the Order Diptera which includes all true flies. There are about 300 species in Britain and they belong to the family Tipulidae. They are sometimes known as daddy longlegs. The adults resemble oversized mosquitos. They have a slender body and stilt like legs which are deciduous. This means that they come off of the body easily. Craneflies have a lifespan of only 10 to 15 days and normally mate within a couple of days of emerging. The female lays her eggs immediately, usually in damp soil.



The larvae are known as leatherjackets due to their tough outer skins. They feed mainly on the roots of grasses and some crops where they can be serious pests. Brown patches on lawns are normally caused by leatherjackets. In 1935 Lord's Cricket Ground was affected by an invasion of leatherjackets and the pitch took on "unaccustomed spin" for the season. Any excuse for losing a test match! Craneflies overwinter in the larval stage. The adults emerge

between April and October depending on the species. Due to the short lifespan adults very rarely feed but can sometimes be seen taking nectar from Cow Parsley, Wild carrot and other similar flowers. Males and females are easy to tell apart as the male has a blunt abdomen and the female a pointed abdomen.

The first species I've chosen for this month is the Spotted Crane fly (*Nephrotoma appendiculata*). It has a wingspan of approximately

50mm and a body length of 10 to 15mm. The thorax is yellow with bold black markings and the abdomen is yellow with a broad black line along top. This is obscured in the photograph by the wings. I've chosen this picture for a reason. Craneflies normally rest with their wings outstretched but this specimen has its wings folded along the body, which is unusual. It is one of a few species known as tiger craneflies due to the colouration. It can be seen

from April to August with peak numbers in May. It can be found in fields, gardens and along woodland edges.

The second species I have for you this month is probably one of the best finds on the Meadow! It is a strikingly colourful crane fly but has no English name. Its scientific name is *Tanyptera nigricornis* because of its black antennae. Our nature reserve is only the 3rd site in Derbyshire where it has been found. It is quite rare in Britain with most specimens recorded in Lancashire and Yorkshire. It is classed as a Red Data Book 3 Species. The Red Data Book lists all of the rarer species in Britain. The photograph, although not brilliant, shows a male of the species. The female is red with a black elongated ovipositor. The reason for this is that, unusually, this species lays its eggs in dead wood on which the larvae feed. It is about the same size as the previous species described. It can be seen flying during May or June if you are lucky enough to spot one!



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THE IMPORTANCE AND BEAUTY OF THE DANDELION

“He loves me, he loves me not.” When younger, do you remember sitting with a flower - usually a large, white dog daisy (*Marguerite*) - pulling off each petal in turn whilst reciting - trying to predict whether the person you had in mind was going to be the romance you longed for?

I no longer have to go through this ritual - well married as I am for nearly 48 years - but was reminded of it when I spent time watching a bee meticulously exploring a dandelion flower and was struck by just how many petals the bee had to negotiate in order to get nectar. Have you wondered how many petals an average dandelion flower has - apart from “a lot”? I took the time to pull one to pieces and carefully count them - 156 (give or take).

At this point there is a spoiler alert! I like **dandelions** (*Taraxacum vulgare*)! Gardeners - forgive me for singing its praises because the dandelion is an amazing, useful plant on which many of our pollinators and insects depend in the early, unpredictable days of spring. Its common name derives from the French *dents de lions* (*lion's teeth*) making reference to the jagged shape of the leaves. The plant is

very common throughout the British Isles in habitats as varied as hay fields, orchards, pasture, lawns, roadsides, waste ground and found as high as 2700 feet; evidence has also been found in prehistoric deposits.

Unlike many plants, dandelion flowers are **apomictic** i.e. do not need pollination in order to produce seed. This has resulted in slight variations appearing according to different habitat conditions so that there are over 200 micro species recorded in Britain. There are other properties that are only too well understood if trying to remove them from your piece of land.

Each plant has a long taproot and has the ability to regrow from even a fragment left in the soil although frequent hoeing or ploughing can, over time, reduce its prevalence. In established plants that may live for 10-13 years if undisturbed, this taproot has another property - it contracts to pull the tip of the growing rosette just below the surface

where it can safely overwinter before growing on again in spring!

Usually found flowering from April through to October (and sometimes twice per year), each dandelion

head can produce up to 400 seeds at a time but more usually averages 180. This means that a single established plant can produce anything from 2000 to 12000 seeds (*achemes*) that will ripen within 9-12 days of

emergence. Relying on wind dispersal, each seed has a feathery tuft that enables it to catch the breeze and be dispersed as far as 8km away but usually about 500 metres. Whilst the plant is not welcome on manicured lawns and may well take over pastureland that is not grazed regularly or fields that are not ploughed, the origin of its common name gives a clue to its many uses in the past. Although common throughout the temperate world, it is thought to have originated in Greece with the generic name coming from *taraxos*,

meaning disorder, and *akos* meaning remedy; another possibility is from the Persian *tark hashgun* meaning wild endive. So essential a plant was it that up until the 1800's people would rather pull up the grass and have a lawn of dandelions and chamomile!

Dandelion is a nutritive herb rich in potassium, calcium, and lecithin, with iron, magnesium, niacin, phosphorus, proteins, silicon, boron, and zinc. It provides several B vitamins along with vitamins C and E as well as vitamin P. Chemical constituents in the leaf include bitter glycosides, carotenoids, terpenoids, choline, potassium salts, iron, and other minerals. The root also has bitter glycosides, tannins, triterpenes, sterols, volatile oil, choline, asparagin, and inulin.

It can be taken as a tonic drink by infusing the leaves in hot water. Young leaves are delicious if chopped up as part of a salad (try them with nasturtium leaves too) and was an essential plant for medicinal use helping to treat liver disease, acting as a boost to kidneys, stomach, pancreas and spleen and different preparations help with arthritis and rheumatism. The root can be dried, ground and then made into a passable substitute for coffee. However, it is wise **NOT** to indulge in dandelion preparations if you suffer from **overactive stomach acidity** as it promotes the production of bile.

Common names for this pretty, useful, time-telling plant include pissabed, Irish daisy, blow ball, lion's tooth, bitterwort, wild endive, priest's crown, doonheadclock, yellow gowan, puffball, clock flower, swine snort, fortune-teller, and cankerwort.

But I hope when you next see these beautiful yellow flowers you are able to better appreciate their importance!



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PLENTY GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY IN MAY

Please note we will be closed on Bank Holiday Mondays 1 and 29 May.

New books in the library this month include new paperback editions of The Bone Collection, featuring Dr Temperance Brennan, in a collection of gripping short stories by Kathy Reichs. When I was Invisible by Dorothy Koomson, a great read full of heart and sympathy, explores friendship when Veronica Harper meets Veronika Harper as eight year old ballet obsessed school girls. Together they face harsh and cruel choices and end up living very different lives. Will they find salvation when they meet twenty years later? Midnight in Berlin by James MacManus is set in Berlin in 1938, is a clever weaving of fact and fiction set around an attempt to assassinate Hitler by Colonel Macrae, a British military attaché. Described as a masterclass in period writing this novel is sure to delight. Phantoms by Dean Koontz is



a reprint of the very popular 1973 novel set in California. An ancient and awesome force has spirited away almost all of Snowfield's population, this is a very suspenseful and tense novel which makes the reader believe the impossible. Sweetbitter by Stephanie Danler is described as a "raw, shucked, pungent, wild love story" featuring Tess, living in New York and waitressing in a renowned restaurant. Tess becomes helplessly drawn

into a dark and alluring love triangle.

Our children's craft sessions continue on Saturday 6 May at 10.30am for craft and stories around a different theme each month. The theme for this month will be the beach. There is no need to book, just call in if your or your child is interested.

The Chatterbooks reading group for children aged 7-11 will be meeting on Wednesday 17 May from 4.30pm until 5.15pm, if you love reading why not join us?

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.

Happy Reading
Carole-Ann and the team



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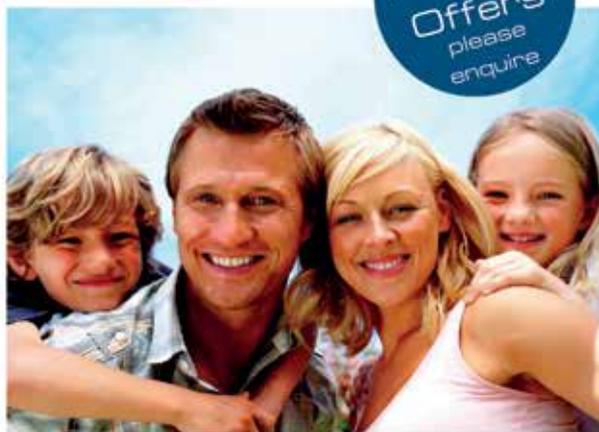
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THE PURPLE CROCUS – A FLOWER OF HOPE?

During the last few weeks we have seen a succession of winter bulbs coming to life and flowering; aconites and snowdrops then cream crocus followed by the vibrant purple coloured crocus and leading onto masses of daffodils and narcissus. Did you know that the purple crocus has a special significance for Rotarians in the UK?

Poliomyelitis, a relatively widespread disease in the early/mid 1900's, attacked the central nervous system in young people and caused paralysis; in extreme cases it resulted in respiratory failure and the affected patients were only kept alive using mechanical devices called iron lungs. Other childhood diseases such as measles and diphtheria had been largely eliminated using vaccination but it took until 1955 before Salk developed an effective vaccine against polio. Subsequently, an oral vaccine was produced by Sabin in 1960 and the ease with which this could be administered led to a vaccination programme being rolled out world-wide. This was so effective that the World Health Organisation declared the Americas polio free in 1994 and Western Europe in 2002.

Rotary International made a major commitment in 1985, when it launched its PolioPlus initiative, to completely eliminate polio throughout the world. Since then, hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised by Rotary clubs and with matching funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a massive programme coordinated by the WHO has been carried out in those areas of the world where polio was still endemic. By 2002, more than two thousand million children in 122 countries had been immunised and the programme has

continued so that now there are only a handful of polio cases known in the world. Work continues with local immunisation programmes to make the world 'polio free'. We are nearly there!

What have purple crocus to do with this story? One of the major areas for vaccination was the Indian continent and over the last few years there have been a number of National Immunisation Days when volunteers, including Rotarians from the UK, have treated millions of children

with the oral vaccine. To identify those children who have received the vaccine, they have a finger dipped in purple ink. Rotarians in the UK have adopted the purple crocus to recognise this fact and have used the image to help in their fundraising for PolioPlus. The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield obtained a quantity of purple crocus bulbs last autumn and distributed them to local schools and gardening groups to plant out to remind the local community of the PolioPlus project. The photograph

shows a fine display with an information board alongside the A6 through Milford.

You can help projects like PolioPlus and other initiatives we have within the local community by supporting our next fundraising effort. We are holding a Ladies Fashion Show at Little Eaton Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17th May; tickets £5 are available by contacting President Coral Breach on 01332 833375. For more information, visit www.belper-rotary.co.uk





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Sensory Walk at Gray Rec

Duffield Parish Council is looking for someone local who might be able to help or advise us with the creation of a sensory walk/trail at Gray Recreation Ground (the likely location would be the field behind Ecclesbourne Meadows/the play area). If you are interested in helping please contact Kath, the Parish Clerk, by emailing clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or ringing 01332 842740.



Bike stand at Gray Rec

The Council has now installed a bicycle stand alongside the playground. We hope local residents will find it a useful addition to the playground space and look forward to making further additions at the ground in the coming months.



Cockpit Lane

The resurfacing work to Cockpit Lane – the footpath that runs alongside Appletree Medical Practice leading to Eyes Meadow – has now been carried out. We would like to thank residents for their patience while the work was ongoing.



Street lights

If any Duffield residents notice that any streetlights are not operational, it's worth reporting them to Derbyshire County Council during the spring and summer months when their workload is reduced so that they will then be repaired ready for next winter. Report them at www.derbyshire.gov.uk – look for "report a street light" on the home page.

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 and Annual General Meeting will take place on **3rd May 2017 at 7pm**. The **SFGP Committee Meeting** takes place on the **17th May 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**

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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**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - WATCHING FOR WHAT?

In the past twelve months over a hundred and fifty copies of the Neighbourhood Watch Members Guide were delivered across Duffield, some to Duffield North where there are no Street Coordinators.

Each Guide had my address but there have been no replies. Recruitment of new Coordinators can only add to our sense of security.

PCSO Bennett seldom has visitors to her Surgery, but the few telephone calls received are ALWAYS clear and precise statements and questions, and are dealt with promptly. The four rules of Observe, Record, Report (101) and Treat in Confidence are carried out, some in more details than others.

For good reason we trust that ALL incidents causing concern are reported them personally at the time, but respect the need for the Police to report back as best enables them to carry out their duties. Their silence is not evasive: it enables them to have space and a reliable fact base for action. Is the public reasonable in expecting the Police to tell them everything?

Often their contribution comes as warnings to be Alert, and in this column its previous and present authors have written and emailed the issues identified. Street

muggings, break-ins, theft and damage, scams, doorstep intimidation, unlocked cars, doors and windows have been highlighted. A survey of house alarms was carried out and reported. Protection varies greatly.

Is the Police – Public relationship a balanced venture? Are we good citizens? What should our concerns be? How much can each reasonably expect?

Jacqui Hames, the former BBC Crimewatch presenter, wrote the Guide's Foreword in saying:

“Our homes should be our refuge, a place to feel safe, kick off our shoes, relax, and be ourselves with those most dear to us. However, the world is changing so rapidly in terms of how we live and where we live and work, increasingly we've become more isolated when it comes to navigating our way safely through the everyday, and very occasionally, not-so-everyday dangers of modern living.”

As Spring arrives with longer sunlight hours to fill our evenings, what are the reported instances of public behaviour arousing a surprisingly wide range of the public's emotions? While walking around the Meadow or tending flower and vegetable gardens or sitting with friends enjoying



a drop-in and drink at a local hostelry will satisfy older people's expectations, what are younger folk expected and able to do? Are they as entitled to enjoy the social bonding and facilities of their parents and grandparents? In their way?

A recent village meeting was interrupted by a phone call carrying a message that damage had occurred to or by a building in an open public space. Young people appeared by implication, to have been involved.

An early visit the following morning to the site showed two waste bins, one upturned, the other damaged beyond use, with limited bottles, cans and plastics spewed from a plastic bag. A rope had been unwound and untidily spread. There appeared to be no damage to the building or to extensive and easily wrecked equipment was intact when there was plenty of opportunity.

This site shared several features in common with other built-up village sites at which crowds had gathered, noisy disturbances made, glass broken and litter scattered. All have attracted Police presence, warnings had been issued, identities noted and local organisations briefed. But this latest incident reported, and the visit, suggested significant differences.

First, it occurred in an area overlooked from few nearby houses and only by strollers and dog-walkers.

Second, the building had extensive wooden seating enabling any group to hold

a social conversation and banter uninterrupted by adults though strictly 'private'.

Is there things to be learned by us especially by those who are responsible for civic facilities? Can we recall 'Have your Say' invitations?

On previous evenings groups of a dozen or so young people were seen to sit on pavements or walk or ride towards the Meadow and around the village. Their number may be seen as intimidating as are groups of cyclists rushing along village roads and pavements on recent evenings.

Whose 'problem'? Theirs? Ours?

Are readers reminded of earlier rejected proposals to have a skateboard park on Eyes Meadows or Gray Recreation Ground? Is there anything in the new Trim Trail park for energetic teenagers? In winter?

Is Neighbourhood Watch only concerned with Crime?

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ALL STARS CRICKET COMES TO DUFFIELD

A new nationwide programme aimed at introducing 50,000 young children to cricket is being launched this month, and Duffield Cricket Club is leading the way.

All Stars Cricket will provide 5-8 year olds with an exciting and fun first experience of the game.

Within weeks of the programme being launched, Duffield became the first All Stars Centre in Derbyshire to reach 35 registrations, but the Club is keen to see even more young All Stars down at Eyes Meadow during the summer.

“Duffield Cricket Club already has a thriving junior section, and caters for young players from age 5-17, but we’re particularly excited about this new All Stars cricket programme” said **Bob Blenkinsop**, the Club junior coordinator.

“The England & Wales Cricket Board have developed a really innovative soft-ball programme with the emphasis placed firmly on learning how to play the game in a fun, safe and inclusive environment, and we’d love to provide the



opportunity for as many girls and boys to come along and try it.

“As well as getting nine weeks of action-packed fun, all those signing-up for All Stars Cricket get a personalised All Stars shirt and a cricket ‘back-pack’ delivered to their door with a bat, ball and everything they need to try the game for the first time.”

Giles Brown, the All Stars Coordinator at the club has been delighted by the initial response to the programme. “All Stars is going to be a lot of fun, and we’ve been

particularly pleased that around one-third of those registering so far have been girls.

“We’re really keen to introduce more children to cricket, and to welcome more families to the club, so we’ll be opening the bar and having a barbecue at each session, and there’ll be lots of cricket-related activities going on. We’re planning a cricket crèche for those too young to join in at All Stars, and we’ll be running some very informal Prosecco Cricket evenings for any Mum’s who fancy giving

the game a try.”

The Duffield All Stars Centre will be at Eyes Meadow on Fridays between 6-7pm from May 12 through to July 14th, and will run alongside another soft-ball cricket option for older primary school children.

“All Stars will primarily be for those children in year 1-3 or those who have never tried cricket before, but we’ll also be continuing with our popular Kwik Cricket programme for those older children keen to play the next level of soft-ball cricket.

“Both Kwik and All Stars will be at the same time on a Friday to hopefully make it more convenient for those families who might have children participating in both sessions.” explained **Bob Blenkinsop**.

More information on All Stars Cricket and details on how to sign-up can be found at allstarscricket.co.uk. Anybody wanting to find-out more about Duffield Cricket Club or get in touch with the club can do this at <http://duffield.play-cricket.com>.

CHEVIN GOLF CLUB LADIES RAISE £675 FOR CHARITY

The Chevin Golf Club conservatory was buzzing on Wednesday afternoon 12th April for our Ladies Afternoon Tea. The tables were set with fine china ready for the ladies to enjoy tea, delicate sandwiches and a wonderful selection of scones and cakes, all served by some very handsome

gentlemen suitably dressed in black tie! Many thanks, gents, for all your help in looking after the ladies’ every needs.

Lady captain Janet Thomas thanked all the ladies (and Mr Captain) who helped bake cakes, prepare sandwiches and who provided the lovely tea sets. Team efforts really



do pay off. She also thanked Lynne and the Chevin Bar staff for helping set up and tidy away afterwards and making sure the tea pots were full!

The fantastic sum of £675 was raised in total from ticket sales, donations and the raffle, which itself raised an amazing £254, All monies will go to

the Captains’ charity for this year, “The Brain Tumour Charity”

After tea, there was a demonstration and talk by Annette Negus from “Weleda” who demonstrated some of their natural products and gave an interesting talk into the background of these products and the company.

MIXED FORTUNES IN FRIENDLY OPENERS

Neither Duffield nor their old rivals Belper Meadows were able to field full strength teams when both 1st and 2nd XIs met in pre-season warm up matches so it was perhaps appropriate that honours were shared.

Duffield skipper Tom Roe showed how to concentrate on a wicket not affording much bounce and was the backbone of the innings with a composed 65.

Chris Sheldon scored a neat 27 before the wickets started to fall and Duffield scrambled their way to a challenging 191 all out.

The Meadows were without some of their best batting talent and although the very promising Adam Rowland scored 38, there was

no major support and they collapsed to 85 all out with David Whiteley (3 for 17 and off-spinner Jono Clare (3 for 14) doing the damage.

Australian all rounder Matt Clarke (19) did not arrive in time to make his debut for Duffield but he was later welcomed to the Club by the management and players.

In the 2nd XI match at Belper, the Meadows won by six wickets in a match where giving the players some time in the middle took preference. Duffield batted first and both Dan Clarke and Will Clare scored half centuries before retiring as Duffield reached 183 for 4. but Meadows duly reached their winning target with some ease and overs to spare.



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