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OUR BUSES IN DUFFIELD - LET'S USE THEM

Recent months have seen a number of bus services around the country withdrawn or reduced. The problem is that bus usage has not recovered to pre-pandemic levels, and money to support bus services is tight.

So it's worth thinking about using our bus service in Duffield. Visitors often say how good it is. The buses are relatively modern, the drivers friendly, the bus stops often have a shelter with electronic notice boards to say when a bus is due, and a mobile phone makes the buses even easier to use. Over the next two



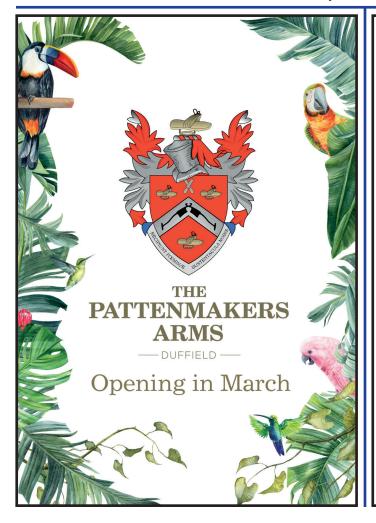
months most bus fares will be capped at £2.

We have services every 15

minutes during weekdays to Derby and Belper, and every 30 minutes at other times. After Belper the Sixes spread out to serve Wirksworth, Matlock, Cromford, and Ripley. The Trans-Peak runs along the A6 to Buxton.

Google Maps is a great way to find the best route. There is a Trent Barton mobile phone app called Hugo which gives real time information on when a bus is due at your favourite bus stops. I always use that to tell me exactly when to leave home.

Some ideas - catch the bus to Allestree - walk through Darley Park to Derby - go to the excellent Museum of ... continued on page 3.



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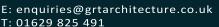
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MUSIC AT DUFFIELD OUR BUSES IN DUFFIEL



Tom Corfield (organ) 4 March 2023 St. Alkmund's Church

Programme

Bruhns - Praeludium in E minor Elgar - Vesper Voluntaries, Op. 14

Britten - Prelude and Fugue on a theme of Vittoria

Bach - Sonata No.3 in D minor, BWV 527

Chilcott - Sun Dance

Bridge - Allegretto grazioso Widor - Marcia (Symphony No.3)

Bemrose Bursary Recital Rose McLachlan(piano) 29 April 2023 St. Alkmund's Church



Programme Schumann - Fantasiestücke, Op. 12

Scriabin - Sonata No. 4 in F sharp major, Op. 30

Beethoven - Piano Sonata in G major, Op. 31 No. 1

Brahms - 7 Fantasias, Op. 116 venue is suitable The the disabled there is a free car park. Doors open at 7.00pm and seats are unreserved. Individual tickets: Adult £16. Concession £15. Student £8, available at the door, from Caroline Morgan (07977 091171) and online at www.musicatduffield.com.

From the cover...

Making, have lunch there, catch the bus home.

Catch the bus to Belper in the evening and enjoy a beer or two, with no worries about driving.

Catch the bus and hike back home, maybe with a coffee en route. If you park the car you can only do circular walks.

When a bus service goes, the communities involved are badly affected, especially those who cannot drive, because they lose their precious independence. The consequence is that parents become a taxi service, old people are isolated, roads more clogged, a village is less attractive as a place to live.

Many of us will find ourselves needing the buses as we grow older. It would be sad if our buses were withdrawn or reduced. Let's use them.

by John Shoesmith

THE WESTON CENTRE

Coffee Morning Volunteer

Can you spare some time every other Wednesday morning to run our coffee morning? We need someone to open the Weston Centre at 9.50am, serve teas and coffees (rarely more than 20 people), join in with the conversation and clear away at midday before locking up again. We'd make sure you are given plenty of support. If you are interested

please telephone Sandra on 01332 928 577.

Duffield Helping Hands

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our Big Give Christmas Challenge to raise funds for Duffield Helping Hands. The terrific news is that we smashed our target and raised a total of £14,442.96. This has been tremendous community effort for which we are enormously grateful.

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Grey skies and cold rain with mist around the tallest buildings. Not what you expect in winter in New York whilst the US Mid West was shivering in -20C which feels like - 30C with the wind chill and the deep snow. These were the comments from the AccuWeather forecasters:

"High winds and temperatures plummeting into the teens, single digits and near zero Fahrenheit during the storm can result in life-threatening conditions for motorists who become stranded on highways in the Midwest. Temperatures during and after the storm in the snow zone will drop well below zero. The storm has a history of producing massive temperature drops. At Denver, following a high in the low 50Fs on Wednesday afternoon. temperatures plummeted more than 70 degrees to 22F below zero (-30C) on Thursday morning." It is easy to forget that New York city is coastal and that the Atlantic stretches East all the way to us in Great Britain, France and Spain - a large body of water that also benefits from the activities of the gulf stream which sweeps up from the south and veers to the east warming the UK and the western coasts of Europe. The water in the far North Atlantic is not sinking as fast as usual anymore due to it getting less salty and less dense from the melting fresh water ice associated with climate change. That is

all slowing down the ocean transport system and because the ocean current is slowing down, the warmer water from the Gulf Stream has nowhere to go and stalls, like in a traffic

jam. Much less warm water is actively transported to the North Atlantic and instead, it is now piling up just off the east coast of the United States.

This explains

This explains
why New
York no longer
experiences the
regular extremes of
winter weather it once
did. It also explains why,

as I start to write, Brooklyn and Long Island has rain and mist instead of freezing temperatures. There will be wintery conditions brought by this large polar blast from the land mass of Canada which is at present giving the extreme weather in places like Denver. Temperatures in New York were due to rapidly plummet. Having said that, some years ago I crunched along frozen sand on the beach on Cony island where the breakwater rocks had a thick coating of sea ice and the seagulls were probably the most miserable in the world - standing on one leg whilst tucking the other foot under a warm wing - and then slowly changing legs! The temperature then was -19C and the Russian

men playing chess at tables arranged along the boardwalk kept themselves warm by drinking vodka whilst dressed in furs.

This time, the temperatures were 15C and warm

enough to be on Brighton Beach, Coney Island - playing frisby and flying kites before a lovely Uzbekistan meal in a cafe near the boardwalk.

Here in Brooklyn, plants and trees have reacted to the

unseasonal very warm weather in the prolonged summer in a similar way to those in the UK. Opposite my son's house are two very large mature magnolia trees which are boasting next year's green buds and the autumn flowering cherry trees are in full bloom!

The following morning there was a blue sky, sunshine and a bitterly cold wind with a windchill temperature of - 21C. In the local park there were no children playing on the swings and slides but there was a large group of Chinese ladies - well wrapped up against the cold - doing their dance exercise class in time to recorded music. The only creatures out and about was a scurry of squirrels at the base of the plane trees

and flock of pigeons pecking hopefully at the ground for stray seeds. No birds were singing and the world seemed to have retreated.

Across the water the city glittered and glistened in the sunshine and the Statue of Liberty held her torch high as the Staten Island ferry ploughed on past through the icy waters. New York does not stop for long. The multicultural nature of the city means that it is always possible to be out and about with shops and restaurants open if you so choose. On Xmas day we went out in Williamsburgh for lunch at a Chinese restaurant followed by games, drinks and snacks at home. One thing is for sure. This year at least it was cold as promised!

Back home in the UK the swollen rivers, sodden ground and green countryside are testament to the excessive rain that followed the cold spell early in December. Like New York, we shall have some more cold spells before spring breaks but the pollen filled catkins on the Meadow will soon be bathed in relatively warm sunshine and the daffodils, crocuses primroses that already showing themselves above ground will burst into colourful cheerful bloom.

by **Di Hancock**

(Chair; Duffield Millennium Conservation Trust) 07522230320





YOUR GREEN COUNCILLORS IN DUFFIELD

As we enter February we hope you are keeping well and staying warm during these cold months. The days will soon start to grow longer and warmer (we hope).

As they do you may want to make use of the Government's new £600 million, £2 bus scheme. Most local bus routes will be included. The scheme will be in place until March 31. Local buses involved include Arriva Midlands, Stagecoach (East Midlands) and Trent Barton.

This comes as several local bus services have just been cut, some completely and readers of our last edition will remember that Cllr. Gez Kinsella has been working hard to protect them. 'I welcome the £2 bus fares, but it needs to be for longer than 3 months so that people can get used to it and they and the bus companies can plan for greater use.' says Gez. 'This fares cap policy should be matched by massive public investment

to provide a genuine bus revolution which would mean everybody had access to an expanded bus network. It's no good having cheap fares for buses that don't exist! Diverting just some of the money the government spends on roads towards buses could pay for frequent, reliable, affordable bus services. Then we could all choose to commute and do our routine activities by bus, cutting our car trips and making our roads safer for all.

With the popularity of the Repair Shop on TV both in Duffield and Quarndon our own village versions are taking off. Cllr. Alison McDermott is a big fan of repair cafes so was delighted to take up her sewing kit to help at the November one. She got to chat with Quarndon residents and learned from the organisers that they want people to see the cafe as an opportunity to meet others from the community. The Repair Cafe



is open 10-12 the last Saturday of every month, everyone will be made very welcome, with or without something to repair. Gez provided grant and visited repair cafe

Also to start the new year Eva Long (green campaigner) worked with others to remove both the Xmas Trees, decorations and lights from Duffield village centre. So as not to leave the village looking to drab she then went on to plant 500 new spring bulbs with the DCA along

Wirksworth Road. Which should add a splash of much needed colour in the coming months.





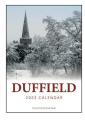
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Duffield's Annual Parish Meeting – 8th March 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting is the annual meeting where the village's community groups and charities, including the DCA, meet and report on their activities through the year, and is open to all. Any villagers who would like to find out more about what's happening in the village would be warmly welcomed.

Duffield Crime Figures

PCSO Supervisor J Lorimer attended the Full Council meeting on 11th January and informed the Council on crime figures for the last three months. It was reported that there were 27 reported crimes, 15 of which were domestic matters. There were 12 non-crime related matters and no reports of anti-social behaviour. At present Duffield reports a lower than average crime rate for the Amber Valley area.



Hazelwood Road Cemetery – Please Respect the Cemetery

The Parish Council recently amended the rules of the Cemetery to allow dogs into the Cemetery while their owners are visiting the Cemetery. Dog waste must be picked up (a dog bin has been positioned by the gate) and dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. We have recently received reports of dogs being exercised off-lead at the Cemetery. Please be considerate and respectful of the Cemetery and its users. It is vital that dogs are kept on leads to avoid damage to graves and the memorials in the Garden of Remembrance. The Cemetery should not be used as a place to exercise your dog; please visit Eyes Meadow instead. We have also recently received complaints of inappropriate parking in the Cemetery grounds when users are visiting the allotments. Cars should be parked at the top of the Cemetery by the gates. Dropping off or picking up heavy items is permitted at the allotments but no parking please. Please don't drive through the Cemetery when a funeral is taking place - a notice has been placed in the window of the Lodge house with timings. Thank you to all our residents who already respect these rules.

Hazelwood Road Cemetery – Headstones Laid Flat

Our grounds staff carry out annual checks on headstones at the Cemetery in January and February; where there is any risk of a headstone toppling, the headstone will be carefully laid flat. The Council will make every effort to contact grave owners if this is the case; this is not always possible, however, as families' contact details are often out of date. Therefore if a headstone has been laid flat in the Cemetery and you are the owner or next-of-kin please contact the Assistant Clerk assistantclerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk – we will update our records and can send you a list of local Masons so that you can arrange a repair (the responsibility of the grave owner).

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 meetings – **Full Council** meeting, and the **Annual Parish Meeting**, will be the 8th March 2023 meeting at the Weston Centre at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be viewed online at **www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk**

The Parish Office

Cemetery Lodge, 43 Hazelwood Road, Duffield, Belper DE56 4DQ.

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Contact the Clerk
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PLASTIC FREE DUFFIELD - NEARLY THERE

The Plastic Free Duffield Group. supported our Parish Council, has been working with local businesses and community organisations to gain the Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Community Award for our village. The good news is, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of local organisations and businesses, we are close to achieving that Award.

The focus is on REDUCING the use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) in Duffield, like unnecessary packaging of vegetable or disposable takeaway cups. We need to make sure that all Duffield shops, salons, bars cafes, and organisations etc understand that Duffield residents care about the amount of Single Use Plastic, littering our streets, rivers, beaches and contaminating the oceans and entering the food chain.

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We can do this by:

Supporting Businesses that are offering plastic free goods. Clare C has reduced her use of single plastic considerably since she started shopping at Refills on the Road; seeds, nuts, dried fruit and liquid hand soap are her most frequent purchases.

Choose no SUP goods and tell the people in the shop /

café etc why you are making that choice.

Ask for no SUP wrapping your purchases eg Clare B takes own box to the butchers Avoid the need to buy SUP eg Linda makes her own beeswax wrap to cover and wrap foods. www.countryfile.com/how-to/crafts/make-beeswax-wraps/Ask any local organisation you are involved in whether

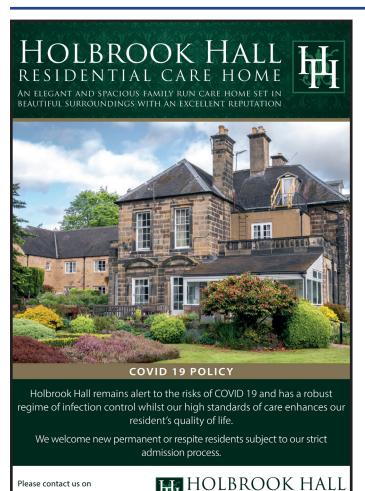
they have signed up as a Community Ally to Plastic Free Duffield and what they are doing to REDUCE Single Use plastic in their activities / meetings.

If we cannot avoid SUP we can Reuse things like bread bags, plastic soft margarine containers numerous times. We have limited plastic recycling and unfortunately it is not always economically viable for companies to recycle plastic.

Some plastic recycling is burnt and some is sent abroad where it may end up causing more pollution. Therefore REDUCING the use of Single Use Plastic is the best way to stop plastic polluting our waterways.

If you would like more information on Plastic Free Duffield email plasticfreeduffield@gmail.com.

of the infected data useless.



WHEN A BACKUP IS NOT A BACKUP

There are lot of vague marketingtermsthrownaround and much misinformation about what constitutes a true backup of your information. Today many users make use of services to synchronise their contacts, calendar, photos and documents between their devices. The resulting feeling of safety that if one of multiple devices has a failure or is lost/ stolen that the information can be easily re synchronised to a new device, is strong, but is it safe? The main issue with this scenario is sync services do exactly what they say. Everything on one device is replicated to all devices. If you accidentally delete a piece of information, that change will be sent to every device, often immediately. If a device is infected with ransomware, a form of virus that encrypts your data so it can't be read and only unlocks it in exchange for money (often not at all), this would be sent to all devices rendering each copy

So how do we mitigate this? The best backups follow a 3-2-1 strategy. Three copies of your data, at all times. The simplest format for this is the following: the first(1) is the original copy on your main device; the second(2) is a local independent copy that can be accessed quickly and immediately; the third(3) is a remote, independent backup that is not stored in the same location as 1 or 2.

Having multiple copies of your data is important. Having those copies generated for you automatically is not only extremely important but provides peace of mind that in the event of any circumstance, your pictures and other documents are safe. If you'd like to find out more, Derbyshire Tech Help can help. Remember not everything which calls itself a backup, is a backup.

by **Andrew King** www.derbyshiretechhelp.com

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WEEKLY **EVENTS**

MON Coffee Morning
10.00am - 12noon, Emmanuel Church
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go for free coffee, cake and a chat.

TUE

Walking for Health

Meet at 9.45am, The Weston Centre for supervised walk 10.00 – 11.30, round Duffield and beyond. All welcome. Chris - 07977 140415.

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

WED

Ignition Youth Group*

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

Duffield Singers

7.45 - 9.45pm St. Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road. theduffieldsingers@gmail.com www.duffieldsingers.org

Time Out for Toddlers and carerS (TOTS)

11.00am - 12 noon St Alkmund's Church Hall A new free group. Come along to play, chat, join in the fun and make new friends. Snacks; coffee and tea on tap.

Chairobics

Lunchtime, The Weston Centre.
Suzanne, a practising physiotherapist, runs a friendly chair-based exercise class. Why not join her to get fit, have fun and make friends. Book with Suzanne 07810 023 743.

Amber Painting Group
1.30-3.30pm - Methodist Church Hall. amberpaintinggroup@yahoo.co.uk

Massive*

4.00 - 6.00pm (years 7-9) 7.00 - 9.30pm (years 10-13) Emmanuel Community Church

TUE-**FRI**

Coffee Morning

are made welcome.

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MONTHLY CALENDAR FEBRUARY

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.

9 Art Group

The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street 1.30 - 3.30pm. All abilities and experiences welcome. Jeff specialises in watercolour and basic materials will be provided. £3.00. For further details and to request a place please contact Jeff on 01332 585 426.

Duffield Carnival Crew

7.30pm. Duffield Squash Club. Duffield Carnival 2023 planning meeting. New volunteers welcome. www.duffieldcarnival.co.uk.

Chevin Probus Club 20

Lion Hotel, Belper. 10.15am. The speaker will be Tony Perkins with his chosen topic - Medieval Pilgrimage. 01332 705554.

Holbrook Gardening Group

Moor Methodist Church, Moorside Lane, Holbrook DE56 0TW, 7.30pm. Alan Clements "Gardening with nature - how to create a garden for peace and reflection". 01773 824446.

Art Group 23

The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street 1.30 - 3.30pm. All abilities and experiences welcome. Jeff specialises in watercolour and basic materials will be provided. £3.00. For further details and to request a place please contact Jeff on 01332 585 426.

MARCH

European Film Club

The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street. The Secret in Their Eyes - a Spanish film certificate 18. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. We ask for a donation of £4.00.

Film Screening

2:00pm, The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street. Film screening of 'Castles in the Sky'. We ask for a donation of £3.00 which includes a cup of tea or coffee. Phone Sandra on 01332 928577.

Music at Duffield

St. Alkmunds Church Doors open at 7.00pm. Tom Corfield (organ). See page 3.

Rally Together

Duffield Squash & Racketball Club 7:00pm - Rally Together in support of International Women's Day. See back page.

Duffield Parish Council Annual Meeting

The Weston Centre, 7pm. Full Council meeting, and the Annual Parish Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Tell us about your upcoming event at www.duffieldscene.co.uk or call 01332 898898

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Duffield Squash & Racketball Club will be holding a **Rally Together** event at 23 Town Street, Duffield on **Wednesday 8th March** starting at **7:00pm** in support of International Women's Day.

Rally Together is England Squash's campaign to take action to create a more inclusive squash community for everyone - whether playing, coaching, volunteering or refereeing. Rally Together events are about everyone playing their part, regardless of gender, to create inclusive and accessible opportunities for women and girls.

Taster sessions will be held for anyone who wants to try.

Our experienced coach will be present and equipment will be available. Give it a go and have some fun!

There is also an extensive junior programme including after school and holiday clubs Squash Stars and tournaments. For more information or to book your place please contact Lesley Sturgess coaching@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk (07941 312673).

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