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## DUFFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS

2019 proved to be very busy for the DCA with our Carnival, which goes from strength to strength thanks to the tireless efforts of our carnival crew, contributing to our funds and enabling us to make significant donations to more groups within the village than in the last five years put together!

We have revamped Wirksworth Road corner with new railings and fencing, restored the seating and thanks to a kind donation from the Parish council we are in the process of establishing new plantings to the rear of the corner to add more colour.



In late November on a wet miserable Saturday a group of hardy stalwarts planted 2000 bulbs along the verges

in the village. The results of this effort will be seen in the coming Spring. This is the second planting following on

from the plantings carried out 2 years ago. We will carry out additional plantings again next Autumn. The ultimate aim is to have all the verges in Duffield in bloom every spring and maybe beyond?

And of course our volunteers were out again the following Saturday putting up the village Christmas Decorations!

We achieved a lot in the past year, and 2020 promises to be just as busy:

Our plans for a major enhancement to Chapel Street corner which was unfortunately been delayed ... continued on page 3.



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# DUFFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS



**From the cover...**  
 due to an unforeseen problem with the river wall, will hopefully proceed in the spring; We are co-ordinating the Duffield Defibrillators initiative aimed at increasing the number of public accessible Defibrillators around the village and with the help of the British Heart Foundation, raising the awareness of how to use a Defibrillator in an emergency;

We will be launching a new DCA website; Our volunteers will be working closely with the Parish Council to provide new Facilities and to further enhance the appearance of the village. And... we hope to be able to contribute funds once again to the activities of Village Organisations covering all ages and interests. Many thanks go to our Members, and to all involved whether small or large.

It is you who make Duffield the place to be!

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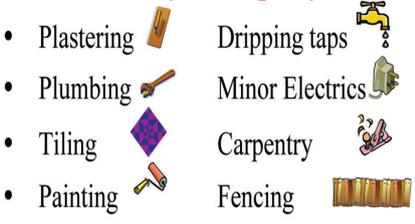
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# NEWS FROM CHRIS SHORT LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**Wild flower bed in Duffield Cemetery** - A wild flower bed has been proposed by residents in Duffield Cemetery to encourage wildlife, insects and wild flowers. I am pleased to say that I have been able to obtain funding for this project from Derbyshire County Council and look forward to its development in 2020.

**Highways issues in Duffield** - In recent months, I have had a number of discussions about highways issues in Duffield. As a consequence of this, I have arranged an extended meeting in Duffield with the Derbyshire County Council (D.C.C.) head of highways in Amber Valley to examine each individual matter on site in January 2020.

**Disabled parking, Town Street** - I have recently been asked by D.C.C. highways about the feasibility of a disabled parking space on Town Street. After significant discussions I have been informed by highways that they will have no objections to this taking place and it has now been placed on their list of work.

**Community Speed watch** - The ongoing implementation of this project is restricted by the availability of the equipment required as there are only two units available throughout Amber Valley. Recently, because of significant price reductions of this equipment, both Quarndon Parish Council and Belper Town Council have purchased their own units to resolve the problem of availability. I have therefore contacted Derbyshire's police coordinator for this project who has supplied me with prices and details. I am now hopeful this matter will be discussed by Duffield Parish Council at their next council meeting.

**Plastic Free Communities** - I was pleased to participate in the litter pick in Duffield, however we could have wished for better weather! I thought it was a worthwhile community event. I would personally like to thank Parish Councillor Alice Vincent for all her work organising this event.

**Defibrillators in Duffield** - I am now working with Duffield Community Association on their project to increase the number defibrillators available to the residents of Duffield and I am hopeful that I will be able to fund one of these life saving devices in the very near future.

**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:

Phone: 07970 741483 or 01629 536055

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Looking forward to a successful year working together in our community in 2020.

**Chris Short**  
Duffield Village Resident

## **Congratulations to Pauline Latham MP on her recent election as our MP**

Pauline is as always committed to the residents of Duffield and the resolution of any issues they may have. Please feel free to contact me if you are unable to contact Pauline directly.

**My apologies to residents** - I must apologise to local residents for no recent article in the December Duffield scene. However, due to electoral rules, I was unable to submit my regular article.

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# VILLAGE CONSULTATION TO DECIDE PRIORITIES

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The consultation event, organised by Duffield Parish Council, will help decide the content of the next Duffield Action Plan, a document published by the Parish Council which sets out the priorities for improvements in the village over a five-year timescale. It was last published in 2015.

This time around, some of the themes the Parish Council will be looking at for inclusion are:

- Traffic Management: traffic calming, parking, improvements to train station
- Elderly and Isolated People: Good Neighbour project
- Community & Culture: recreational facilities, events

- Environment: climate change, increasing walking and cycling
- Parish Facilities: public toilets
- Open Spaces: Ecclesbourne Meadow, footpath maintenance, wildflower areas, Millennium Meadow

The Parish Council is also looking for people with a particular interest in any of these areas, to join the working groups that will be set up with Parish Councillors to develop the proposals further. Volunteers can contact Kath Gruber, Parish Council Clerk, to express an interest at [clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or come along to the consultation to find out more.

To read the previous Duffield Action Plan and to keep up-to-date on developments, visit [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-action-plan.html](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/duffield-action-plan.html).

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# THE CHANGING SEASONS ON THE MEADOW

Memory is a curious thing. It is hard to remember the halcyon days of summer or thrill of a new spring when we are still in throes of winter. Hard to feel positive when the days are short, the weather is grey and cold and when the landscape looks desolate. That is until we have a bright sunshine day with a blue sky highlighted with scudding white clouds and suddenly the world is different - more positive and full of promise. Working on the meadow immediately after the floods was not pleasant. Working a few weeks later and it all felt different. Despite the initial rubbish weather – squally rain with a sharp unpleasant wind – the sun eventually came out, there was blue sky and the flocks of jackdaws wheeled in flocks. We put up nest boxes in two of the copses – carefully positioning them looking more or less north to avoid the privations of the prevailing winds and the scorching from the summer sun. It felt like a good thing to be doing. A robin joined us – this ubiquitous little bird is always interested in what we humans do in case it provides a feeding opportunity. Up above us we were aware of

a small group of long tailed tits in the branches and there was a mallard calling from the ponds – no doubt being disturbed by other members of the working party mending the fencing around the wetland. Many of the posts had been loosened by the fast moving water and some had broken off altogether. It was very heartening to see a line of molehills again – proving that some have survived and presumably are finding worms on which to feed. Gardeners do not always appreciate the heaps of soil spoiling their manicured swards but as part of the balanced ecology of the nature reserve it is essential. A high pitched whistle heralded the kingfisher patrolling its territory – warning off any others in the area – and flash of electric colours was an unexpected bonus. This little bird will have established its territory in September (it usually extends for about 1km but if the area does not contain

much prey food can go as far as 3-4km). They begin pairing as early as February and a breeding pair may merge territories together.



Both adults excavate the tunnel for the nest in a sandy bank – it slopes upwards to prevent flooding and will have a small depression at the end to prevent the eggs from rolling out. The 6/7 chicks hatch in about 21 days and are then each fed 12-18 fish per day. As each chick is fed it moves back wards to digest its meal and this causes the next chick in line to move forward; in this way they all get fed in rotation. If the food supply is good the chicks will fledge in approx. 25 days and up to three broods per season is not unusual if the food is plentiful. If you are lucky enough to see a kingfisher actually catching a fish from its low hanging branch above the water, it will usually bash it on the branch to kill it before swallowing

it head first. This is essential when attempting to eat sticklebacks as only when the fish is dead do the sharp spines relax enough for the bird to consume it whole! Kingfishers can be very long lived if the conditions are favourable ranging from a couple of seasons to one recorded of 21 years. We are very fortunate to have kingfishers visible on both the Ecclesbourne and the Derwent rivers if you are patient and prepared to wait. So, as the days get progressively lighter and although we are due more winter weather - the meadow is already showing signs of spring. Look closely at the hazel catkins – already formed and ready to burst with pollen, the birch trees have tightly furled leaves and a new memorial tree has been planted that should have early blossom (a native winter flowering cherry tree). Lastly – most of the hay bales were swept away down river in the floods but others remain stranded either side of the footpath. They are too wet and heavy to move now and instead we are leaving them in situ to provide habitat. Two different kinds of fungi have grown on two different bales and when we put some chippings down on the muddy path to make it easier to walk, I idly peeled off a couple of layers of wet hay only to find some small beetles, some earthworms and some flies! To my surprise – the layers underneath were mostly dry and we spread some of that underneath the chippings. Please enjoy the new year, remember to wander slowly if you can and have a sit down on the new seats so you benefit from observing all that the reserve offers. Happy New Year!



by **Di Hancock**  
Chair, Duffield Millennium  
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# DUFFIELD'S TREES

# – DAWN REDWOOD



I have no doubt that some of our readers who attended Ecclesbourne School during its early days in the late 1950's and 60's will recall the school's first headmaster, and biologist, Donald Redfern. He was an ardent lover of trees and it was he who arranged to plant the many species that now enhance the frontage to the school; most notably the impressive Dawn Redwood. Like the Ginkgo this tree is also an example of a living fossil growing in our midst.

Known by its genetic name as *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* it's fast-growing, and one of three species of conifers known as redwoods of the family *Taxodiaceae*. It is native to China and although the least tall of the redwoods, it can grow to approximately

50 metres (160 ft.) in height. The school's tree is at least 15 metres (50 ft.) tall - by Boy Scout method of measurement!

The Dawn Redwood was one of the most exciting discoveries in the plant world during the 20th Century. In 1946, acting on a tip-off, and sight of some fragments, a Professor from the National Central University of China sent an expedition to a remote mountain village in Szechuan province to collect specimens from a stand of recently-discovered, unidentified trees. After consultation with China's leading dendrologist (a scientist studying woody plants), it became obvious that the trees belonged to the genus *Metasequoia*. Hitherto it was known only from fossil evidence dating back 100 million years, and thought to

be extinct. Its discovery has been likened to finding a young dinosaur in a forest!



Seed was collected and distributed amongst botanic gardens in the USA and Europe, and in 1949 Cambridge University Botanic Garden cultivated one. This was the first such tree to be grown in British soil since the Mesozoic era when dinosaurs dominated the fauna between 250 and 65 million years ago. The Cambridge tree was 1.5m (5ft.) tall at the time of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 1952 and 17 metres (56ft.) by the time of the Silver Jubilee in 1977. It was approaching 23 metres (75ft) during the Golden Jubilee year of 2002 when it was judged to be one of '50 Great British Trees'. The Dawn Redwood makes a fine tree and is widely cultivated as a specimen for parks, gardens and streets throughout the world.



An unusual feature of the tree is the arrangement of its leaflets that produce light-green fern-like foliage in spring. It has fine delicate flattened leaflets/needles arranged in an opposing layout

unlike other conifers such as the Larch (*Larix decidua*), where the foliage is alternately spaced, and with which it can be confused.



The tree is **monoecious** having male and female reproductive organs on the same tree. Like other conifers, it produces **pollen** and **ovules** inside separate male and female **cones**. Pollen is transferred to the female cones by wind after which the tree produces small round green cones. 'Winged' seeds develop inside the cone that split when ripe allowing dispersal.



The **trunk** is quite slender and although gnarled and furrowed near the base when mature, its overall profile is dramatically straight. It looks much like a tree-trunk where a domestic cat, or wild animal such as a badger, has chosen to sharpen its claws! The **branches**, that sometimes appear to be 'buttressed' by a deeply fluted trunk, always reach upwards to form a tidy conical shape. The



branching pattern is ideal for climbing but I can't imagine any pupil being brave enough to have tried that! The tree likes plenty of water, and will grow in moderately swampy conditions but can tolerate the occasional drought. In autumn it's a blaze of russet-brown with tints of coppery pink.

The Dawn Redwood has one other peculiarity, for although it's a **conifer**, it is also **deciduous** and, like the Larch, it loses its leaves in winter.



The strong pyramidal winter silhouette is very pleasing, making it a tree with year-round interest. Its skeletal form is especially dramatic against a blue sky giving it a feather-like quality, while its cones, now having turned brown, stand out like baubles on a Christmas tree right through into spring.

In nature, the Dawn Redwood is restricted to a few small and scattered stands in the Szechuan-Hubei region of



South-central China. The species is classified by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature as 'critically endangered' due to intensive rice cultivation and the poor prospect for regeneration in the wild. Whatever the future holds for Ecclesbourne's tree the former head-master would have been pleased to know that it has enhanced the school for over 60 years. Having seen generations of pupils come and go, let's hope the tree will

last for a few more academic years to come. Incidentally there's another splendid example at the end of Rigga Lane on Eaton Bank.

by **Robert Reid**



## MUSIC AT DUFFIELD COMMUNITY WALKS



**Music at Duffield with Tom Corfield on organ. Saturday 8 February 2020 at Saint Alkmund's Church.**

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This concert is at the St. Alkmund's Church, Church Drive, Duffield, Derbyshire, DE56 4BA. The venue is suitable for the disabled and there is a free car park. Please note that the doors will open at 7.00pm and all seats are unreserved.

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**How would you like to get some fresh air, meet new people or indeed catch up with old ones or just get a bit of exercise?**

Neighbourhood Watch in partnership with the Parish Council are leading new Community Walks in Duffield. There will be an afternoon walks throughout January so come along at 2.00pm and meet us at Wirksworth Corner on:  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Wednesday 8 January 2020  
Friday 10 January 2020  
Monday 13 January 2020  
Wednesday 15 January 2020  
Friday 17 January 2020

Then every Monday Wednesday and Friday throughout January 2020. All walks will depend on the weather and around 30-40 minutes.

Information about the Community Walks will be posted on Duffield Neighbourhood Watch and Duffield Parish Council Facebook web pages and there will be information on Duffield Parish Council web site - [www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk).

If you have any specific questions, please email Duffield Neighbourhood Watch [duffieldnw@outlok.com](mailto:duffieldnw@outlok.com).

# RJ WESTON CENTRE DUFFIELD CHARITY UPDATE

The RJ Weston Centre Duffield Charity (known locally as the Weston Centre) continues to ensure that older people are not lonely and it provides a place where they can meet regularly with a sympathetic volunteer who will welcome them and introduce them to other older people. This includes regular coffee mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 and meals every Monday, organised by the Lunch Club volunteers. Our thanks are due to them and all the volunteers who willingly give up a little of their time each week to provide these services.

It is intended to expand the range of activities offered and make sure that the charity operates on a sustainable long-term basis. To help with this aim, Duffield Parish Council recently increased its support for the charity by appointing three of its Councillors to the

Board of Trustees. It has also seconded the Assistant Clerk to prepare the application to the Charities Commission for the new charity structure and to help update the various operating, maintenance and risk management procedures. The intention is to make sure the centre will continue to be well equipped, safe and well managed on a day-to-day basis and to prepare the ground for an expansion of activities funded through an increase in fund raising activities.

Day-to-management of the Centre is carried out through the Management Group and overall control of the Centre is through the Board of Trustees. The existing Trustees recently decided that they wanted to retire after many years dedicated service and the Parish Council has offered to support the management and running of the centre. It aims to make services for older



people one of the key themes in the Village Action Plan and the Weston Centre will be a key element in this emerging strategy.

The existing Trust will be transferred into a more modern charity structure (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation or CIO) which will remove individual trustee liability and the application has been made to the charities Commission to effect the change. Once the new structure is in place, it will have a dedicated Strategic Development Manager to administer the charity, develop new sources of income and new activities.

The Parish Council will be the Appointing Body for up to four trustees and up to three other trustees will be individually appointed so as to maintain a broad mix of trustee skills and the charity's independence.

In order to ensure that all the required skills are available amongst the trustees, we encourage any local residents who may have worked in the charity sector, particularly those dealing with older people, to make themselves known to the current Chair of Trustees Roger Harrison (r.harrison@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk). Particular skills needed for trustees include, legal, finance, health, caring for older people, marketing, fund raising, employment law and general management.

Address: The R J Weston Duffield Charity, Tamworth Street, Duffield, Belper DE56 4ER.

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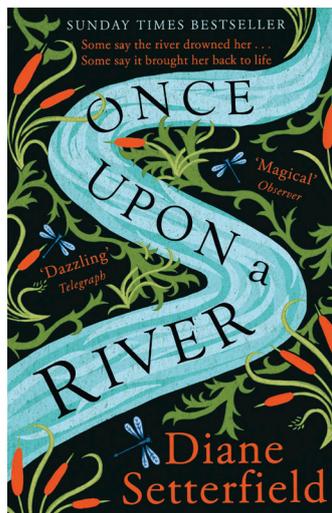
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# DUFFIELD LIBRARY NEWS FOR JANUARY

## Happy New Year!

I have just finished *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield. I really enjoyed this novel. I enjoyed her other stories so was looking forward to reading this. A dark midwinter's night at The Swan an ancient inn on the banks of the Thames. As the regulars are entertaining themselves by telling stories the door bursts open on an injured stranger, he carries the drowned corpse of a child. This novel is replete with folklore, myth, fairy tale and suspense combined with the scientific curiosity of the Darwinian age. A richly atmospheric and spellbinding story which I thought was brilliant. And a lovely cover too.

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.

Jessie has been working on some interesting displays for the New Year. One is 'Never judge a book by its colour' which groups together books with covers all in the same colour. A very eye-catching but simple way of displaying books of different genres.

New books in the library include *The Second Sleep* by Robert Harris, this long awaited novel by one of our best loved authors is guaranteed to get the reader thinking. Set in 1468, young priest Christopher Fairfax, arrives in a remote Exmoor village to conduct the funeral of his predecessor. Fairfax is drawn into the community as everything he believes about himself, his faith and the history of his world is tested to destruction. A thought provoking novel which has been the centre of much discussion in the library.

*The Rise of the Magicks* by Nora Roberts is the last in the *Chronicles of the One* trilogy. Fallon Swift has spent all her life preparing for the moment when she must follow her destiny to restore the magical shield that once offered protection. She has learned to fight, now she must restore the light and banish the dark for ever. *The Confession* by Jessie Burton, author of the best-selling *The Miniaturist*, is a luminous and powerful novel. Rose Simmons is seeking answers about her mother, who disappeared when she was a baby. Constance Holder, a reclusive novelist who withdrew from public life at the peak of her fame was the last person to see Rose's mother. Rose is drawn to the door of Connie's imposing house in search of a confession...

Happy Reading  
**Carole-Ann and the Team**



## Chevin Golf Club

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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 JANUARY

**6** **Songs of Praise**  
Singing favourite carols followed by drinks and cakes. 2.00pm at St Alkmunds Church Hall.

**9** **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.

**12** **Meet your local council representative**  
Councillor Chris Short  
10.00 am, Weston Centre, Duffield

**13** **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.

**14** **Little Eaton Players proudly present "Rapunzel"**  
A magical pantomime. 14-18 January 2020.  
**-18** Little Eaton Village Hall. 7pm each evening plus 2pm Saturday. Tickets £8. Box office 07415 936661.

**20** **Cake & Chat**  
St. Alkmunds Church Hall, 2.00pm. A chance to catch up with friends and socialise.

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

### Duffield Afternoon WI

Women's Suffrage - Trilby Shaw. 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

7.30pm in the 6th Form Centre, Ecclesbourne School. Visitors welcome - call 840947 for more info.

### Duffield Evening WI

7.15 for 7.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Hall Farm Road. New members welcome, email Jan: duffield.evening.wi@gmail.com.

**23** **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.

## FEBRUARY

**1** **Duffield Action Plan 2020**  
Come along and have your say about Duffield's future. 1 - 4pm, Weston Centre, Duffield. See page 6.

**4** **Appletree Carers' Forum**  
The Weston Centre, Tamworth Street. 1.00-2.30pm. Appletree.medical@nhs.net.

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



# Duffield Parish Council

## Newsletter January 2020



### Village Action Plan – Consultation Event

Duffield Parish Council will be refreshing the Village Action Plan in 2020 and would like to invite all residents to a consultation event where you can help us set the main priorities for Duffield for the next five years. The event will be held at the Weston Centre on **Saturday 1st February 2020** between 1pm and 4pm. Please drop in and let us know your thoughts and concerns for the village. For more information, see the advert in this issue of the Scene.



### 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 Council 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.



### Anti-social Behaviour

Although the number of ASB incidents have reduced with the colder weather, the Parish Council has seen a spate of vandalism to bus shelters. Shelters have been damaged on Town Street at the Co-op, opposite Duffield Hall and outside the Baptist Church, with repair costs and replacement of panels in the region of £1900. These costs are borne by the Parish Council.

If you do see someone causing damage to public property please call the police – 999 for an incident that is ongoing and 101 to report a crime that has taken place. Let us know of any damage by emailing [clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@duffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or calling 01332 842740.



### Dates for Your 2020 Diary

- VE Celebration (see above): 8th – 10th May
- Carnival (organised by the Duffield Community Association): 27th June
- Eyes Have it Music Festival: 3rd – 5th July
- NEW** Open Air Theatre at Eyes Meadow: Much Ado about Nothing – 22nd July
- Open Air Cinema: 11th September
- Duffield Arts Festival: 12th – 20th September (Scarecrow trail: 16th – 20th Sept)
- Fireworks Display: 6th November

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 **8th January 2020** and **5th February 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](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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# CHEVIN GOLF CLUB CAPTAINS FOR 2020



Tim Hoblyn

Tim first started playing pitch and putt with his father at the age of 11 or 12 and had his first proper round of golf at the age of 13.

When he was 15 or 16 he started playing golf with school friends on municipal courses near Sutton Coldfield and at the age of 18 after finishing 6th form four of them went on their first golf holiday together to the Lake District in 1978.

He has been going on golf week in the UK every year since 1980. Three of the original four are still going and they have been joined by others along the way including several other Chevin members

The first golf club he joined was Derby GC (Sinfen) in 1984 and remained a member there until 1999 when he joined Chevin

He is looking forward to his year as Captain of Chevin and the fund-raising activities he is



Lynn Rumble

planning for the coming year are to try and complete the work that has been happening over the last two years to refurbish the interior of the clubhouse

It was only because Lynn's husband and friends suggested that Lynn take up golf that she started to play. Although a very reluctant golfer to start off with, she had encouragement from said husband and friends grew to enjoy the game. Lynn joined Ormonde Fields Golf Club in 2000 and had lessons before she went near the course! She was given a handicap of 45, which was the maximum in those days, but very quickly came down to mid-twenties and played as often as she could. After moving to South Wingfield in 2007 she joined Chevin Golf Club in 2008. She says she was made very welcome from the start and encouraged to just

sign up and play with any of the ladies. Still working at this point meant juggling hours to fit in a game and play whatever the weather! She soon became part of the committee, joining Match and Handicap and learning more about the game of golf. Being a member of the Silver Trophy matches over the years has also been a real joy.

Now - eleven years later – Lynn says she truly honoured to be Ladies Captain 2020 and is looking forward to the golfing year ahead.

Lynn's charity for her year is the 'Music Matters Appeal' on behalf of Alferton Park Community Special School. She hopes to raise funds to provide musical instruments for outdoors in the new sensory garden.

## Derbyshire Ladies County Captain

Chevin Golf Club is pleased to announce our member Janet Thomas has been elected as Derbyshire Ladies County Captain.

The past year has been a great year for Derbyshire Ladies – they have a strong squad and it is good to see some Junior Girls coming through to play for them. They also have two team members starting their PGA training so although they will no longer be playing for Derbyshire, we wish them



Janet Thomas

all success in their future professional golf careers.

There are many important fixtures in the golfing calendar, one being County Week where Derbyshire play 6 Midland Counties. Shropshire were the hosts this year and Derbyshire were so close to getting to the final having tied 2nd but just missed out on games won. Next year, Leicestershire are the hosting County and Janet is looking forward to that event where the team will try their best to improve on last year's results.

2020 is going to be a busy year for her and the Derbyshire ladies – She is looking forward to supporting them and she knows that her home club, Chevin Golf Club, where she has been a member for some 31 years, will be an excellent course and venue for many of our matches.

## THE BEST KEPT SECRET – DUFFIELD GYM

### From the back cover...

The range of equipment includes a multi-gym, a functional training rig, a dip/chin assist machine, a leg press, spin bikes, treadmills, X-trainers and a rowing

machine, as well as sets of free weights. Both the men's and ladies' changing rooms have showers and saunas.

When gym users have finished exercising, they can

retire to the comfortable bar to rehydrate over a well-deserved pint or glass of wine, watch a match on BT Sport or just chat to the regulars. There are also occasional social events (quizzes, parties, music evenings).

The Club welcomes all members of the local community to join. Gren Holt, Gym Manager, emphasises that, as part of a members' club run by local volunteers, the Gym offers excellent value for money. Several types of membership/payment models are available to suit users' needs. The all-inclusive (unlimited usage) gym package

is currently £18 per month. For more information visit the web page [www.duffieldsquashclub.co.uk/membership](http://www.duffieldsquashclub.co.uk/membership).

Or contact: [gymsecretary@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk](mailto:gymsecretary@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk)  
Duffield Squash and Tennis Clubs, 23 Town Street, Duffield, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 4EH.



## THE BEST KEPT SECRET



Until now Duffield Gym has been known only to a select few devotees in south Derbyshire. Originally intended for racquet players, it has recently been upgraded and now provides the latest functional fitness and cardio equipment.

It is centrally located in the village and is provided by the Squash and Tennis clubs. The Gym is a small, relaxed, friendly space where people can exercise at their own pace without feeling intimidated.

The new equipment has been selected by a team of gym enthusiasts and Jen Smith, a sports physiotherapist. The aim has been to give users of all abilities (age 16 and over) the opportunity to improve their general fitness, strength and flexibility.

Jen says 'players of all sports can also use the equipment to develop the specific capabilities they need - as well as for rehabilitation when recovering from injury'.

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