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## ROTARY CLUB AWARDS FOR EIGHT LOCAL YOUNGSTERS

At a ceremony held at Shottle Hall Hotel at Shottle in October, eight local youngsters aged between ten and sixteen years received a certificate and an etched glass award from The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield, acknowledging their individual determination to carry on with normal school, social and family life despite having to deal with substantial ongoing medical problems or other serious personal issues.

The youngsters were all nominated for the award by their schools and citations



outlining why they had been selected were read out by their respective teachers.

The youngsters came from

Belper School and Sixth Form Centre, St. John's Primary School, The Ecclesbourne School, Duffield Meadows

School, Saint Benedicts Catholic Voluntary Academy and Alfreton Park Community Special School.

The awards ceremony had been sponsored by a number of local companies including Shottle Hall Hotel, Benz Bavarian Ltd, Carter Legrand Wealth Strategies Limited, Killingworth and Parrott Solicitors, Peveril Homes and Shacklocks LLP Solicitors, each of whom sent senior representatives to the event.

The awards were jointly presented to the youngsters by a well known BBC Radio ... continued on page 5.



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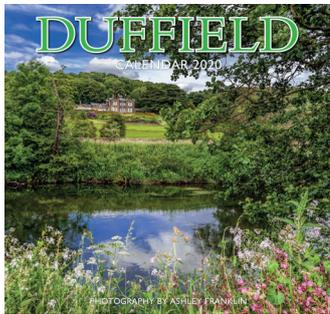
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# ASHLEY'S DUFFIELD IMAGE ON AWARD SHORTLIST

An image of Duffield's Eyes Meadow in autumn could win Milford-based photographer Ashley Franklin a major prize. Ashley's photo, taken on a bright, mist-strewn November morning, has been shortlisted in the Trees, Woods & Forests category of the International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY) 2019.

'I am elated with this recognition' says Ashley; 'this is one of the world's most prestigious photo competitions, attracting around 19,000 entries from 50 countries across the globe,



so just to be shortlisted is reason enough to break out the bubbly!'

Now in its thirteenth year, IGPOTY 'showcases the very best in plant, garden and botanical photography.' As Ashley points out: 'this competition is a celebration of not just gardens and flowers but the parks, fields and forests across the planet and if my image is selected for the book and touring exhibition, it will be wonderful to see Duffield's Eyes Meadow highlighted as one of the glories of nature.'

Ashley's 2020 Calendar also includes the snowbound hills around St Alkmund's church - which is also pictured amidst a mist-strewn autumn sunrise - May blossom in the village, a train steaming out of Duffield Station on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, montages of the Duffield Carnival, Millennium Meadow and Scarecrow Trail as well as an

image of Greenbelt land in the Cumberhills Road area which has been saved from extensive housing following a successful local campaign.

Ashley is seeking help with one of the calendar images: the front cover, which depicts Duffield Bank from the river. As he explains: 'There is a house nestled in the hillside and I would love to know who lives there so I can gift them a copy!'

The 2020 Duffield Calendar is the 13th to be produced by Ashley and he feels it's his best yet. 'Yes, I know I say that every year' smiles Ashley, 'but I really believe I have eclipsed all my previous calendars.'

Ashley's Calendar is on sale at Duffield News, Duffield Post Office, Duffield Squash & Tennis Club and Croots Farm Shop, priced at £9.95.

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# ROTARY CLUB AWARDS SANTA TRAIN EXPERIENCE



## From the cover...

Derby journalist, Heidi Booth and a BBC national weather presenter, Lucy Martin. The event was also attended by the Belper Town Mayor, Councillor Simon Mallett and the District Governor of Rotary International District 1220, Rotarian David Hood. This was the sixth annual awards ceremony organized by the Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield and the Club's President, Rotarian Dan Booth said afterwards, "This event is always the highlight of the year for me. To hold an event celebrating some of the

inspirational young people in our community is a real pleasure. I'm so proud of what they've achieved and proud of our club for organising the event". Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, part of Rotary International, has 1,800 clubs and more than 51,000 members. Rotary clubs are open to men and women of all ages who wish to volunteer their services to help their local or wider community, using their experience for the benefit of others less fortunate than themselves.

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# DERWENT VALLEY WIND BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Derwent Valley Wind Band and The V&A Ensemble recently joined forces in their Autumn Extravaganza concert on 2 November 2019 at Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath.

The audience were treated to a varied programme, with Derwent Valley Wind Band playing pieces from classical to film music and the V&A Ensemble singing a number of original songs. The evening concluded with both groups performing Journey's End, a joint piece composed especially for the concert.

Derwent Valley Wind Band is a community wind band for all ages. Under the musical direction of Russell Bevan they provide an informal but productive opportunity for adults and young people to play wind instruments. They rehearse on Monday nights at Ecclesbourne School

during term time from 6:45pm - 8:30pm. For further information visit [www.dvwb.org.uk](http://www.dvwb.org.uk).

The V&A Ensemble was formed at the end of August 2017 by co-founders Vicki Clemerson and Alan Barnard. The 20 strong choir mostly sings the music that Vicki and Alan compose in four part harmony. Their Musical Director is Anne de Waal. For further information contact [info@vandaensemble.org.uk](mailto:info@vandaensemble.org.uk).

Christmas is right around the corner and the Derwent Valley Wind Band are already working on seasonal favourites for our forthcoming Christmas engagements.

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# FLOODS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE MEADOW

**It was a very sad sight. A small mole, frantically swimming for its life near the road to the cricket pavilion – already run out of safe ground on which to retreat from the rapidly rising water - and unable to be rescued. The whole of the cricket pitch disappeared and the speeding stream of water went through the Reserve's gate and joined the other water already covering most of the meadow areas.**

Within hours the whole of the Eyes meadow, Millennium meadow and the adjoining sheep field was under water; the Ecclesbourne river was nowhere to be seen and edge of the Derwent had stretched to over the road leading to the Rolls Royce guesthouse and into the field next door. The smell was dreadful as the sewage washed down from the works near Belper, the Church and Church hall flooded and the war memorial was marooned in a lake as the farmer and the fire service personnel rescued the sheep from the field behind St.Alkmunds.

The water became a roaring torrent that lifted the dog bin and its concrete base from the edge of the car park to smash through the disabled access gate and come to rest in the middle of the meadow. The mole was one of many small mammals that met their demise; the feet-deep water coursed through the first copse taking the brash piles with it along with the creatures that hibernate in them or under them.

There are 40,000 species of invertebrates in the UK and they vary enormously in the biology, ecology and lifestyle choices. During the winter some bug species are eggs, some are larvae or juveniles, some are pupae, some are adults and some are at a mixture of stages. Most are inactive during winter – resting

or hibernating. Although they all need oxygen, bugs can slow down their metabolisms so they are using oxygen very slowly – eggs and pupae don't need much oxygen at all, those with soft skin can sometimes absorb it from water and others create watertight homes that retain their own air.

The female Yellow-loosestrife bee digs a burrow in the ground and having collected oil from the Yellow-loosestrife plant, she lines the walls with the water proofing oil. The larvae can sit out the winter floods safe in their pollen and nectar filled cells. Many other bugs are less dense and can float so can simply let go, float and hang on to passing flotsam – hoping to land somewhere drier. Not so easy for earthworms.

The Chestnut earthworm (*Lumbricus castaneus*) will have a good chance of escape. This earthworm comes up to the surface of the soil and floats on the water in the hopes that it reaches land at some point. It is these floating worms that provide an initial feast for the visiting gulls and mallards to flooded areas. Other worms struggle and many drown.

One that can survive short flooding is a worm that is usually green in colour - *Allolobophora chlorotica* - approx.50mm in length. It requires wet conditions to thrive. It will manage as long as the bacteria decaying the dead leaves in the top layer of the soil - competing for any oxygen - does not produce anaerobic conditions. This produces toxic by-products like hydrogen sulphide.

Another worm that seems able to cope is *Lumbricus rubellus*.

Land that is regularly flooded begins to have a different range of fauna in the soil over time and its biomass is generally less diverse. If the flood events are less frequent, the soil will recover in a relatively short length of time. Soil organisms such as earthworms play an important part in maintaining the structure and functioning of soils. The casts of earthworms act as channels allowing water and air to penetrate the ground. Earthworms also help to incorporate organic matter from the surface into the soil and redistribute nutrients.

Meanwhile our climate is changing. The UK average temperature has increased by nearly 1°C compared to the 1961-90 average. More rain is falling in intense storms, and sea level is rising. Soils store carbon that would otherwise end up in the atmosphere. Climate change is predicted to result in a significant loss to the amount of carbon stored in the soil due to changes in the vegetation cover, and there will be pressure to reverse this. Planting trees is an obvious response.

The balance that our Nature Reserve has achieved will change over time if we continue to have flood events more frequently. Lack of small mammals will result in no food for the predators that feed on them e.g. buzzards, kestrels; lack of worms will reduce both the number of moles and the soil's ability to drain quickly. This will affect the plants and our attempts to increase the food plants for pollinators might be less successful.

Meanwhile – the whole site is still very wet, the paths are very muddy and slippery and we have some clearing up and repairing to do. Take care. Roll on the sunshine! Happy Xmas!

by **Di Hancock**  
Chair, Duffield Millennium  
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# DUFFIELD & DISTRICT HERITAGE FEATURES – Seeing Red



As the festive season approaches and Christmas cards are being written we'll be finding our way to the Post Office, or an iconic red post-box. Surprisingly, although the first postal system was introduced in 1660 by Charles II, it wasn't until the introduction of the Penny Black postage stamp, by Rowland Hill in 1837, that the first post-boxes were installed. Britain's first experimental pillar-boxes were erected, not in London, but in St Helier, Jersey, in 1852, at the instigation of Anthony Trollope, the novelist and Post Office Surveyor.

According to the *Letter Box Study Group* there are over 400 variations of pillar-box, around 160 types of wall-box, 66 'Ludlow' (wood/iron/enamel) boxes and almost 80 versions of lamp-box. In 1853 the first post-box erected on the mainland was at Botchergate in Carlisle, but the oldest in daily use is this octagonal design at Barnes Cross near Sherborne in Dorset. The letter slot is vertical with a hinged flap; a serious disadvantage when it rains!

In 1859 an ornate box used in London was modified by moving the aperture from the top to below the rim with horizontal slot and overhang which became the first National standard pillar-box. In 1863 a Liverpool

postmaster rebelled, and the **Liverpool Special** was created; larger, with a chunky cast iron crown it can be seen at the Albert Dock.

In 1879 came the first cylindrical pillar-box, which has changed little, apart from some early fluted versions and a recent square design by David Mellor of Hathersage. In 1857 the first National standard wall-box installed in Tintagel Cornwall is one of about ten still remaining. In 1896 Andrew Handyside's of Derby made the first lamp-boxes.

Since the first post-boxes were installed there have been six reigning monarchs and each one has embossed letters (R for Rex or Regina) accompanied by a crown; known as a **Royal Cypher** signifying the king or queen at the time. Surprisingly, the Duffield area has examples of boxes from five monarchs!

Duffield's oldest wall-box, with Imperial State Crown, was installed within a barn on Hazelwood Road during



Queen Victoria's reign (1837-1901). There's no VR I since she was the first Queen Victoria. The next oldest, with Tudor (King's) Crown, from the reign of Edward VII (1901-1910), is a wall-box at the junction of Rigga Lane on Eaton Bank; sadly no longer in use. Both have posting apertures modified from 6 to 8ins to accommodate larger letters; done nationwide in the early 1960's using a compressed air grinder and new casting piece by one man in a Land Rover!

The most iconic pillar-boxes from Queen Victoria's reign were designed in 1866 by architect John W Penfold. These 'Penfold' hexagonal pillar-boxes incorporated a flamboyant VR cypher, surmounted by a cast-iron top decorated with balls, acanthus leaves and bud. A Penfold style pillar-box is seen here in Hartington and a VR 'Ludlow' at Matlock Green.



At the king's request post-boxes during the reign of George V (1910-1936), seen beside Willy Gilly School, have only GR in the cypher. This, as with all Duffield's wall-boxes, could certainly do with a lick of paint.

The scarcity of boxes during the short reign of Edward VIII in 1936 before his abdication is understandable. These are extremely rare although this example comes from Sunny Hill, Derby. The ER VIII cypher is quite distinctive, while his successor George VI's cypher is more elaborate. Note the **King's crown** on these cyphers compared





with the **Queen's crown** for Elizabeth II, seen at the shops on New Zealand Lane.

The pillar-boxes outside Duffield's post office, on Avenue Road, Wirksworth Road and Flaxholme were erected during the reign of George VI (aka 'Bertie' from *The King's Speech*) (1936-1952). Bases are normally black and contain the name of the manufacturer; many by Scottish iron founders, and Handside's. As Elizabeth I was not the first Queen of Scotland their boxes exclude ERII in favour of the Scottish Crown.



Wall-boxes in Flaxholme and Tamworth Street were erected during the reign of Elizabeth II (1952-present). In 1979 Royal Mail simplified the cylindrical shape, without the familiar pillar box cap, as seen at Belper's sorting office; an ultra-modern design abandoned due to design flaws with door hinges!

The first post-boxes were red and for a short time **bronzegreen**, but by 1874 to make them more distinct they reverted to '**pillar box red**'; a process that took 10 years to complete! Ornate boxes that once stood in London can be seen among 200 examples at the Postal Museum. ([www.postalmuseum.org](http://www.postalmuseum.org))



**Blue** boxes were introduced in the 1930's for air-mail letters, and a double aperture pillar-box in Angel Row, Nottingham was painted blue to celebrate the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup. Following England's win it became one of 15 temporarily painted **white** some with stylised images of a gold cricket bat, ball and stumps; eventually with a permanent plaque, also honouring the women's win in 2017. Interestingly, Channel Island boxes are blue, while Royal Gibraltar post-boxes have **black** tops.



Royal Mail painted over 100 post-boxes **gold** to celebrate Team GB and Paralympics GB gold medal wins during the London 2012 **Olympic** and **Paralympic** Games. They will remain gold to mark the achievements of the athletes and the historic Games. This one in Kirkby-in-Ashfield celebrates Paralympian swimmer,

Oliver Hynd. In Leek there's one for rower Anna Watkins and in Sheffield for athlete Jessica Ennis.

There are around 115,000 boxes nationwide and Royal Mail, together with Historic England, are committed to conserving their character and heritage, recognising them as cherished local landmarks. Royal Mail illustrated their importance with a 1st Class green 'Penfold' stamp issued in 2016 and a Christmas stamps issue in 2018.

I'm guessing that somewhere in your Christmas cards at least one will have an image of a bright red pillar box; probably covered with snow and a seasonal robin. Whether or not you receive one please enjoy this example from *Duffield News* with my best wishes for a '**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**'.

by **Robert Reid**



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When families get together, as will be happening this Christmas, people sometimes notice that a loved one isn't managing as well as they used to. Sometimes, a little extra support is all that is required to get the person's life back on an even keel. At Bluebird Care, we are able to provide that additional reassurance and support, allowing people to remain as safe, well and content as possible in their own home. This may be by assistance with medication, support or prompting with food and drink, including cooking and freezing meals, or going out shopping or on social outings together. The comment we most often hear from family members is, "my, usually, mother is fiercely independent and they are managing". We understand this, and as registered care providers, (we prefer to refer to it as support); our aim is to promote independence



at all times, tread softly where we go, and respect the individual's home as, what it is, their home. And, whilst they may be managing, with a little support, they can enjoy an improved quality of life. An example would be, two of our customers wanted support with washing and dressing so that they didn't expend all their morning's energy doing it, so

they could enjoy doing another activity or task. Another lady wasn't eating very well, so her family engaged our support to encourage her. We arrived to share a mid-morning cup of tea and toast with her, carried out household tasks and prepared a main meal for lunch and left a sandwich or salad in the fridge for later; combining companionship, improved

nutrition and hydration and household tasks, and a safe and well check for the family.

It is very rare for people to choose to discontinue our service, other than a change in circumstances and, in fact, many say that they wish that they had engaged us sooner, particularly where other family members are struggling to keep things going for their loved one. The ideal would be to see our service as an enhancement to a person's life; to promote and champion a person's independence and give reassurance to enable them to live contentedly and well at home.

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# UPDATE FROM DAVE WELLS YOUR GREEN COUNCILLOR

## Plastic Free Duffield

A big thank you to all the volunteer litter-pickers who braved the rain (and missed a certain rugby match!) on Saturday, 26th October. Well done, Duffield!

We collected bags and bags of litter from all around the village, most of it plastic, and most of that was non-recyclable (packaging, wrappers, etc.)

We also had a display of some of the worst single-use plastic "offenders", and of lots of alternatives to them, such as bamboo toothbrushes, beeswax food covers and re-usable drinks cups. Many of these were donated by "Sue's Sustainables" in Belper, and some are also available from "Refills on the Road" at local markets and events.

A big thank you, too, to my colleagues of the Plastic Free Duffield Steering Group, which organised the event. We are busy working on the other objectives we need to meet in order to gain Plastic Free Community status. One of these is to persuade local

businesses to remove single-use plastic items from their activities. The Town Street Tap was the first business to become a Plastic Free Champion in Duffield (in October 2018), and we are planning to give four more awards very soon. Watch this space!

If you are involved in a local business which would like to be considered for this award, get in touch with Dave.

Plastic Free Communities is a national campaign organised by Surfers Against Sewage, and was started in Duffield by Dave and the Green Party, but is now a non-party political campaign.

All the Duffield schools are working towards Plastic Free School status, and we need as many community groups, sports clubs and churches as possible to be involved, too, so do get in touch.

## Climate Change

I have met with several officers at Amber Valley Borough Council, and have been pushing the council to be as strong as possible



Dave and some of his Steering Group colleagues show alternatives to single-use plastic at the litter pick.

in taking action to reduce Climate Change. The council has voted to set up a Climate Change Working Group; I am one of its members, and recently attended its inaugural meeting; a great chance to further influence the council's actions.

## Ecclesbourne School

I continue to work with the school on monitoring the implementation of its Travel Plan, which should reduce the number of car journeys associated with the school. We also plan to work with students to help them measure air pollution outside the school gates.

## Parking Issues

Several people have contacted me about inconsiderate parking near Duffield schools. I have met with schools and had long conversations with Derbyshire County Council, but could I also ask that, if you must use your cars to take your children to and from school, please be considerate of local residents and of the safety of children.

## Come and Talk To Me

My next councillor surgery is at The Weston Centre, December 14th, 12-12.45pm. Please drop in to talk about any local issues.

by Dave Wells

## SCOUTS STAMP AND DELIVER

The Duffield Scout Group is participating in the Derbyshire Scouts Stamp and Deliver scheme 2018. The scheme delivers Christmas cards in the greater Derby/Belper area at a very reasonable cost – 30 pence per stamp.

Full details of the delivery area are available from the participating sale points or the scheme website - [www.stampanddeliver.com/DeliveryArea.aspx](http://www.stampanddeliver.com/DeliveryArea.aspx).

The profit from the scheme is shared between nominated charities and the participating Scout Groups. For every stamp the Group sells it retains about 18 pence making this a very important fundraising event for the Group. The money raised helps maintain facilities and equipment for use by members of the 7 very active sections in the Group of over 170 young people.

The sale of stamps starts on Monday 18th November and the last collection is at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 17th December. All cards will be delivered before Christmas Day.

The following places in the village sell stamps and act as post boxes: Duffield News, Duffield Service Station, Croots Farm Shop, Meadow Vale Stores, Bridge Inn and at Idridgehay Stores. Stamps will also be available from Scout Group Executive Committee members.

Why not take advantage of this excellent scheme, save yourself money compared to using the Royal Mail for your Christmas cards to the delivery area concerned and at the same time support the 1st Duffield Scout Group and local charities. For further information please phone Alan Hudson 07973 756387 or Bob Swain 07732 988459.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**MON**

**Babies and Bouncers\***  
9.30am - Parish Hall

**TUE**

**Walking for Health**  
Meet at 9.45am, Weston Centre for supervised walk 10.00 – 11.30, round Duffield and beyond. All welcome, including re-habs. No charge.  
Info on 841162 or 07977 140415

**Yoga Class**  
1pm - 2.15pm, £4.50. Bring mat & blanket.  
Julie 07817147167 or 01332 841661.  
Methodist Church Hall, King Street

**CHAT (Come and Have Afternoon Tea)**  
Baptist Church 2.00 - 4.00pm.  
Various activities for all age groups.  
Come and join us for tea and a chat!  
Keith Powney 01335 372153.

**Boys Brigade & Girls Association\***  
6.15 - 7.30pm, New members welcome.  
£2.00. Ages 5-11. Baptist Church Hall.  
01773 689983

**Rotary Club of Belper & Duffield**  
6.30pm for 7.00pm, The Lion Hotel,  
Belper. John Horwood 01773 853813

**Ignition Youth Group\***  
7.30- 9pm. School years 10-13. Relaxing  
with a hot drink and cake, games and  
thinking through a section of the bible.  
St. Alkmunds Church Hall.

**WED**

**Duffield Baby & Toddler Group\***  
10.00-11.30am  
£3 per child & £1.50 for under 1s.  
Methodist Church Hall, King Street

**Duffield Singers**  
7.45 - 9.45pm  
St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road.  
theduffieldsingers@gmail.com

**FRI**

**Massive\***  
4.00 - 6.00pm (years 7-9)  
7.00 - 9.30pm (years 10-13)  
Emmanuel Community Church  
No entry charge. Food & tuck for sale.

**MON-FRI**

**Coffee Morning**  
10.00am - 12noon  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street.  
Coffee, tea and biscuits. £1 for a  
bottomless cup. Volunteers will ensure  
you are made welcome.

\*term time only

## MONTHLY CALENDAR DECEMBER

- 2** **Songs of Praise**  
The Christmas Edition. Singing favourite carols followed by drinks and cakes. 2.00pm at St Alkmunds Church Hall.
- 3** **Appletree Carers' Forum**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street. 1.00-2.30pm.
- 9** **Cards and Crafts**  
All welcome. Help and materials and refreshments provided. No charge. 7.15-9.15pm.  
The Baptist Church Hall. Info on 01773 689983.
- 10** **Duffield Afternoon WI**  
Christmas Party. 1.30-3.30pm at St. Margaret's Church. For more information call Chris Jordan on 882442, or email chrisinaddis@yahoo.co.uk.  
**Duffield Cumberhills WI**  
Christmas party and entertainment. 7.30pm in the 5th Form Centre, Ecclesbourne School.  
Visitors welcome - call 840947 for more info.
- 11** **Computer Self-help Group**  
Methodist Church, King Street. 7.30pm. Further details from Mick Hardwick at mick@hardwickclan.co.uk.
- 12** **Christmas Community Lunch**  
12.30pm at Emmanuel Community Church. Transport is available - to book, call Lynda on 840821. All welcome. No charge.  
**Mid-Week Praise**  
Emmanuel Community Church, Chapel Street from 1.30-2.30pm. All ages are welcome. Transport can be provided - call the ECG Church office on 841386.  
**Duffield Business Network Event**  
6pm to 7.30pm, The Function Room, The White Hart  
Free event - Jonathan Leach on 07952675862 or email contact@indigodrumcommunications.com.
- 15** **Cake & Chat**  
St. Alkmunds Church Hall, 2.00pm. A chance to catch up with friends and socialise.  
**Carols By Candlelight**  
Incorporating a parade by the Boys Brigade and Girls Assoc, followed by refreshments. You are very welcome to join us. 3.30pm at the Baptist Church.  
**Christingle Service**  
4.30pm at St Alkmunds Church, followed by tea.  
**Carol Service**  
6.30pm at at Emmanuel Community Church followed by festive treats.  
**Derwent Valley Wind Band Christmas Concert**  
7.00pm at Ecclesbourne School Hall.  
Free admission. See page 6.
- 17** **Local Area Coordinator Nicky Mount**  
10.00am-noon, every third Tuesday. Drop in session at the Weston Centre.  
**Duffield Evening WI**  
Christmas Social. 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road. New members welcome, email Jan: duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com.
- 22** **Reindeer Family Fun (with real reindeers!)**  
4.00-6.00pm at Emmanuel Community Church.



# Duffield Parish Council

## Newsletter December 2019

AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR  
DUFFIELD PARISH BY-ELECTION  
NOTICE OF POLL

### Duffield By-Election – Poll Results

The Parish Councillor welcomes new Councillor Joe Martin, following the By-Election held on 21 November 2019.

The results were: Joe Martin (Green Party) 631 votes; Steven Evanson (Conservative Party) 462 votes; David Zydzenowski (Independent) 128 votes; and James Butler (Labour Party) 69 votes. 1290 votes were cast out of a total electorate of 3925 – a 33% turnout.



### Cemetery – Changes to Rules and Regulations

The rules and regulations have been updated and can be seen on the Parish Council website: <https://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/approved-duffield-cemetery-regulations-nov-2019.pdf> Please note that the sections shown in red have been amended. Key points that we would like to bring to your attention are a change to the allowed memorial sizes, both in the Cemetery and Garden of Remembrance, and rules on mementoes allowed on graves.



### Christmas Community Walk

Organised by the Duffield Neighbourhood Watch, the date is still to be decided at the time of writing but is likely to take place on 28th or 30th December, so a great way to get together with your friends, get some fresh air and burn off a mince pie or two! Keep an eye out for information about the walk which will be posted on the main noticeboard at the White Hart, on the Parish Council website and on Facebook.



### Duffield Village Plan

Duffield Parish Council will be refreshing the Duffield Village Action Plan over the next few months. As a starting point we would like to gather your views on the recreational facilities in the village and would appreciate your help in completing a short survey here: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6HH97K2](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6HH97K2) to help us assess what is needed.

### Parish Council Apprentice

The Parish Council offers a warm welcome to our new apprentice Claire Gillman. Claire's time will be split between Duffield Parish Council and Belper Town Council.

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.

Forthcoming Parish Council **Full Council Meetings** will take place on **Wednesday 4th December 2019** and **8th January 2020** and will be held at 7pm at the Weston Centre. All are welcome to attend.

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

### Contacts

#### The Parish Office

#### The Parish Office has now moved to:

Cemetery Lodge, 43 Hazelwood Road, Duffield, Belper DE56 4DQ.  
Opening hours for public enquiries Monday & Tuesday 10:30am-12:30pm, Wednesday 2-4pm.  
Telephone 01332 842740. Email - [clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

#### The Cemetery

43 Hazelwood Road, Duffield.  
For all Cemetery enquiries please email or telephone the Clerk on the number above or 07595 515154.

#### Borough Councillors

Chris Short - 01332 843781 and Dave Wells - 01773 821982

#### County Councillor

Chris Short - 01332 843781. Email - [chris.short@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:chris.short@derbyshire.gov.uk)



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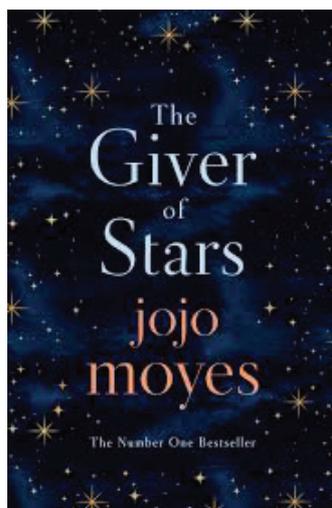
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# DUFFIELD LIBRARY HAPPENINGS FOR DECEMBER

I have read *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. This novel tells the story of the WPA Pack Horse Librarian programme in America during the Depression. Alice Wright, newly married and arrived in America finds her life is not what she expected. She answers a plea for volunteers to be part of a small group of women to open a travelling library, taking books to farms in rural isolated Kentucky. Alice finally finds the freedom, friendship and love that she's been looking for. But not everyone approves of what they are doing, especially her new father-in-law. And when the town turns against them, will their belief in each other and their work be enough? This book is beautifully written, meticulously researched and peopled with great, interesting and feisty women all of whose stories and journeys are meaningful. The strong female characters battle against the prejudices around



them. Baileyville in Kentucky and the scenery and mountains are vividly drawn. I thoroughly enjoyed it, best book I've read this year. Highly recommended.

Our usual **storytime** sessions 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. Our



monthly craft sessions continue on Saturday mornings, this month our session will be on **Saturday 7 December** at 10.30am with crafts on a Christmas theme. As before, these are drop in and suitable for families.

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. Volunteers are always welcome. The group have been working on a scene from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis as our Winter display for the foyer. 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.

New books in the library include *The Guardians* by John Grisham. Lawyer, Keith Russo was shot dead at his desk, the killer leaving no clues. Police suspect Quincy Miller. After spending 22 years in prison he writes a letter to Guardian Ministries, a non-profit group who research wrongful convictions. Can they help Quincy? Grisham at his best. *The Sun Sister* continues the series by Lucinda Riley. Telling the story of Electra d'Alpiese, who appears to have everything as one of the

world's top models. Her fragile mental state is rocked as a result of the death of her father, at the same time she receives a letter which takes her to Kenya to discover the mystery of her birth. *Blue Moon* by Lee Child, is a brand new knuckle ride featuring Jack Reacher. He helps an elderly man, who is clearly vulnerable, recover from an apparent mugging. Once in a blue moon things turn out right, or do they?

## Christmas Opening Times

Monday 23 December  
9.30-1 2-5  
Tuesday 24 December  
Closed  
Wednesday 25 December  
Closed  
Thursday 26 December  
Closed  
Friday 27 December  
9.30-1 2-6  
Saturday 28 December  
9.30-1  
Monday 30 December  
9.30-1 2-5  
Tuesday 31 December  
Closed  
Wednesday 1 January  
Closed  
Thursday 2 January  
Closed  
Friday 3 January  
9.30-1 2-6  
Saturday 4 January  
9.30-1

**Many thanks for all your support throughout the year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**Carole-Ann and the Team**



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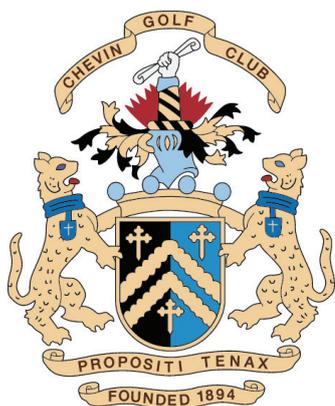
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# A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR CHEVIN GOLF CLUB



**Chevin Golf Club has had another very successful year with many individual and team successes.**

Lindsey Shaw won the County Stroke Play Championship and was runner-up in the Match Play Competition. Lindsey is also our club champion after winning the Scratch Final.

Congratulations also to Catrin Russell for winning the Derbyshire Senior Championship.

Both Lindsey Shaw and Catrin Russell were selected to play for the Midlands Seniors against Scotland, Northern England, and Southern England, with the Midlands winning the 3-day event.

Lindsey Shaw and Janet Thomas won the Midlands Foursomes Nett prize.

Catrin Russell and Debbie Dawson have represented the County 1st Team and Lesley Watson, Lindsey Shaw and Libby Harrison have represented the second team with Libby securing her 2nd team colours.

Judy Reynolds and Janet Thomas have represented the county senior team.

Janet Thomas is County Vice-Captain this year- all best wishes Janet for next year as County Captain.

In the Scratch League Chevin won 3 and lost 1 securing promotion to Division 2 which is the highest Chevin have ever played.

Our Junior Captain, Tom Allen, deserves much credit

for his success as Chevin's Men's Scratch Match Play Champion, also being a member of the victorious County U18s team, and winner of the Robert Rock tour.

Our Junior County League team were within one hole of a place in the final, succumbing to a much more experienced Kedleston team – a tremendous achievement for the first year of asking.

## 2019 TROPHY WINNERS

- Captain's Prize**  
Tim Wilton
- Club Championship**  
Sam Smith
- Scratch Cup**  
Tom Allen
- Chevin Cup**  
Guy Legg
- Couper Cup**  
Leigh Gregory
- President's Cup**  
Dave Dawson
- Bogey Bowl**  
Alistair Scullion
- Wheatley Trophy**  
Tim Hoblyn
- Veterans Bowl**  
Stephen Hodgson
- Foundation Cup**  
James Russell
- Pavior Trophy**  
Josh Dremza
- Price Abell Cup**  
Debbie & Dave Dawson
- Dailey Driver**  
Stephen Hodgson
- Peter Wild Foursomes**  
Kevin Shipley & Adam Weeks
- Memorial Plates**  
Lee Phillips & Paul Major

- Chevin Trophies**  
Catrin Russell & Tom Bird
- Bill Steel Memorial Trophy**  
M Hathaway M/over (Nett) & Sam Glossop (Gross)
- Winter League (Ken Morgan Plates)**  
Adam & David Alton
- Angora Classic**  
Robert Plackett
- Chevin Putter**  
Nick Seals
- Centenary Cup**  
Nick Seals
- King George V Memorial**  
Gary Biggs
- E.G.U. President's Trophy**  
Scott Bacon
- Willie Bird Quaich**  
Craig Hitchcock
- Will Sheppard Memorial**  
John Bennett
- Frank Rodger's Memorial Greensome**  
Paul Beasall & Mark Burns
- Anniversary Foursomes**  
Catrin & James Russell
- Men's Foursomes**  
Andy Mellor & Gerry Nash
- 4BBB K/O**  
Andy Cumming & Tim Smith
- Senior Handicap K/O (Aubrey Briddon Trophy)**  
Alan Cunningham
- Senior 4BBB K/O (Yorkshire Jug)**  
Dave Mackenzie & Gerry Nash
- 4 Club Challenge (Tony Jackson Trophy)**  
Ashley Blakemore

## 2019 LADIES' TROPHY WINNERS

- Scratch Cup**  
Lindsey Shaw
- EGU Presidents Cup**  
Debbie Dawson

- Joan Gee**  
Debbie Dawson
- Challenge Cup**  
Debbie Deakin
- Challenge Salver**  
Anne Sellors
- Sayers Cup**  
Janet Horsley
- Lottie Parkinson**  
Debbie Dawson
- Medal Final**  
Libby Harrison
- Bogey Salver**  
Mary Bird
- Margaret Berry**  
Sue Hill
- Dorothy Ferry**  
Sue Cullen
- Harrison Cup**  
Marion Carnell
- Wyn Lee Salver**  
Janet Horsley
- Jubilee Foursomes**  
Lynn Rumley & Jayne Cooper
- Centenary Trophy**  
Sue Smith
- Centenary Foursome Salver**  
Hilary Barton & Dawn Gray
- Eileen Marshall Vets' Trophy**  
Lilian Wright
- Centenary Vase**  
Pauline Broadgate

## Junior Section

After two years of rebuilding the Junior Section, there are now good signs of growth and achievement amongst an enthusiastic group of young golfers. The section numbering some 34 who are members of the club range in age from 8 to 17.

There are about another dozen non-members who attend coaching sessions who in due course will become club members if they enjoy golf and wish to play in competitions. Recently, we have had several 5-year-olds starting to swing a club, and a good influx of girls joining the Sunday coaching sessions.

Regular coaching sessions are held at weekends and throughout the school holidays. Any juniors interested in trying out golf can get more details from the professional shop at Chevin. 01332 841112 or [chevinproshop@gmail.com](mailto:chevinproshop@gmail.com).



## HELP TO AVERT AN “INSECT APOCALYPSE” IN DUFFIELD



There was a recent article that suggested that if we (i.e. all of us) don't act soon, we are going to suffer such a decline in insects it will threaten our very survival.

### **Please can you help?**

The Parish Council has agreed to plant a large **wild flower bed** in the Cemetery to help our insect pollinators.

From an initial idea from Robert Reid and myself, a bed approx. 10m x 8m will be created next to one of the paths in an area that is currently unused.

### **What needs doing?**

The grass will have to be removed, the area prepared, seeds sown and plants planted. The flowerbed will need light maintenance throughout the year.

### **Finance**

Thanks to Councillor Short, the project will be funded from his Community allowance that he receives as a County Councillor.

### **Are you interested?**

Robert and I have started a group called “**Friends of the Cemetery**”.

If you would like to help or just find out more details with **no obligation**, please contact me: di.2013.hancock@gmail.com or 07511230320.

An informal meeting will be held in the New Year.

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Happy New Year everyone!**  
Di Hancock

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