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DEFIBRILLATORS – MORE UNITS & FREE TRAINING

It all started in September last year, after the residents of Cumberhills Road built their successful scarecrow with the theme 'Stayin Alive'.....

We learnt what a Defibrillator is: An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a life saving device that can give your heart an electric shock, when it has stopped in a cardiac arrest. Defibrillators can be used on adults or children over one year old.

We found out the location of existing AEDs in the village: This highlighted that there were actually **only 2 or 3 across the entire village,**



which could be fully accessed by the public day and night. All other AEDs were located within premises for the use of

specific groups. AND it also became clear that many residents are unsure of what to do in the event of a

Cardiac Arrest Emergency So a group of village organisations, co-ordinated by the Duffield Community Association and supported by the British Heart Foundation, got together to change this and to take forward the **DUFFIELD DEFIBRILLATORS** initiative. **And Progress has been made!:**

- We have obtained advice from the BHF and the East Midlands Ambulance Service on recommended AEDs; Locations; Maintenance; Costs;
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DEFIBRILLATORS – MORE UNITS & FREE TRAINING

From the cover...

• Per the commitment made in October, the DCA have now purchased a new AED, partly funded by a grant from the BHF. This is to be located outside the Anthony Andrew Butchers shop on King Street. Thanks go to Anthony Andrews for agreeing to the location of the AED; and to the commitment to pay for heating of the equipment on an ongoing basis. This will be the nearest accessible AED to residents from Tamworth Street, up to Hazelwood Road; and Holloway Road.



British Heart Foundation

- In addition, thanks also go to **Chevin Golf Club** for their commitment to move their AED, currently located inside the club, to the outside wall of the Professional Shop. They have procured a new cabinet for their AED and once relocated, it will be fully accessible to the Public and residents living from the A6, Castle Hill and up to Avenue Road and beyond
- **Meadow Vale Carpets** have kindly agreed to locating an AED on the outside of their premises and also to the commitment to paying electricity costs for heating of the equipment. We are currently in discussions with **Derbyshire County Council** regarding the funding of this unit. More on this soon....
- And..there are up to 3 further AED Projects in the pipeline which we hope will be in place during 2020!

Finally and most importantly we need to clarify how to use an AED:

First and foremost:

There is no requirement to be trained in the use of an AED in an emergency, as the step-by-step voice prompts, that are part of the AED, talk the user through the process of what to do.

However, training is still encouraged for those who would be interested in learning how to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an AED.

In February, to mark NATIONAL HEART MONTH we have arranged a **TRAINING SESSION** on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). This will be delivered by the BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, using 'Resuscitation Annie' dummies and a 'Dummy Defib'.



Training Session on Saturday 15th February

Venue: The Scout Hut off Hall Farm Road. Free parking agreed at St Margaret Clitherow Church, Hall Farm Rd, Derbyshire, Duffield DE56 4FS - thanks to both the Scout Hut and St Margaret.

Time: **10am -12noon**

Attendance is FREE but there are a limited number of places so to attend please e mail: enquiries.dca@outlook.com. If we are able to save one life, it is worth it!!

CROOTS WORTHY OF A PLACE IN NATIONAL AWARDS

Croots Farm Shop and Café worthy of a place in national awards final, say fellow farm retailers.

Successful Derbyshire farm shop and café Croots has been unveiled as a finalist in the prestigious national Farm Retail Awards.

Having made the shortlist, the farm shop and café at Farnah House Farm, Wirksworth Road, near Duffield, must now wait for the verdict of mystery shoppers from customer experience experts Insight 6 before the Farm Retail Association reveals the overall winner at an awards ceremony at the National FRA conference in Nottingham in early March.

Steve Croot, who runs the farm shop and café with his wife Kay, said: "These awards celebrate the best in farm retailers across the UK so we expect some pretty stiff competition. They are also the only awards to be judged by



our fellow farm retailers so it's great to be through to the final. "It's also a feather in the caps of our staff – the people behind the butcher's counter, the deli counter, in the café and at the tills as well as our suppliers, many of whom are local." Croots Farm Shop and Café impressed judges in the Small Farm Shop category. The awards also recognise outstanding farmers' markets and trade suppliers.

FRA Chairman Rob Copley said: "We wish every finalist the very best of luck. The calibre of entries was so high, to make the shortlist is an accolade in itself! We look forward to celebrating every single one of you at the Awards Gala Dinner in March."

The dinner is held on Tuesday 3 March, part of the FRA's annual industry conference at the Nottingham Belfry, and will also feature a fresh line

up of guest speakers who will deliver talks the following day, Wednesday 4 March.

Opened in 2008 by Steve and Kay at Kay's family farm just outside Duffield, the shop and café has won numerous awards for its products, and Steve Croot was named Derbyshire Local Food Hero 2014 at the Derbyshire Food and Drink Awards.

In the 2016 Derbyshire Life Food and Drink Awards, Croots won the accolade of Outstanding Ambassador for Local Produce in Derbyshire, while in 2017, Croots won the People's Choice in the Midlands Award in the Family United Business Awards.

Croots Farm Shop is open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm (Shires Eatery until 4.30pm) and from 10am to 4pm on Sundays. Croots runs Fresh Fish Thursdays between 9am and 1pm on Thursdays. For more information, visit www.croots.co.uk.

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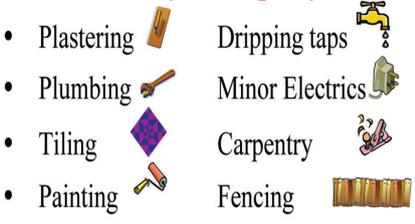
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I will be writing articles addressing individual issues and concerns in detail in future publications of the Duffield Scene.

Police activity in Duffield - Further to some very serious crimes which took place in our village over Christmas and New year, I have contacted a senior police officer to discuss how he intends to lower residents' concerns regarding crime in Duffield. I was informed that for the foreseeable future there would be more officers on the street and people should feel at ease to speak to them if they have any concerns regarding any matter in the village.

I would add our recent ASB and Crime results for Duffield have lowered significantly and this is as a result of your Parish Council adopting tactics to dissuade criminal activity in our village. For example, during times of significant activity we have a private security team working in the village and the Council

has also paid for cameras to cover areas of interest.

I have been working with Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary to ensure that they are aware of your concerns and provide the correct level of assistance and policing this village requires.

Defibrillators in Duffield - Further to last month's article, I have received a quotation from Duffield Community Association with regards the cost. I have as a consequence of this made application for funding of one of these units in Duffield and expect confirmation soon. I will keep you updated.

Babington Hospital - Recently, there have been numerous rumours that Babington Hospital will be closing. I am pleased to tell you that Derbyshire County Council and the NHS have agreed to spend 10 million pounds on a new state of the art Community Health Unit on

the Babington site. Derbyshire County Council are also spending 18.8 million pounds rebuilding the Ada Belfield Care Home, on Derwent Street with a general ward attached to it, replacing the existing facilities at Babington and refurbishing Belper library.

Wild flower bed in Duffield cemetery - I have made application for finance for this project and expect to obtain this in the near future.

Highways Issues in Duffield - I pointed out that recently I have received numerous points of concern regarding highways issues in Duffield. I have arranged an onsite meeting with the individuals who raised these concerns and will report back from the senior Highways officer after this has taken place.

Community Speedwatch - When I last attended Duffield Parish Council, I raised the possibility of the Parish Council funding one of these units on behalf of the village



and it was to be discussed at a later date. Parish Councillors were extremely enthusiastic about it. I will update you in due course.

Contacting Chris Short, your local County, Borough and Parish Councillor - My monthly Councillor surgeries continue at the Weston Centre, as advertised in the Duffield Scene.

However, if you are unable to attend or would like me to visit you, please contact me on the following:

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THE SIXTEEN – HANDEL ACIS AND GALATEA

The Sixteen return to Derby Cathedral on Friday 14th February 2020, 7:30pm to present the most popular dramatic work of Handel's lifetime. A tale of love, loss and liberation taken from Classical Mythology, the love of the shepherd Acis and nymph Galatea is cut brutally short by the jealousy of the monstrous cyclops Polyphemus. In her grief, Galatea turns Acis' body into a beautiful fountain, as an everlasting testament to their love, the opera ending with some of the most moving music of Handel's career. Staying true to the premiere of 1718, the concert will feature an intimate consort of just 5 singers and 9 instrumentalists from The Sixteen and Orchestra of The Sixteen. Harry Christophers, conductor and founder of The Sixteen, writes:

'The story of Acis and Galatea comes from Ovid's



Metamorphoses. Ovid was a great storyteller; the myths have a unifying theme – that of transformation – of animals turned into stone, chaos to harmony, of humans becoming stars or trees, or, in the case of Acis, into a fountain. The myth has always been a favourite with composers, but in Handel's hands there is a grace, charm and innocence about so much of the writing that turns fantastically to

terror as Polyphemus enters the tale. It makes me very proud to work with such talent in bringing it to life, and I hope our performance conveys how much fun we've had preparing it.' About The Sixteen: The Sixteen was founded by Harry Christophers in 1979, and has been key to the revival of interest in Early Music ever since. The ensemble makes regular visits to major

concert halls and festivals throughout Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. It gave its first tour of China in October 2017, followed soon after by debut concerts in Estonia and Lithuania. The Sixteen's touring credits include performances at the Cité de la musique in Paris, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw and Vienna's Musikverein, together with appearances at the BBC Proms and the Edinburgh, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Lucerne, Prague and Salzburg festivals. In 2001 it launched its own record label, CORO, since then forming a catalogue of over 150 titles.

Friday 14th February 2020, 7:30pm at Derby Cathedral. Tickets: £15 - £28, with 50% off for under-35s, students, job-seekers, people living with a registered disability and their carers. www.thesixteen.com 0333 010 2850



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THE CHANGING SEASONS ON THE MEADOW

My grand daughter likes mud. No – I mean she *really* likes mud. Visiting from New York, she certainly wasn't disappointed this year.

The ground was (and is) sodden wherever you go. The post Xmas walk up the fields to Quarndon was a challenge for us all as we attempted to find dry ground only to discover that everywhere was waterlogged. Before long it was like the worst work out with heavy, mud caked boots acting as weights as we trudged up the hill, squelching with every step and risking slipping over; climbing stiles became an exercise in how not to cake the cross bars so the next person didn't get covered in mud too! Trudging down Cumberhills in the dark, our legs felt like lead and we all knew we had been for more than just a walk!

The meadow is suffering too. The paths are still ankle deep in mud and it is hard to not slip over. The pond levels are still relatively high – they haven't gone down significantly since the floods – and the margins start to dry out only to be flooded again as the ground water rises following the latest bouts of rain. The warm weather is proving worrying regarding the plants.

The grass has not stopped growing and many of the spring plants are showing well above the surface – snowdrops are out in the copses, daffodils are nearly out, rosettes of leaves are well evident for cowslips, cow parsley, clover and buttercups; the hazel catkins are ripening fast and the swelling buds of the blackthorn may well be in flower by the time you read this. There are celandines and primroses out already – it all looks lovely and very interesting.

But the rest of nature may not catch up. Have you noticed the birds pairing up and finding nest sites? Listen to the birdsong – the great tits have been calling for months and now the blue tits, goldfinches, robins, long tailed tits are busy searching for insects, seeds and somewhere to make home. If they start to lay early there will not be enough food to feed their broods and is a common cause of loss of young birds.

Butterflies are also struggling

with this uncommonly warm winter weather. When my New York family was here over Xmas they were amused to find butterflies waking in every room – including the attics – but of course this disturbed hibernation does not bode well. Tortoiseshells and peacocks (along with queen wasps) often find cool places inside our houses to spend the winter but the unseasonal warmth means they are waking up and there are no flowers (and therefore no nectar) anywhere outside on which they can feed. They use up lots of energy when they wake like this and when returning to hibernation mode, may not have enough reserves to keep themselves alive.

It is getting lighter. In January, **each day gains** between 90 seconds and two **minutes of daylight**. In February, about two and a half **minutes of daylight** are added **each day**. As the **sun** moves higher in the sky from March through June, there are about two

more **minutes of daylight per day**. The tightly furled leaf buds on the trees respond to warmth, sunlight and longer day length. Looking closely at the trees on the meadow, most buds are swelling nicely and will begin to burst soon. The blackthorn will have blossom before its leaves and hazel catkins will be yellow with pollen ready for it to be dispersed by the breeze and fertilise the tiny flowers.

Most deciduous trees in the UK should have their leaves by mid – late April in normal temperatures i.e. after a cold spell in winter. If they do not get this cold spell trees like oak and ash may well be in leaf much earlier and long term this will affect the understory due to lack of light. Whilst it is always thrilling to see the countryside “greening up”, the consequences of these unusual weather patterns will have short and long-term effects that at present are unpredictable and difficult to quantify.

One thing we will be doing this year is mapping the trees on the site to record which and when they come into leaf and this will form the basis for a comparative study record for the next 5 yrs. If you would like to help please let me know. It would require a visit to the same area of trees approx. once per week for the next three months to check on their progress and hopefully to take a picture as well (mobile phone or camera). Interested but not sure? Give me a ring on 07511230320.

Roll on the sunshine I say. If we are not to have a good cold spell let us at least have clear skies and sunshine. When the records come out I am sure this will have been one of the warmest and wettest winters for a long time.

by **Di Hancock**
Chair; Duffield Millennium
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DUFFIELD & DISTRICT HERITAGE FEATURES – ALMS



Hospital of St Cross and Almshouses of Noble Poverty Winchester

Duffield and District Heritage Features – Alms
A visit to the National Trust’s Workhouse at Southwell in Nottinghamshire reminded me of my days at boarding school; large airy dormitories, cast iron beds and lumpy mattresses! Obviously I survived such minor hardships, but that wasn’t always the case with the poor and needy in years gone by.

Long before workhouses, **Almshouses** were established to provide for poor, old and distressed people; occasionally called Hospitals (hospitality), Colleges (communal), Asylums (refuge) and Bede-houses. Bede is Anglo-Saxon for prayer and the resident bedes-men/women were obliged to pray for the charity’s founder. The first almshouse was founded in AD 990 in York by King Athelstan, while St. Cross in Winchester founded by Bishop Henry of

Blois in 1132 is the oldest almshouse still used for its original purpose.

Unfortunately this association with the church resulted in the dissolution of monastic hospitals by Henry VIII under an Act of 1547. The **Reformation** made things worse because Henry seized lands and revenues without making adequate provision for the needy; only partially remedied by the first **Poor Law Act** by Elizabeth I in 1601. Sadly this proved insufficient such that the plight of the poor was only alleviated by the building of new housing; some only for people from specific occupations. Benefactors included royalty, the aristocracy, church dignitaries, high ranking professionals and wealthy merchants like Richard (Dick) Whittington and many women; one in Salisbury by a reformed brothel-keeper!

In Nottinghamshire a Mary Hardstaff provided almshouses for retired miners.

Residents were often required to wear a uniform, as in this statue at Clun in Shropshire. Attendance at church or chapel was usually mandatory as many trusts had a Christian ethos.

Almshouses are often splendid historic buildings with fascinating features such as dedications, statues, inscriptions, coats of arms, clock towers and sundials. Local examples include Anthony Gell’s Bede-houses in Wirksworth, Nicholas Spalden’s Clergy Widows’ Almshouses in Ashbourne and the picturesque almshouses in Etwall. The latter, established in 1550 by Sir John Port (founder of Repton School) and rebuilt c1690, are set around a courtyard behind wrought iron gates. Belper’s Matthew Smith

Almshouses on Nottingham Road sports the founder’s Coat of Arms, as do the 7 almshouses at Morley which also includes a sundial. The Bede-House in Lyddington near Stamford is now a fascinating museum (EH).

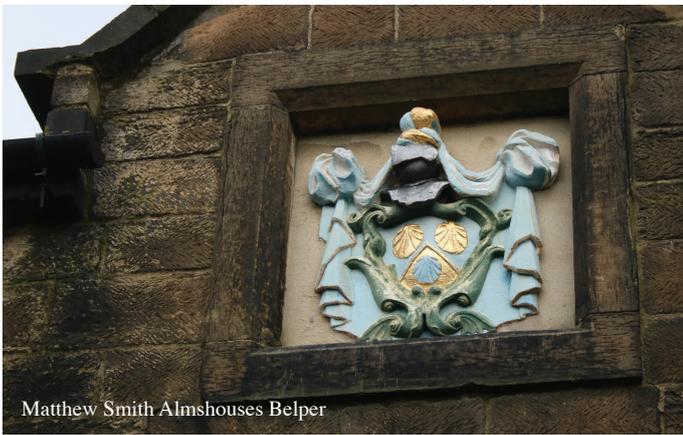
The first almshouses in Duffield were built in 1612 by **Anthony Bradshaw**, a Deputy Steward of Duffield Frith. Located in front of Duffield Hall somewhere near the current Lodge, this housed four poor persons who were required to wear a coat of russet cloth emblazoned with the initials AB in red. On admission inmates had to pay a **‘God’s Penny’**, as a contract, and abide by a set of rules governing moral conduct, regular duties and church attendance. Unfortunately, with no provision for its upkeep, by the late 1700’s the



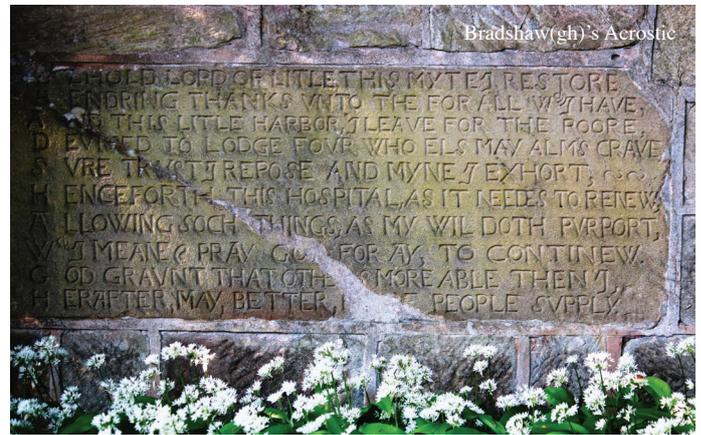
Uniforms as worn in Clun Shropshire



Sir John Port Almshouses Etwall



Matthew Smith Almshouses Belper



Bradshaw(gh)'s Acrostic

building was in disrepair. In 1804 the owner of Duffield Hall bought it for £120 and the monies invested for the benefit of the poor. A remnant of this building was salvaged and built into a new frontage wall. This was a stone tablet incorporating a **rhyming acrostic** based on the benefactor's surname. During the development of the hall grounds in the 1970's this inscription was further relocated within the wall re-built as a backdrop to the hall. This can be seen beyond the railings fronting Derby Road and identified by a blue plaque.

Following Bradshaw's example, one **Edward Poterill** of Derby (originally of Idridgehay) by his will of 1676 built two almshouses; one in Holbrook and one in Duffield. That for Duffield was also located in front of Duffield Hall and was designed for one man and one woman who in this case had

to wear gowns of grey cloth. Monies from a further family bequest somehow became misappropriated and this building too fell into a ruinous state, presenting another eyesore for the residents of the hall. Fortunately they had the wherewithal to buy and demolish this building; thus ridding themselves of both nuisances and enabling the aforementioned frontage wall to be built. Proceeds of the sale enabled the rebuilding of the almshouses in 1810. This is the splendid stone building with wooded backdrop that we see today.

The current building is administered by lay Trustees and occupied as rented accommodation with monies used solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the property. Interestingly, some 2,600 almshouses continue to be operated in the UK, providing 30,000 dwellings for 36,000 people! Based on

the saying '**charity begins at home**' salvation for the needy in Duffield was provided over the centuries by no less than seven local philanthropists! Any remaining monies were amalgamated into 'The Duffield Charity' and are regularly distributed to eligible local recipients.

The ultimate answer to the problems of the destitute in a rapidly industrialised 19thC Britain however was the creation of a national system of **Union Workhouses**, resulting from the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act. Babington Workhouse in Belper (currently NHS) was the local area's answer to the problem. Built in 1838/9 at the, then, considerable cost of £8,700 it provided accommodation for paupers and the sick poor from 32 surrounding parishes. These were replacements for those previously provided by the parish, including workhouses for around twenty in Duffield

which sent two persons to join the Board of Guardians. Babington was designed in early 17thC 'Jacobean' style by the first of a distinguished architectural dynasty in the 19th and early 20thC; the Scott's. He was the internationally renowned **Sir George Gilbert Scott** whose works include the Foreign Office in Whitehall, the Grand Midland Hotel at St Pancras Station, and the Albert Memorial. In Duffield we have an example of the work of his grandson Sir Giles Gilbert Scott - the classic red telephone box on Hazelwood Road.

In addition to Southwell in Nottinghamshire, the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse in Norfolk is also open to visitors. Whichever one you visit, check out the lumpy beds and you'll never again complain about the state of your own mattress! My apologies to Slumberland.

by **Robert Reid**



Poterills Almshouses Duffield



Babington Belper

THE WESTON CENTRE WOULD LIKE TO THANK...

Our loyal volunteers who provide tea, coffee and a place for older people to meet socially every weekday, and a tasty and nutritious cooked lunch every Monday. Without their support too many village residents would go without daily contact, friendship and support.

In addition, the centre has been very lucky in the last month to have been the beneficiary of the hard work of others. First, Sam Townsend and his team from Esker who came to the centre on Friday 6th December.

Sam tells more ...

“After reading an article in a recent publication from the Duffield Scene (and living in the village for several years

myself) I decided to get in touch with The Weston Centre and understand how my organisation, Esker, may be able to help out somehow by volunteering a little of our time towards such a worthwhile charity. My organisation has a worldwide corporate policy to enable its employees to participate in charitable work each year so this was an ideal opportunity for us to get involved. Once I had spoken to trustees and Sarah Brooksby we were able to establish a number of ways in which we could contribute to sustaining the upkeep and general appearance of the facilities with tasks such as undertaking a deep clean of the kitchen, cleaning the interior



walls and clearing the external pathways. We were very happy to provide support, albeit in a small way, to sustaining the longevity of an integral part of the community.”

Second, Duffield Scouts who provided much appreciated entertainment, delicious bakes

and conversation at their Festive Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 15th December.

Third, physiotherapist Jo Walton from Locality Physio, who visited the centre on 17th December to give a well-received and helpful talk on Falls and Fracture Prevention.



If you would like to volunteer at the Weston Centre or have suggestions for us to consider please contact Sarah Brooksby by emailing assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. www.westoncentre.org.uk.



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DUFFIELD LIBRARY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

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

The 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.

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 resume after the festive break on Saturday mornings, this month our session will be on **Saturday 1 February** at 10.30am with crafts on the theme of the Chinese New Year. As before, these are drop in and suitable for families.

Jessie has been working on her book displays for the



New Year. In junior the topic is weather and in adult the theme is vegan and vegetarian cookery. Please call in and have a look at the titles on offer.

I have recently read *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era.

In this memoir Mrs Obama offers a deeply personal reflection of her life, it is a warm, wise and revelatory

narrative. Aimed at inspiring the next generation this story, by a powerful advocate for women and girls, is a treat to read which I really enjoyed. By way of contrast I also read *The Somerset Tsunami* by Emma Carroll. A children's novel, set in Somerset in 1616, a sinking boat, a girl in disguise, a disappearing sea all feature in this fight for survival against torrential flooding and local superstition. All set against a historical true story and written by the queen of historical fiction for children, this novel will delight and interest all readers.

Recent new arrivals in the library include *The Anatomy of a Spy* by Michael Smith, a history of espionage and betrayal. Through in-depth insider knowledge, Smith uncovers new cases, as well as a spy inside ISIS, President Trump's links with Russian and Edward Snowden's role as a whistle-blower while offering up compelling psychological portraits of these men. This

Book Could Save your Life; The Science of Living, Longer, Better by Graham Lawton cuts through confusing statistics and terrifying headlines. This book tells the truth about dieting, drugs vitamins and so much more. We have also received a comprehensive history of Harald Hardrada titled *God's Viking*; the *Life and Times of the Last Great Viking* by Nic Fields, exploring the life of this fascinating historical figure. New fiction we have received includes a collection of ten original short stories titled *A Fresh Start* and edited by Fanny Blake and a paperback copy of *Gone Tomorrow* by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles featuring her detective hero, Slider. After the gruesome discovery of a man's body at a children's playground, Detective Inspector Bill Slider must unearth the victim's sordid life while fighting to prevent the case being taken off his hands. A crisply devious plot.

Happy Reading

Carole-Ann and the Team

DUFFIELD COUTURE MILLINERY BRAND LAUNCHES

A new contemporary millinery brand has launched in Derbyshire. Clare Brown Headwear will offer bespoke and beautiful hats and fascinators to complete special occasion outfits.

Having noted that only very limited millinery choices are currently available in Derbyshire, Clare, a Duffield resident, spotted a gap in the local market for quality, bespoke headwear options which led her to launching her own brand. Her designs offer modern millinery, made with traditional techniques and quality materials. Her pieces are meticulously hand stitched, so are made to last. A truly British product, Clare's headwear materials are sourced in the UK and designed and handcrafted in Derbyshire. Her designs follow modern trends in materials, colour and shape and take inspiration from the pieces worn by royals and celebrities.

Clare learnt her expertise working for well-respected couture milliners in both Leeds and London who have created stunning headwear

for royalty and celebrities including Olivia Coleman, Zara Phillips, Vogue Williams, Princess Beatrice and Abbey Clancy.

The attentive and personal service that Clare offers involves an initial discussion about likes and dislikes and what is flattering for the client, advising on what suits different face and body shapes. Clare then shares sketches with her client, and they work together to perfect the design, factoring in the all-important outfit that the headwear is to match.

Discussing why she launched her headwear brand, Clare said: "The hats and fascinators available on the high street tend to be small, formulaic and cheaply made. They are often poorly proportioned and do not always flatter or complement an expensive outfit. I offer a range of more flattering shapes and styles that are not available locally. Whether it's a wedding or the races, people are looking to experiment more with headwear - hats and headpieces are set to be a big trend in 2020, with the likes of

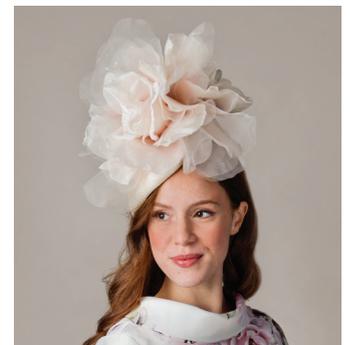
Kate Middleton leading the way."

Clare's pieces have already gained national attention when she was interviewed by two TV channels around Ascot 2019, of course wearing her own quirky headpiece, and commenting on the huge growing trend for headwear.

Some occasions simply demand a hat. For Mothers of The Bride, Clare makes hats or hatinators to flatter and match both outfit and personality. She can use fabric from a client's dress to make bespoke trims to match the hat to the outfit and colours can be precisely matched using dying techniques.

Clare continued: "Besides weddings, there are some fantastic events taking place locally where ladies can let their headwear shine! Uttoxeter races host Ladies' days in July and October, with prizes for best dressed and best hat - with one of my pieces you can be sure to stand out and have something completely unique."

Hats can be made in two to four weeks. With prices starting at £80,



Clare's designs are an affordable addition to a special outfit, providing individual flair and a talking point. As well as delivering a personal individual service, Clare is working with local dress designers to provide hats to accompany their Mother of The Bride ranges and a ready-to-wear range will soon be available to purchase from www.clarebrownheadwear.co.uk.

Hats can be viewed at her studio in Duffield and at Ivory White Bridal Boutique, also in Duffield in Derbyshire. You can also see her creations on her Instagram and Facebook pages @clarebrownheadwear.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MON

Babies and Bouncers*
9.30am - Parish Hall

TUE

Seedlings Toddler Group*
9:30 - 11:30am, £1 per child
Emmanuel community Church

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

Amber Painting Group
1.30-3.30pm - Methodist Church Hall.

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 FEBRUARY

8 Music at Duffield - St Matthew's Church
Tom Garfield (Organ). 7.30pm. Due to the flooding, the organ at St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield, is damaged.
New venue: St Matthew's Church, Church Lane, Darley Abbey, Derby, DE22 1EF.

11 Duffield Cumberhills WI
"Support Dogs". 7.30pm in the Sixth Form Centre, Ecclesbourne School, Park Road.

12 Computer Self-help Group
Methodist Church, King Street. 7.30pm. Further details from Mick Hardwick at mick@hardwickclan.co.uk.

13 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.

16 Meet Your Local Council Representative
Councillor Chris Short
10.00 am, Weston Centre, Duffield

17 Chevin Probus Club
Lion Hotel, Belper. 10.15am: Mary Ann Hooper on "Across America and Back". Peter - 01332 705554.

17 Half Term Squash Holiday Club
Fun fitness routines and games, squash, racketball and table tennis. Mon-Wed 17th-19th 10.00am – 2pm.
Cost per day : £13.00 members, £15.00 non-members. Mornings available 10 - 12. You will need drinks, lunch, suitable clothing and non-marking shoes.
Duffield Squash and Racketball Club policies ensure that strict health and safety standards including safeguarding have been met. Please book your place: Lesley Sturgess (England Squash Level 3 licensed coach) 07941 312 673, lsturgess@hotmail.com.

18 Local Area Coordinator Nicky Mount
10.00am-noon, every third Tuesday. Drop in session at the Weston Centre.

Bounce Family Fun

10:30 - 12:30pm. Bouncy Castle, balls games and fun at Emmanuel Community Church. For Primary aged children, must be accompanied by an adult. £2.50 per child. Please pay via www.emmanuelduffield.org.

Duffield Afternoon WI

Games. Beetle Drive. 1.30-3.30pm at St. Margaret's Church. For more information call Chris Jordan on 882442, or email chrisinaddis@yahoo.co.uk.

Duffield Evening WI

Graham & Judy White: "Creating an NGS Garden". 7.15 for 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road. New members welcome, email Jan: duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com.

27 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 Parish Council

Newsletter February 2020

Duffield Action Plan 2020 – Please Tell Us Your Views



In support of the consultation event held on the 1st Feb at the Weston Centre, we're looking for your views on different aspects of life in Duffield and how you feel things could be improved.

The survey can be found online and only takes a couple of minutes to complete.

Find it at <https://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-action-plan.html>

or via the link on our Facebook page. If you don't have access to a computer, the survey will appear in next month's Duffield Scene.



Councillor Surgeries at the Weston Centre

Don't forget that Parish, Borough and County Councillor, Chris Short, and Amber Valley Borough Councillor, Dave Wells, are running Councillor Surgeries at the Weston Centre. Cllr Short's next Surgeries will run on Sunday 16th February and Sunday 8th March between 10am and 10:30am and Cllr Wells' next surgery will be held on Saturday 7th March between 12:15pm and 1:15pm.



VE Day Celebration in Duffield – 8th May 2020



To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day the Parish Council will be organising a special event during the bank holiday weekend between 8th – 10th May, to include a Remembrance Parade on the 10th. The Parish Clerk would like to hear from residents who have ideas for activities and events that might be held in the village, or would like to be involved in a working group to organise the events, so that we can be part of the nation's tribute to all those who gave their lives and those who kept the country running during the most challenging times between 1939 and 1945.

Contact Kath by email at clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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 **5th February 2020** and **4th March 2020** and will be held at 7pm at the Weston Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online at 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

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



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WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS “DUFFIELD RIOTS”

The most recent campaign against building on the greenbelt provides an interesting parallel to the attempted enclosure of the Duffield Frith (forest) carried out in the mid 1600's.

Not known as a centre of unrest and political protest, there was a time when the freedoms of the villagers were being curtailed and which resulted in what became known as the ‘Duffield Riots’. The following is based on an article by **Heather Falvey** called **“Making the boundaries: William Jordan’s 1633 pre-enclosure survey of Duffield Frith (Derbyshire)”**

By the late sixteenth century Duffield Frith was divided into three wards – Duffield (or Chevin), Belper and Hulland – which together covered about 5000 acres in 1633. ‘Woodgrounds’ (wooded areas) within the wards not only supplied the crown with timber and wood, but also provided commoners, both de jure and de facto, with particularly sheltered and lush areas for animal grazing. The boundaries of the forest were not delineated by fences, hedges or ditches; free of physical boundaries huntsmen had untrammelled access through the area in order to shoot deer and other game that roamed freely. Commoners had rights and these were maintained largely in an oral tradition.

In order for the forest to be enclosed and divided to maximize the income to the crown, acreage had to be measured; the reports of one William Jordan and his assistant John Lane, jun., in 1633 provide an “insight into the murky circumstances in which forest surveyors carried out their work as well as the subtle strategies of resistance with which they might be confronted”. The earlier supremacy of oral tradition was swept away



by the surveyor’s theodolite and notebook! The “day’s journey and the morning’s ploughing” were conventional units of measurement but now memory was superseded by writing and drawing.

Previous encroachments and intrusions by tenants were now exposed – although leading tenants who sat on a manorial court of survey might also incrementally manipulate the process in favour their own interests over their landlord.

There were two main ways for the forest to be policed – one was via the Woodmotes (forest courts of attachment) which dealt with offences concerning “vert” i.e. trees, underwood and herbage and in some cases venison. Wirksworth held Woodmotes in this area. The other was Swanimotes where enclosures of moors, plains and waste“ were considered to prevent “the hurt of the commons”. All freeholders within the forest could be called upon to advise the surveyors but there is little evidence that this took place in Duffield.

What effect this attempt to map the boundaries of the frith had on the common people can be seen in the resistance the surveyors encountered as they tried to do their very badly paid job – which nevertheless fell short of a traditional riot.

When a forest was earmarked for enclosure, the affected commoners could make no legitimate impact on the surveyor’s work. The requirement was for the acreage to be divided into thirds ensuring equal quality of land and soil and whereby the king had one third and the commoners two thirds. This might also hamper the surveyor since inevitably he would need to supplement his own measuring skills with information provided by inhabitants without whose local knowledge he could have no understanding of the forest’s boundaries. The usefulness and accuracy of such transfers of knowledge were, however, entirely dependent upon the good will and honesty of those inhabitants, which, under the circumstances, might understandably be lacking and memories of such boundaries might be hazy or even ‘forgotten’ intentionally!

In Duffield, as the surveyor attempted to initially mark out the boundaries with stones and sharpened sticks driven into the ground, he and his workmen found themselves subject to opposition from local men and also from women. The enclosure commissioners had been instructed to report anyone who was caught **‘fillinge upp of holes, removing of stakes, stones or other markes wich have been digged upp, sett or placed by the Surveyor’** to

mark the divisions. The most common form of resistance was not in violent protest but often in **“grumbling, cursing, appeals, libels, complaint letters, petitions, foot-dragging and harassment”**.

Women would follow their menfolk and remove boundary stones and stakes, knowing that in the eyes of the law, females were almost invisible. Women’s involvement in anti-enclosure protest was entirely logical since ‘the pasturing of animals such as cattle and sheep was the province of women in the rural sector’, and pasturing was directly threatened by many enclosures.

The records show at least two men being prosecuted for obstructing the surveying process and for threatening behavior. The strategies employed by the Duffield men in their depositions demonstrate their awareness of the limitations of the law. At no point did they explicitly voice opposition to the enclosures per se, but merely stated that they were unhappy with the amount of land allotted for the various enclosures and that the thirds should have been allocated by drawing lots – as per the original rules. Indeed, their actions throughout the whole affair exemplify the popular legalism current in early modern England: a growing participation in, and knowledge of, the law at all levels of society and in all areas of the country, however remote. Arguments about enclosing the Duffield Frith continued for another 40 years before it was finally completed.

This sort of knowledge proved useful last year when opposing the possible encroachment of housing into the greenbelt and has an honourable history in Duffield!

by **Di Hancock**

ARE YOU CONFUSED BY LOCAL ELECTIONS?

A guide from your Green councillor Dave Wells.

Lots of people are confused – you're not on your own! People I've spoken to have appreciated an explanation, so please read on to find out more... Most of England has 2 tiers of Local Government – county and district (sometimes called borough). Responsibility for council services is split between them. Your Council Tax forms part of their funding, so they are YOUR councils.

Derbyshire County Council provides services such as Education, Social Services and Highways. It has 64 councillors representing 61 Divisions. 'Duffield and Belper South' Division is currently represented by Cllr. Chris Short. Elections to the whole council are every 4 years – 2017, 2021 etc.



Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) provides services such as housing, planning and collection of waste. It has 45 councillors representing 23 wards. These are smaller than DCC Divisions. Duffield ward has two borough councillors and elections to AVBC take place here 2 years in 4 - 2018 (when

you elected Chris Short) and 2019 (when you elected Dave Wells) and next in 2022 and 2023. Other parts of Amber Valley will have elections in 2020.

These councils employ staff or 'officers' and are organised into departments to carry out their work, while the Councillors set the vision and direction and represent their local community.

Duffield has a Parish Council which is elected every 4 years - 2019, 2023 etc.

Parish or Town Councils are responsible for smaller local services such as allotments, parks and community centres. If a place becomes vacant on any of these, there may be a by-election – which is how you elected Joe Martin to the parish council.

Separately from all of this you elect your MP to Parliament – but that's another story!

I hope you've found this useful. Feel free to cut this out and keep it for future reference. It's not the most exciting subject but it's the basis of our democracy and we can all play our part!

Dave Wells, Amber Valley Borough Councillor.



Amber Valley Borough Council

DEWI CROWNED WALKING NETBALL CHAMPIONS

In April 2019 Duffield Evening WI members took up an initiative from England Netball to start a Walking Netball club, twenty sessions with a coach and a lot of fun followed. The England Netball / WI initiative was a national one and culminated in regional festivals taking place around the country in December.

The Duffield team travelled to Oakham for the East Midlands regional event, the sports hall held 2 full sized netball courts which allowed for a large entry and the whole day was incredibly well organised by the England Netball events team. It was a hugely enjoyable day and wonderful to see a large hall full of women across a very wide age range enjoying themselves and being active. The whole idea of walking netball is to have some fun through social exercise and that was certainly achieved.



DEWI had accessed Ecclesbourne school facilities during the spring and summer months but we have struggled to find an indoor winter venue and as such had only just returned to a regular weekly group session and so didn't feel best prepared for the tournament - but headed down to Oakham in hope of a

fun day and it certainly was. Our sharp shooters were in tremendous form, our captain kept us cool and calm all day - just about! We worked hard at finding those so important spaces and tried very hard to keep our feet on the ground (one of the rules of walking netball). We won our group with one

very close call to progress to the semi-final and then onto the final. At this point everyone became a little nervous (can't think why) but we held it together to go onto win and be crowned – East Midlands Champions.

A huge well done to the team - I just need to find somewhere to hang my Gold Medal!

DEWI has now opened up our Walking Netball session to the other 2 Duffield WI's and will continue to meet going forward, although we are still looking for a more suitable indoor winter venue.

The local WI groups provide a wide range of activities for members and we would encourage anyone who may be interested to come along and join us. Contact us on: duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com or on Facebook: Duffield Evening WI.



International Women's Day



Duffield Squash and Racketball Club are supporting International Women's Day by holding a taster session at their club in Town Street, Duffield on Saturday 7th March 2020 between 6-7pm.

The aim is to encourage more women to participate in a friendly environment, and generally have fun!

Come down and have fun, give squash a go. Burn off some calories. Mixed abilities, open to all women. Refreshments available.

For further details, contact coach Lesley Sturgess on 07941 312673 or email coaching@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk.
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